

# Cats & Conjure Recap

© 2015 Asha King

This document may not be distributed anywhere; it is only available on my website,  
[www.ashaking.com](http://www.ashaking.com).

This document contains **spoilers** for the Cats & Conjure series. It is intended for readers who read the books when they were first released and might need a refresher. The story, however, is best enjoyed when reading the series from the beginning; these are serialized books and do not standalone.

*[Dramatis Personae](#)*  
*[Ab Initio...](#)*

## *Dramatis Personae*

**Adelaide Deveraux** – A young woman who lives in the small town of Havelock where she teaches bellydancing part time. After her mother's death, she inherited her grandmother's house, where she now lives. Addie was raised to believe her grandmother—who had been institutionalized—was mentally ill, however she comes to discover her grandmother was in fact a conjurer (or witchdoctor) whose home was a Sanctuary, a place of neutral ground where any being could be cloaked from those in pursuit. Addie also has a knack for working with roots and herbs to weave magic, but her own powers are severely limited after being discouraged from pursuing them when she was younger.

**Erik Wells** – A tiger-shifter who has spent his life on the run. His parents, both shifters themselves, were exterminated years ago, sending a young Erik to flee and never look back. He was eventually caught by a powerful sorcerer named Lincoln who owns a massive compound where he holds gladiator rounds between captive shifters and shamans. When Erik escapes, he lands at Addie's home on the brink of death.

**Lincoln** – A wealthy sorcerer and psychopath. Once he discovers Erik found refuge with a Sanctuary—which was thought to no longer exist—he becomes intent on owning Addie to use her for his own purposes. He succeeds in abducting Addie and tries to force her to his will.

**Robbie Milford** – A handsome, twenty-something man from Havelock who checks in on Addie from time to time. She eventually learns that he knows more than he's pretended to, and is aware of who her grandmother was and that Addie too is a Sanctuary. He's a cat shifter, although Addie has never seen him change, and despite the fact that she doesn't reciprocate his feelings, he's in love with her. He is one of the Sanctuary's sworn guardians.

**Angelica** – Lincoln's second in command. She's also a magic user, and almost as deranged and cruel as he is.

**Reynaud** – An older man and conjurer who was attempting to help Addie learn to use her magic. He was abducted and killed by Lincoln in an attempt to force Addie to use her gifts.

**Naliah Harris** – The daughter of the former leader of a group of shaman and shifters. Her deceased father was a friend of Erik's and who Erik originally goes to for help to rescue Addie.

**Murphy** – A shaman and friend of Erik's who follows Naliah.

**Ramirez** – Naliah's personal bodyguard.

## *Ab Initio...*

In *Cats in Heat*, Adelaide Deveraux's quiet existence is disrupted during a storm one night when an injured tiger shows up at her door and changes into a naked—still injured—man. Long-buried instincts drive her to bring him inside and provide him Sanctuary. She tends to his wounds and nurses him back to health.

The shifter, Erik Wells, has been running after escaping the compound where he was forced to fight to the death every night for well-paying patrons of a man named Lincoln, a sorcerer. He knows Lincoln will be searching for him and doesn't want to put Addie in danger, but the more time he spends with her, he realizes she's a Sanctuary.

Sanctuaries—both the homes that provided neutral ground and the magic users who tended them—were long thought to have been driven out of existence, hunted to keep their powers from being misused by the likes of Lincoln. Erik knows it's only a matter of time while he's hunted down, but he's quickly falling in love with Addie and wants to help her discover who she really is. Addie is able to connect with Erik in his dreams and discovers both the terrifying life he ran from and the brutality he is capable of, and the bond between them strengthens.

Eventually Erik's enemies make their way to the small town of Havelock where Addie lives. Together with Robbie Milford, a Havelock resident who knows what Addie really is and is sworn to protect her, Erik kills some of Lincoln's men before they can discover Addie. He knows staying will put her in danger, however, so after a night of passion in which he and Addie admit their shared bond, he leaves.

Lincoln, however, has made his way to Havelock and is coming closer to identifying Addie.





In *Cat Scratch Fever*, weeks have gone by but Addie can't forget about Erik. The bond between them is still strong and she can feel him, and his emotions, wherever he goes. Robbie is still watching over her and is committed to not only protecting her but teaching her to protect herself by finding a conjurer to mentor her. Her new mentor, Reynaud, helps her go through her grandmother's supplies and starts teaching her to identify roots and herbs, and learn how to combine them in both defensive and offensive magic.

Erik, meanwhile, is tracking down old contacts who had long believed him dead. He finds Naliah Harris, daughter of an old deceased leader of shifters and shamans, and he reveals his plan to kill Lincoln once and for all, and asks for their help.

Lincoln, however, has closed in on Addie. He's discovered her home and late one night, while Robbie is gone, lures her outside and abducts her. He takes her back to his compound where he is intent on forcing her to cloak his magic and home in the way only a Sanctuary can, effectively making him invisible to his enemies. Addie, still inexperienced, insists she can't help, and is unable to save Reynaud when Lincoln kills him in an attempt to force her hand.

Sensing that something has happened to her, Erik returns to Addie's home to find her missing. He, Robbie, and Naliah and her people come up with a plan to infiltrate the compound and get Addie out. Erik surrenders and is thrown back in the ring to fight. He is once again reunited with Addie, where he confesses his plan to save them both.

Erik is made to face some of Naliah's people in the ring the next night. With everyone working together, they dispel the magical barriers and allow Erik to break free. Meanwhile, Addie drugs Lincoln's wine and, with help from Naliah, manages to escape the building. In the ensuing chaos and with a recovered Lincoln on their heels, the group splits up with the intent to meet back at Addie's Sanctuary.

Addie and Erik reach her home late that night, however, to find the entire house is engulfed in flames, leaving them with nowhere to hide and now hunted.

*The story continues in...[Stray Cat Strut](#), available September 18.*