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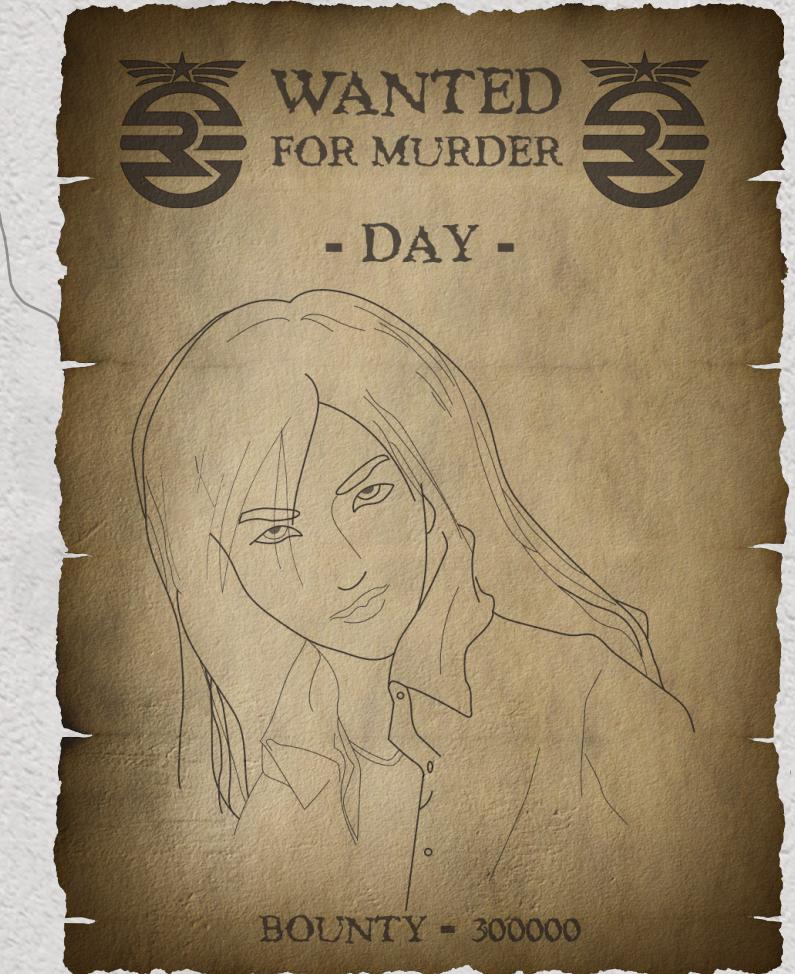
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"DOESN'T MERELY SURVIVE THE HYPE,  
IT DESERVES IT"  
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# LEGEND

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Once known as the western coast of  
the United States, the Republic is now  
now a nation perpetually at war with  
its neighbors, the colonies.

Born into an elite family in one of  
the republic's wealthiest districts, fifteen-  
year-old June is a military prodigy. Obedient,  
passionate, and committed to her country, she  
is being groomed for success in the republic's  
highest circles.

Born into the slums of the Republic's Lake  
Sector, fifteen-year-old Day is the country's  
most wanted criminal. But his motives may not  
be as malicious as they seem.

From very different worlds, June and Day  
have no reason to cross paths - until the day  
June's brother, Metias, is murdered, and Day  
becomes the prime suspect. Now caught in the  
ultimate game of cat and mouse, Day is in a  
race for his family's survival, while June  
tries desperately to avenge Metias's death.

But in a shocking turn of events, the two  
uncover the truth of what has really brought  
them together, and the sinister lengths to  
which their country will go to keep its  
secrets.

Full of nonstop action, suspense, and  
romance, Marie Lu has written an exhilarating  
first novel that is sure to move readers as  
much as it thrills.