How It All Started

My whole life, the world has been split into two parts: the <u>human world</u>, which is made up of five kingdoms, and <u>Xadia</u>, a magical land filled with elves and dragons and all kinds of other amazing creatures. When I was little, I asked my mom why we could never go to Xadia, and she told me a story:

Long ago, there were six primal sources of magic in the world: the Sun, the Moon, the Stars, the Earth, the Sky, and the Ocean.

Elves and dragons were born connected to the primal sources; humans weren't. But a human mage discovered a seventh source: dark magic.

Mom didn't like talking about dark magic. She told me it's complicated because with dark magic, there's always a cost. To perform dark magic, you have to obtain the essence of a magical creature, and there are only a couple ways of doing that — by stealing it, such as cutting off a dragon's or unicorn's horn, or the more common way: by killing the creature.