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**Fan favorite character Kenji Kishimoto narrates this gripping companion novella to Tahereh Mafi's *New York Times* bestselling *Shatter Me* series, set during the explosive events in *Restore Me*!**

Juliette is still reeling from Warner's betrayal, and Kenji is trying to balance his friendship with her with his responsibilities as a leader of the resistance against the Reestablishment. Things get even more interesting when an unexpected person from Omega Point's past surfaces.

The ending of *Restore Me* left readers gasping, and this novella full of Kenji's signature sass and big heart is the perfect story to tide fans over until *Defy Me*, the shocking fifth book in the *Shatter Me* series, hits shelves in April 2019.

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## **From Reader Review Shadow Me for online ebook**

### **Hulya Kara Yuksel says**

Read the 1st chapter! ???

<https://thefandom.net/first-chapter-s...>

I can't wait to read book 5!!!

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### **Wynne Katherine says**

Loved it.

Can't wait for book 5.

### **Pre-reading :**

#### **HOLD UP**

I literally didn't know this was coming March 5th until today?

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A bitch is exciteeeed

KENJI MAMA IS COMING FO YOUIUU

### **Blog : Me, in all of my writing glory**

**Youtube : And sometimes I talk about random shits here**

**IG : and IG account where I mostly use it to stalk pretty humans**

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### **Bonnie Wells says**

\*4.5\*

half a point off for kenji being so horny

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### **Sabrina The Trash Queen says**

I love Kenji. He's personality is just fantastic.

And this feel more as if I was reading the end of Restore Me again with a different point of view. One that gave me much more information about what happened. Can't wait for Defy Me and see where this story is going.

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The first chapter of this saved me and killed me at the same time.  
Bromance that I now is going to rise.  
And pain, that I now will be there.

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### **KENJI, MY LOVE, COME TO MAMA**

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### **Whitney Atkinson says**

Sooo I knew I loved Kenji Kishimoto..... but this book made me realize that I would rip my fucking heart out and put it on a platter for Kenji Kishimoto. I LOVED this installment!!!!

I think this book was the perfect balance of exploring Kenji's voice, getting his funny inner monologue, learning more about the world, and seeing the events of Restore Me from his eyes. I wouldn't necessarily call it a bridge book between books 4 and 5 (honestly, these chapters could have been thrown in at the end of Restore Me because I actually think they better describe the events than Warner and Juliette did), but I still had SO much fun reading it and was laughing and gasping at all the new information and world building and conversations that we didn't see in Restore Me.

I have a TON more to say about this with theories and new info reveals but it's 4:30 AM and I've been making my way through this book since midnight so my brain is just a big happy mush in my skull because I love Kenji so much and I adored this novella.

### **Old review**

CONFIRMED KENJI POV!!!!!!! I'm so stoked. Honestly, I wish this came sooner instead of just a month before Defy Me, but I'm not about to complain about more content. Eeeeeeeep I hope we see Warner in this and he and Kenji are stuck in a cell together and thriving and scheming to get Juliette back and skhjdfghfdkgdblhgdkfl IM EMO I WANT IT SO BAD

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### **Laura says**

Kenji has always been one of my favorite characters from the Shatter Me series, so I was super excited to

read, not only more about him but from his POV and I'm glad I did it but I also wasn't 100% happy with this novella.

This kid has always been on the move and with this constant need of doing something. *Anything*, and these chapters sort of proved my theory that Kenji got a form of ADHS or PTSD because the way his thoughts are constructed and how he leads said thoughts into action it's not "typical". Or I could be wrong entirely and he's just like that.

I liked the interactions with Nazeera but I was not a fan of Kenji making a complete fool of himself. I'm not saying the man has to have moves but he is a smart, empathic guy and I just didn't think he would behave like this. It doesn't matter that he's the class clown or that he chose to be that as a coping mechanism.

I wish this novella was longer because Kenji deserves more and he's an interesting character. He doesn't take anything for granted, he knows what is like to have nothing, he is very smart, capable of doing whatever he wants and he is starving for affection. **That part where he says he knows he is capable of giving so much love and being romantic and that he really wants someone to love? I was crying.**

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### **Luciana Gomez Mauro says**

Quedé en shock como siempre al terminar un libro de esta saga.. Tahereh me estás volviendo loca con tus finales..

Todo lo que se cree leer en el final de *Restore Me*, acá es diferente, ya que está narrado desde el punto de vista de Kenji.

Amé este libro, amo a Kenji, amo su amistad con Juliette, amo a Warner con mi vida.

