

Expiration Date

Synopsis

The Order, the most powerful family in the Society, marks their citizens' arms with the day they will die. Today is the day before orphan IRIS LEVINE's 19th birthday: her expiration date.

When Iris is almost hit by a car, she's saved by a mysterious man who introduces himself only as ERIK. Looking at her Mark, tattooed on the underside of her arm, he tells her he'd like to spend her last day with her—to make it up to someone he couldn't save.

When midnight hits, Erik kills the man sent to end Iris' life and the two escape. Iris has outlived her expiration date, something unheard of, and is now Expired. Nothing about her has changed, except for a burning in her Mark, which gradually subsides. Knowing the Society would kill her if they found out, Erik bandages her arm, covering up the only evidence that she has survived.

As Erik and Iris open up to one another, he admits that saving her is also about taking down the Society—he wants to show her expired Mark to the world, to prove that the Order is not as infallible as its citizens believe. Iris admits to Erik that she was trained to be a rebel in the orphanage she grew up, but when the Order found out, they burned down the orphanage—with her foster parents still inside. To make matters worse, Iris reveals that she is still haunted by a foster brother, Z, who tormented her.

Hiding out in a hotel, armed soldiers burst into Iris and Erik's room, along with an immaculately dressed man who asks Erik to come home. Iris instantly recognizes the man as JONAS BLACKWOOD, the leader of the Order and the most powerful man in the Society.

In shock, Iris realizes that the whole time she's been with Erik BLACKWOOD, soon-to-be third in command of the Order. Eager to get Jonas away from Iris, Erik agrees to come home for the inauguration, and Jonas and his men leave.

Erik tries to prepare Iris for what awaits her at the Order's estate, and to her relief, she learns that it is common practice for Society members to cover their Marks.

When the two arrive, Iris is introduced to Erik's family, including his hostile cousin, COLTON, second in command of the Order.

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In the midst of everyone reuniting with Erik, Jonas asks to speak with Iris privately. Once they're alone, he leans in close to her ear and whispers: "I know what you are... You're Expired." Strangely, he tells Iris that he won't share this information with his family.

Seeking some air, Iris hears her name being called from down the estate's stone staircase. As she descends into the basement, her Mark begins to burn. She doubles over from the pain, about to rip her bandage off for relief, when an ageless girl walks up to her and ominously warns her that she'll need to return upstairs.

Later that night, Iris tells Erik what happened, and she's confused when he brushes it off.

Surprising even herself, Iris begins to feel attracted to Jonas and, unsure of her feelings for Erik, a love triangle ensues. After an outing, Jonas kisses her, and in a twist even Iris didn't see coming, he shows her his Mark and she sees: he's Expired too.

At night, Iris is attacked in her room in darkness; her assailant flees, but she can't shake the feeling it was second-in-command, Colton. In the morning though, Colton acts as if nothing happened and reveals to Iris that the Erik she holds so dearly: killed his girlfriend, Molly.

Shortly after, Iris' tormentor from the orphanage, Z aka ZEKE, shows up. In a twist, Iris finds out that not only is a member of the Society, he was placed in the orphanage as a spy—and he knows her expiration date was set to happen when she was 19.

Erik knows they're in danger and tells Iris they need to leave, as Jonas tells her he will protect her if she stays. In the meantime, Colton and Zeke break into Iris' room, rip off her bandage, and finally see her Expired Mark.

Torn by the thought of leaving Jonas, but understanding how much danger she's in, Iris rushes to find Erik, who gives Colton and Zeke an ultimatum: let them escape, or he will release damning information about the Society.

Erik and Iris flee and, after they dump his car into a river, Erik leaves a note to be found by Jonas, saying that Iris has died—stricken by grief, Jonas believes him.

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Iris and Erik take cover at a safe house, but not for long, as Colton tracks them down. Erik ties him up as Colton threatens Iris that if she were to be with Jonas, “they” (a mysterious presence living below the Order’s estate) will come after them and kill them all.

Iris and Erik leave Colton and take off into the desert where they are captured by rebels. Lucky for them, it turns out that the leader is none other than Iris’ uncle.

Whisked into a state of presumed safety, Erik asks Iris out for dinner, and kisses her. In the restaurant, Iris runs into two foster siblings from the orphanage, rebels, who recognize Erik—they need to leave.

After they’ve escaped, Jonas, tipped off by local sources, shows up at the same restaurant. While inquiring about Erik, the server mentions a “red haired girl”. Jonas takes out a picture of Iris and the server confirms: it’s her.

En route to her uncle’s ranch, Iris confronts Erik about Molly’s death and he tells her it was a car accident. He was driving, but because the Society members always cover their Marks, it wasn’t until after Molly died in the accident that Erik found out: it was her expiration date.

With Jonas out tracking down Erik, Colton tries to overthrow him to become the leader of the Order, but he’s one vote short.

Back at the ranch, Iris’ uncle rants about how the Society members are aliens, and Iris realizes it’s time for them to return to the Order’s estate and face what they’ve been running from.

In the midst of all of this, a car pulls up to the ranch, and Jonas steps out. He wears an overwhelming look of relief as he sees with his own eyes that Iris is alive.

In an unexpected twist, Erik grabs Iris and holds his gun up to her. He tells Jonas that unless he lets them leave, he’ll shoot her. With his own gun out, Jonas tries to talk him down, but Erik tells him there’s nothing that could make him go back to the Society. As the two stand there, guns drawn, one of Jonas’ men lunges forward, knocking Jonas’ arm, causing him to fire—the bullet finds Iris and, in shock, she holds her wound as blood pours from it.



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The men gather around Iris. Without a hospital for hours, and as she starts to lose consciousness, Iris makes peace with the idea that although she's Expired: today may be her expiration date.