



ABOUT THIS BOOK

The Baal Foundation has given the city clinics, homes, jobs, and a solar corridor hailed as a moral rebirth. Its founder, Jezebel Cross, is praised as the conscience of modern reform. Its chief legal counsel, Mara Vance, believes in the mission—until a farmer named Caleb Nabor accuses the foundation of stealing his family's land and is destroyed by evidence that fits the institution's needs too perfectly.

When Caleb dies in custody, Mara follows a trail of altered records, paid witnesses, captured officials, and private intelligence operations. The trail leads beneath the Nabor farmland, into the foundation's first fortune, and toward Esther Cross—a missing mother whose forged inheritance may conceal the grave on which Jezebel built her empire.

Jezebel's daughter, Lea, has begun asking the same questions. Her evidence could expose everything. It could also make her the one witness her mother cannot control.

As the city gathers for a public reckoning at Mount Carmel, Mara must prove that justice can preserve what the foundation gave without preserving the power that demanded silence in return.

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