Me encanta que la relación entre Kenji y Warner vaya teniendo más lugar, y también me encanta Nazeera para Kenji.

Leer los sentimientos de él fue doloroso, el mismo piensa que la gente creé que solo es un chiste, por qué en los libros anteriores, solo podíamos ver el lado humorístico de él, pero al estar en su mente vemos cómo en realidad se siente.

Y me encantó estar en su cabeza. Describe con las palabras justas todo lo que siente, y todo lo que piensa. Esta es de mis sagas favoritas, y he releído *Restore me* unas quince veces, y justamente tenemos escenas de ese libro pero desde el punto de vista de Kenji. No llegue a perderme en ningún momento por qué sé de memoria matemáticamente todo lo que pasa.

Ahora quedé con mil preguntas en la cabeza y las pondré a continuación para no olvidar las y por qué no puedo esperar a que salga *Defy Me*.

- A partir de aquí habrá Spoilers, así que si no leíste este libro no sigas leyendo..

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1- ¿Todo fue una programación? Es que de verdad, todas esas muertes para mí fueron armadas por los padres de Juliette, para poder secuestrarla a ella y a Warner, por qué son los dos que faltaban en el campo visual de

Kenji en el final.

2- Castillo sabe, sabe mucho, y no dice nada. Este personaje nunca me cayó del todo bien, pero desde Restore Me vengo odiandolo un poco. Y necesito saber quién carajos es Nouria, ¿Será su ex esposa?.

3- Lo de que Winston este enamorado de Brendan me encanta, y espero leer escenas de ellos dos.

4- Amo la relación de Kenji y Juliette.

5- Yo desde que terminé Restore Me sabía que algo tiene Juliette en el cuerpo, desde que le dispararon y le pusieron veneno, algo le quedó, Sonia y Sara lo saben, y ya necesito saber qué fue eso, y que relación tiene esa cosa con los tatuajes que tenía el tipo que le disparó a Juliette.

6- Me encanta Nazeera y Kenji, tendrían una relación muy bonita, pero esta chica algo sabía desde el principio, ya que antes de que todo se descontrolé le dice a Kenji que corra.

7- En el final de Restore Me, vemos que Juliette antes de ser secuestrada por sus padres, ella ve como Kenji es arrastrado por alguien con Sangre, ella ve como Warner está siendo arrestado y también ve a Nazeera siendo llevada a la fuerza. Ahora ¿Habrá sido toda una alucinación?. Por qué es verdad que a Warner se lo llevaron, pero Kenji no estaba siendo secuestrado, solo estaba siendo arrastrado por Ian. Y Juliette creé que Ian, Lily, y Alia e incluso Brendan están muertos y no es así.

Estoy con tantas preguntas, puedo asegurar que el veneno que tiene en su cuerpo le puede provocar esas alucinaciones, pero ayyyyyyyy.

8- Las casi 600 malditas personas pestañean a cada rato y se movían al mismo tiempo, todo pudo haber sido una programación por los padres de Juliette, creo que es lo mas creíble, por qué supuestamente todas esas personas murieron, pero después se levantaron y empezaron a rugir.

Y yo ya estoy perdida. De verdad llegue a creer que Juliette mato a todas esas personas, pero ahora nada es verdad.

9- Kenji diciendo que se siente tan solo, me daban ganas de abrazarlo y decirle "yo estoy aquí para tí". Necesito un amigo como él. Y me encanta cómo se preocupa por sus amigos, hasta por Warner, por eso me está gustando la amistad de estos dos. Adam no apareció mucho, pero sentí lastima por como Kenji hablaba de él, todos tienen un pasado duro.

10- Para finalizar, quedé con mil dudas en la cabeza, necesito la quinta entrega ya, quiero que mi amado Warner este bien. Y respuestas a las mil preguntas que tengo.

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### **Hamad says**

If you go to my older reviews you would see that I was always Kenji's biggest fan, even before he was so popular!

He is probably the character that I relate to most among the books I read so far!

I am glad he got his own novella and I hope it doesn't disappoint as Restore me did ?3?

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## Mari Yeung says

**SO FYI, IF THAT WASN'T CLEAR ENOUGH IN MY RESTORE ME REVIEW, I HARDCORE SHIP KENJI AND WARNER TOGETHER. AND MORE THAN EVER AFTER THIS NOVELLA.**

**ALSO CAN WE HAVE EVERYTHING FROM KENJI'S POINT OF VIEW FROM NOW ON?**  
Thanks.

*“Are you out of your mind?”  
And when he says, without a hint of irony—  
“No more than usual”  
—it’s crystal clear to me that this dude is not okay.*

This was actually good??! I’m v surprised, especially after reading *Restore Me*, which I wasn’t a real fan of. I still stand by my opinion, but **this novella actually made me excited for the first time to have *Defy Me* in my hands.** It gave me aaaall the feels and I couldn’t be happier about it.

