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Die Magier von Paris

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For decades, the Delunes and Bellesons, both families of magicians, have been rivals. Why? Claire and Rafael, descendants of the clans, don't know, since both of their fathers died at the same time in an inexplicable accident. But there is a third wizard in Paris, and he's pursuing a plan with dangerous consequences. Claire and Rafael have to join forces in order to prevent the unthinkable.

CONTENT

When twelve-year-old Claire Delune returns home to Paris from her boarding school, she learns that her father has recently died. In this case, however, "died" means that he is trapped in the garden wall, just like all of his magical male ancestors, where he can still communicate and move his face. From now on, Claire has to take care of everything in the Delune household, including Gabriel, the resident ghost, her crazy Aunt Odette, and the family's Book of Magic. The only normal person around her is a boy named Rafael, who is secretly shadowing her.

Rafael Belleson is the son of a rival family of magicians. Their fathers were friends a long time ago, but had a falling out and became arch enemies. Strangely, both of them died at the same time in an inexplicable accident, and Claire and Raphael try to get to the bottom of it. In the process, they come across Felistin Gargoll, descendent of a third magical dynasty. Not knowing that Aristide and Balthasar are already dead, Gargoll is planning to take vengeance on them for all the times they made fun of him. He will show them: he will take control of the emotions of all the people in Paris!



When Claire and Rafael recognize what an enormous danger Gargoll presents, they join forces and put their not yet fully developed magical powers to use. Along with some oddball spirits and Rafael's dormouse, Fantin, they manage to foil Gargoll's plan and to reconcile their feuding families.

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