

## Q&A for the Cornerstone Deep Series

**\*Note:** These questions were used in an interview with a blogger. If you use them, please reword the questions to be your own.



Charlene A. Wilson is an author of tales that take you to other dimensions. She weaves magic, lasting love, and intrigue to immerse you into the lives of her characters.

She began writing in her early teens when her vivid dreams stayed with her long after she had them. The characters and worlds were so amazing she brought them to life through her books.

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**Charlene...I love the Shilo Brothers (Cole, James, Vincent)...each one is so unique and special with their own abilities. ;) Please tell us how the idea for their stories first came to you (The Cornerstone Deep Series).**

Can I admit that when I first met them I was terrified? They were the three men hunting me down in a nightmare. In fact, chapter three of The Transformation of Anna is almost step-for-step what happened in that dream. The odd thing...even in the dream, I was drawn to them, like there was something so very special about them. And there was. \*big smile\*

**Share a little about Anna/Mianna. ;)**

In my nightmare, I was Anna. Totally scared senseless and running for my life. But as I wrote the experience down, Anna's own personality came out clear...though it did get hidden with what happens in the story. She's gonna come to herself again, though. \*wink\*

Anna is stained-glass artist whose work has drawn the attention of Lord Kyle Dressen. She's searching for her soul mate and Lord Dressen believes it should be him. She doesn't see it though, and he's had to put in quite a bit of overtime to try and convince her of it.

Though she doesn't understand it, for several reasons at the time, she can't help but be drawn to the tall, long-haired, onyx-eyed man who keeps showing up. \*smile\*

**You have built an amazing world in this series... I'm very curious to know how this all came to you as well. ;) Worlds within worlds, can you explain a little of it for us.**

When I began writing Cole's story, it became evident they just weren't from this world. Little by little, James, Cole, and Vincent revealed their home plane... as in dimension.

The world building turned out to be pretty complex for this series. The Arched Spectrum of Realms contains five dimensions, one setting at the meridian cap called Meridian, two at the midway positions called Midway Summit and Midway Deep, and two that brace the spectrum as cornerstones, Cornerstone Summit and Cornerstone Deep. While they have their familiar names to the inhabitants, these are what the Sentinels who protect the gateways to the realms call them.

The Transformation of Anna takes place in the far reaches of the spectrum, in Cornerstone Deep, where the Shilo family has been called to serve. This dimension loosely mirrors the other cornerstone realm in progression and aggression. Its familiar name is Terra, and Cornerstone Summit's familiar name is Earth. If either of these dimensions' portals is breached, it affects the spectrum.

And something is about to happen...

**As I've mentioned, I love each of the brothers – would you give us an introduction to each of them and give us some of their abilities (or at least the ability they are best known to possess).**

**Cole** is the oldest and the Head of Sentinels. He feels terribly inadequate in his position as his heart tends to rule his actions instead of his head. He's a romantic, moody, and is very lost-love sick since his soul mate, Mianna, died. He specializes in thought sharing, reading emotions, and enchantments, though all the brothers have power over the elements.

**James** is the second oldest, the level-headed one that likes things to be in order. He tends to be the counselor to Cole and Vincent and admittedly the reason the three manage to stay together. All muscles, dimple-cheeked, and a little on the shy side with women, he's been so sweet to watch develop. His specialty is his multi-tasking ability and detail.

**Vincent**... Now, Vincent is disaster waiting to happen. Lol. His heart is in the right place, but he doesn't think things through, and this often erupts into energy bolts that give James something to clean up. Needless to say, his talent lies in his explosive powers. Vincent is also Cole's largest irritant. \*wink\*

### **What is the Breath of Zephyr?**

Only the most intimate and seductive gift a Meridian soul possesses. While all have a general gender specific scent—licorice for men and almond for women—each has a unique scent that shows when they have strong desires for someone.

Would you like me to share the guys'?

Cole – Licorice and cream

James – Licorice and cinnamon

Vincent – Licorice and honey

Lord Dressen – oh...wait. Can't tell you that. Sorry. \*wink\*

**You have magic, mayhem, and Gods & Goddesses – please give us a rundown of the big three: Arylin, Gryffin, and Taravaughn ;)**

Oh, I love these mysterious ethereal plane dwellers.

**Arylin** is the Goddess of Love. Love, charity, and forgiveness are always her goals.

**Taravaughn** is the God of Life. His purpose is to see his children attain the best spiritual progression possible. Fiercely devoted to his children, he wants all of them to grow to their potential.

**Gryffin** is the God of Conformance. He weighs Arylin and Taravaughn's charges for fair judgment, keeping in mind that free agency must be upheld.

All recognize the need for their children to learn through experience and allow them to grow over their souls' eternal lifespan by living in many different circumstances of short mortal lives. (about 90 years compared to the Shilo's 15,000)

**Please share your favorite short scene in *The Transformation of Anna* (1<sup>st</sup> book in the Cornerstone Deep Series)**

As [Elaina] closed the door behind her, Cole eased onto the bed. “Don’t give up, Anna.” His faint words were swallowed by the silence of the room. “I’ll fix this and see to it nothing ever happens to you again.” Brushing his fingertips over her hair, he solemnly whispered a plea. “Don’t leave me.”

Her soft locks sent countless memories rushing through his mind—her smile, cheeky comments, blue eyes dancing as if life itself was a game. Her Arylinit spirit embraced every moment of love, able to see beneath façades that others deemed as truth. He sighed, knowing that side of her may have been unique to that lifetime—a result of her specialized upbringing in the Arylin colony of the northern territory.