That ending, wow. It messed with my head! It kinda fixed something I didn’t like about *Restore Me* and that’s freaking great.

**Kenji is such a puppy. I wish I could hug him.** His point of view was the best and this is why this novella is probably my favorite of the novellas in this series. You can see how sensitive and empathetic he is, and you realize that his way of defusing every bad situation with a joke is actually a defense mechanism. It was clear from other books too but this novella really showed how much he keeps inside without telling anyone.

### **SPOILERS START NOW!**

**Kenji and Warner, oh my gosh. I love them so much. Here are some of my favorite interactions. Enjoy.**

*Warner peers past me, into my room, and for a moment, says nothing. Then, quietly:  
“Kishimoto, if I considered other people’s mediocre standards a sufficient metric by which to measure my own accomplishments, I’d never have amounted to anything.” He looks up, meets my eyes. “You should demand more of yourself. You’re entirely capable.”  
“Are you—?” I blink, stunned. “I’m sorry, was that your idea of a compliment?”  
He stares at me, his face impassive. “Get dressed.”  
I raise my eyebrows. “You taking me out to breakfast?”*

*I hated that I cried. Hated that I couldn’t help it. Everyone thinks I’m not supposed to give a*

*shit—that I shouldn’t—but I do. I always do.  
And I give a shit about this asshole, too.*

*“Have you seen her yet?” I ask.  
And then, so quietly I almost miss it—  
“No.”  
Shit. This kid is breaking my heart.*

Another thing I really enjoyed was seeing **Juliette turning on Warner from Kenji's point of view**. His commentary on it is the funniest thing ever.

*She spins around, turns to face him. “What other languages do you speak?” she says, her eyes flashing, and Warner goes so suddenly still my heart hurts for him.  
This moment is too real.*

*Warner and Juliette are both so full of shit today. They’re pretending to be so hard, so cool and collected, and then—this. Juliette says one thing to him and Warner turns into an idiot.*

(BTW, still haven't come to terms with the fact that Juliette cut her hair like that. At this point I don't think I ever will \*sigh\*).

Now, I had some problems with this novella too. First of all, **I don't like how the author reduced Kenji to someone who just wants a girlfriend**. He's much more than that and I don't like where this is going with Nazeera. **Why does the author have to pair up everyone?** Even Castle is being paired up with someone now. Jeez, it's ridiculous.

And Kenji going around without a shirt on so that him and Nazeera could have that weird moment? Hmm. Nazeera kind of changed her mind about Kenji far too quickly if I compare how she reacted to him in *Restore Me*.

I actually really like her! Don't get me wrong. I've seen some people complaining about how it seems it's okay for everyone to see two white characters be together in this series, but it's not for two POC characters, especially for an own voices one. But this is not it. In fact, **I just would love to read about some single characters, particularly Kenji**. Is that too much to ask? What about having him realize that not having a girlfriend/boyfriend is okay too?

Last thing, which is a carry-on problem from *Restore Me*: **the final symposium is glossed over too quickly**. One moment you're reading about the preparation for it, and the next you get a really really really vague description of what happens during it. That doesn't help as there is an important action scene just after that. It confuses me *every time*.

Glad to know that Juliette didn't have the full picture of that ending tho, as everyone's alive!

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**Nick says**

At this point we can all agree that Kenji is everyone's favorite.

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**Laura Evolle says**

4,5-5 Sterne  
ES WAR SO GUT

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**Alana • thebookishchick says**

\*starts to hyperventilate\*

IT'S KENJI'S POV & I'M ALREADY TRASH ?

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**Zainab says**

I love Kenji mannn. He used to be my favourite but got replaced by Warner but then Warner turned out to be this lovey dovey ball of cringe so I'm back to Kenji now.  
Kenji's exactly what he says about himself; '*a goddamn joy*'

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**Jessi ♥? H. Vojsk says**

I'M SO EXCITED! ??

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**Virginia Ronan ♥ Herondale ♥ says**

Either my coffee isn't working and I'm still dreaming or this is actually happening!  
\*rubs eyes\*

**A KENJI POV?!!**  
OMG!!!!

Give me this book!!! I've needed this in my life ever since I started to read "Shatter Me".  
Tahereh you can have all my money!

I'm ready!!!! <333

P.S: How gorgeous is this cover? <3

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