

Centuries ago, the Kingdom of Glaucus decreed the destruction of these dangerous, dragonlike creatures whose deadly flame could level cities and upend world orders.

But when Eva Alexander, a wealthy chemistry student in the city of Porttown, walks into a fashionable store and walks out (accidentally) with the world's last aerimander egg, everything changes. Suddenly, Eva is the target of unwanted attention—including from the Thieves' Union, a mysterious organization with a rebellious streak and fingers in every pie in Porttown. The Union orders its youngest member, the orphaned dairy delivery boy Dusty St. Ichabod, to steal the egg from Eva.

Initially at odds, the unlikely pair must come together to navigate a maze of sinister crime syndicates, elite boarding schools, and an incredibly slow getaway pony named Gourd—all while fighting to keep the egg out of the hands of power-hungry Eoin Parnassus, Director of Kingdom Secrets.

As an epic game of cat and mouse unfolds across the Kingdom, Eva and Dusty's fate and that of the whole world are at stake. Because there's one question no one dares to ask: *What happens when the egg hatches?*

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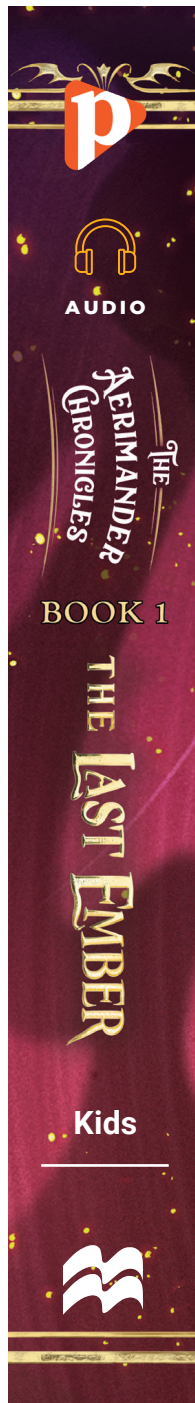
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