He tilted his head and gazed over her still face. Her features were remarkably similar to Mianna’s. The gentle slope of her nose, the way she chose to wear her dark hair long, and he couldn’t deny her blue eyes when she’d looked at him. He cupped her cheek with his hand, gently stroking her lips with his thumb. They curved from a bow-tie center into a natural smile. So soft. Inviting. He leaned to her and lightly kissed them, then leaned his cheek to hers.

“Talk to me, Anna.” His breath was a plea. As much as he knew no answer would come, his heart called to her with his deepest wish.

He brushed his fingers down her neck to her chest, tenderly caressing her pale skin at the neckline of her gown. A strained pause caught his throat as he lightly followed her breast to her ribcage. “What’s in your heart?”

The tiny circles he drew on the thin fabric fed his longing for her touch. Supple creases followed his motion. To have her arms around him, the love they brought, had given him unmitigated comfort in a past life. It could be so again.

“My life was yours.” He kissed the circles he created. “Every moment, I found joy in you.”

He looked at her closed eyes. “Please, don’t leave me. Please promise you’ll be mine again.”

No emotion showed upon the visage of his love, but distant echoes of vows lighted his soul.

“*Open to me.*” He wondered if his whispered thought could possibly reach her



unconscious mind. *“Speak to me with your soul.”*

Her lips parted and a chill flew through him. He waited, listened intently. Weak sensations touched his senses. “Anna,” he said aloud, hope rising. He cupped his palm to her cheek again. “Fight for it. Call to me.”

Anna remained silent.

Cole’s heart ached. Yet, that small reaction spurred his resolve. He framed her face as he lowered to take her lips with his. “I’ll help you.”

The scent of licorice and cream fell from his lips as he called on his Breath of Zephyr. His soul’s voice owned his words. “My life is a mirage of endless time. But you engulf me, rivet my mind, encompass my soul.”

She inhaled his sensual gift and gasped for deeper intake.

*Yes.* Hope impossibly filled him. His muscles tightened with expectation. His heart pounded against his chest. *“Call to me!”*

**Please share your favorite short scene in *Echoes* (2<sup>nd</sup> book in the Cornerstone Deep Series)**

Adoration flowed from behind him, touching his senses. Slender hands smoothed his shirt to his waist and a soft form leaned to his back. His heart melted and he closed his eyes. *Mianna.* Despite his attempt to avoid an earlier meet, he couldn’t resist. He lifted his arm and turned to hold her in his embrace. As she met his gaze, Mianna’s soul once again spoke to his as none other had or would. Unrest fled. Doubt disappeared.

Her brow wrinkled with worry. “You’ve been distant.”

He brushed her long hair with a gentle stroke. “I’m sorry, my love.”

She caressed his forehead with her fingertips, erasing the tension there.

“Hush thy worries. Still thy mind.

For within mine arms,  
love’s sweet bliss will heal thy soul.

Cares of life be gone.”

Cole rested his cheek on her soft locks, allowing her poetic tongue to soothe him.

“Whispers, wings of love’s caress,  
light upon thy heart.

Gazes, speak of my soul’s want.

Body, sing their praise.”

She gently placed her hand to his cheek, guiding him  
to look into her eyes.

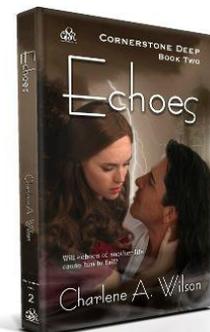
“I long. I pray thee touch me.

Carry forth my will.

Leave behind the world, my love.

Be this moment mine.”

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Cole's heart wrapped around her plea and the reality of her return filled his being. She was his. Now and forever. "This moment, my life, my existence is yours." He cradled her face with his hands. "Every breath you take is a song to my soul."

Her words fell to his lips in a hush. "Make love to me, Cole. I need to feel you still love me."

The Breath of Zephyr flowed freely and licorice and cream rode his whisper. "How could you truly doubt?"

Wilting onto a bed of flowers, he lay with her on the soft buds. The song in her sigh washed through his heart and her emotions flowed, reminding him Syllis Shilo had no influence there. They alone shared this moment surrounded by beauty and its sweet aroma. The dark sky of Cornerstone Deep blanketed them in solitude.

Little buttons on her blouse released at his touch and as he slid the fabric aside, a heated plea breezed past her lips. The layers of her skirt fell to her hip as she raised her thigh to rest it against his waist. He leaned into her entreaty.

Her voice came to him, a small sound breaking from a whisper. "Time has passed for you, Cole." A quiver shook her words. "I know there were others."

"Mianna—"

"Just...let me pretend I was the only one to share your soul all that time. Lie to me...this once."

Her request clenched his heart. "My love. It's been you all this time." Cole's thick breath poured against her skin. "It's always been you."

### **Charlene, do you have a favorite story-star in this series? Explain.**

While I love the personalities of all my characters, I have to choose Cole. He's such a romantic. He's led by his heart and fights for his love no matter what. And when it comes to loving Anna/Mianna, he's all mush. From gruff and moody with his brothers to total sappy love struck with her. Lol

### **What are you currently working on? List everything...**

You want to know everything? Lol

Well, of course book three of **Cornerstone Deep**, *Destiny*, is on the agenda. The Shilos and their loves (and a certain family member along with a visiting uncle) face some major cross dimension struggles in what's coming up.

I'm also working on book two of the new **Kami** series, *One for Ian*, book one being *One for Kami*. They are Sweet Romances published through Astraea Press.

On another course, I'm working on getting my **Aumelan** series published, also through Astraea Press. Book one, Aumelan (name subject to change), will release January 2015. It's a four book series that takes us deep into the caverns of the World Beneath the Rock

to discover an astonishing secret. Titles being *Aumelan*, *World Beneath the Rock*, *Waters of Tiger Rod*, and *Kingdom, Rise...* books 1-4 consecutively.

I'm excited to present those next year. \*smile\*