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Farahnaz Rahnema has spent her life in the shadows of Emari's grand Citadel, serving the powerful queen, the Mashyana, as her most loyal Hand. With the Talent of metallurgy, Farah can bend and control metal, making her a skilled thief and assassin, tasked with retrieving ancient relics of unimaginable power for the queen. She believes in the queen's vision for a restored kingdom, one relic at a time. When a mysterious girl named Pari, the Voice of the gods, insists that Farah must join forces with Yasher—a charming, reckless card shark who thrives on luck—Farah's world starts to unravel.

Yasher has always relied on his quick wits and strange luck to survive, avoiding deep ties to anyone or anything. But when he crosses paths with Farah, he's thrust into a perilous mission to recover relics that could reshape Emari's future. As they navigate a kingdom filled with hidden truths, ancient secrets, and ever-shifting alliances, Farah begins to question the queen she serves and the kingdom's growing corruption.

With her loyalty tested and Yasher's own hidden motives in play, Farah must decide: is Mashyana truly Emari's savior, or is something darker at play? In *The Hand of Mashyana*, power, betrayal, and ancient relics collide, with a kingdom's fate hanging in the balance.





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### Medium Bio – ~90 words

Amber Hansford grew up a Navy brat before settling in Atlanta, Georgia, where she spent years building a career in tech—from front-end development to UX leadership. But through it all, she was always writing. After quietly publishing Highlander fanfic in the early 2000s (yes, it's still online—be kind), she eventually shifted to novels full of character-driven fantasy and emotional fallout. When she's not writing, she's directing the Filk Music Track at Dragon Con, dabbling in freelance dev work, or diving into her latest potential Apocalypse Skill™. Lately, that's embroidery.



## Long Bio – ~150 words

Amber Hansford grew up moving up and down the coasts as a Navy brat, eventually landing in Atlanta, Georgia. Over the years, she carved out a tech career that spanned front-end development, design, and UX leadership—working on everything from supply chain systems to sports platforms. But through it all, she was writing.

In the early 2000s, after encouragement from IRC friends and a collective obsession with *Methos*, she posted her first *Highlander* (TV show, not the movie) fanfic to fanfiction.net. It's probably still out there. She asks only for kindness.

These days, Amber writes character-focused fantasy fiction and directs the Filk Music Track at Dragon Con. When she's not drafting or revising, she's probably embroidering, troubleshooting a website, or exploring a new hobby in case it proves useful for the Apocalypse. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, kid, and a very opinionated rescue pup named Belle.

