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In a world where two kingdoms are constantly at war, Prince Rinin, heir to the throne of Kari Kingdom, has been demanded as a war conquest by King Merinej of Jede. The choice is simple: the prince will travel to his enemy's kingdom and share the king's bed, or else the war continues. But Rin will not lower himself to be a whore, so he demands a contract requiring the king to be faithful. In return, the prince will risk his life by giving the king a child.

Where Rin expected nothing more than a business arrangement, he receives affection, yet the more surprising realization is the willingness of his own heart to return the same. But even his king cannot save Rin from those who wish him harm, and their joining might be over before it can fully bloom.

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Lucy says

In addition to the amazing cover, Conquest is a roller coaster ride to read. Rin is a prince of a warring kingdom, but his father, the king, has had definite ideas of what Rin can and can't do. Mainly, he isn't allowed to do much of anything. He is a prince in name only, and has no real idea of the workings of the politics of the kingdom. When the king dies, and Rin is demanded as a war prize to be uralain for King Merin, from the enemy kingdom, Rin has no idea of what this entails. Har, chief advisor, is no more forthcoming as to what will occur. Rin demands (show of backbone, yes!) a marriage contract with Merin. He will not be a whore, vulnerable to being sold or dispensed with once Merin has tired of him.

For his part, Merin agrees to the marriage contract. His plan for Rin is to have a child who will unite the two kingdoms, ensuring peace at last. There are differences in the kingdoms that make it difficult for both men. Rin is uneducated not only in the workings of politics, but sex as well. He comes to Merin a virgin with little idea of how things work (Har promises him a book to show him, but doesn't provide it, poor Rin!).

Add in a stalker who wants Merin for his own and the growing emotional connection between Merin and Rin which are colored by the idea that Merin only wants Rin for the child (a childbirth process during which most men die) and you end up with a fantasy story to keep you reading.

NOW, I want the sequel.

Shyralf says

3 ????? Stars!

Elisa Rolle says

Aside from being among the Bestsellers in Gay Romance for last year, I was drawn by this series for the m-preg theme. I think someone suggested this to me, and being the first one a novella, I thought, why not? The commitment is not too much if I don't like it, and if I like, there is always book 2. I read it in one night and bought the second novella the same night.

Valentina Heart doesn't shy away from the chosen theme, and actually, it's the main reason why Prince Rinin is able to barter a marriage instead of being a sex slave to King Merinej. Rin is now alone, his kingdom lost the war against Merin's one, and now the council has decided for him: he will be the pawn to beg mercy. Since he was born, Rin wasn't fated to be a warrior, too fragile and precious; he was special, a man able to give birth, but that is also coming with the almost certainty of death if he tries. And now he is supposed to be a sex slave to Merin, him that doesn't have any idea of what sex or even the simple contact with a man means. But for once Rin decides to rebel, and proposes to Merin a marriage: he will bear Merin's child, a child of two kings, someone destined to be powerful and of perfect lineage. If death will come, for Rin it will be better than a life as a slave.

This is for sure a story that appeals to many, but at the same that is not suitable to all. This is a gay version of the Savage Romance, with many of the clichés of that genre, but also with all its attractiveness. It's not realistic, it's not about equality in a relationship, it's about a strong character in relationship with a more fragile one, but fragility doesn't mean stupidity. Rin is not stupid, he is naïve; he is the first to admit he was not raised to be a leader, and he doesn't want to be. But at the same time, he is proud of his ancestry, and wants the respect he deserves.

I strongly suggest to approach these two novellas as a whole, and to read both of them close to each other.

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Mary says

Oh this was so much fun and came complete with a shadowy villian trying to kill our hero Prine Rin. I loved Rin, so sweet and innocent but plucky and smart. And the king, so in love, so alpha. I am ready for the the sequel. Now.

Susan65 says

My first foray into mpreg and I survived. It was strange at first but it was different enough that I could really enjoy it without worrying over the actual mechanics.

Rin, the Prince, and Merin, the King were both amazing characters. I could easily relate to them both and I honestly liked them. I wanted to know more about the mystery man who had it out for Rin but c'est la vie.

I am unsure how I feel about the ending. I think I was so worried about how it would end for Rin that I was a bit disappointed that it was so open-ended. I can't wait for book two because I really want to know if the HFN can really turn into a HEA.

Barbara? says

Reread June 2018

Wow...I didn't remember it being so underdeveloped. This one needed way more. It's very short but a lot going on. ILY's very quick and it leaves you wondering why. It's still somewhat unique.

Originally read August 2017

Very different MM fantasy/historical sci-fi...not sure how to classify it. It was short so not a lot of character development. One of the H's could have been a female if not for his bits and pieces. There wasn't much "maleness" in the way he spoke and acted. But it's an mpreg story so....

I'm interested enough to see what happens next.

Bubbles Huntly Honest & Direct Opinions says

Heather C and susan65 made me read this with them. Just FYI

I liked the start okay but some parts seem longer than needed. I didn't like that he didn't even see the king until like 27% they didn't talk until around 30% that's a big chunk of the short story.

Then things like the palace and character descriptions are too detailed for my tastes.

Roughly 30% to 58% is sex. Starts with talking while stripping to talking about sex to sex. Then that long scene ends immediately followed by another sex scene. Guess we're not wasting time on a plot here.

Yay ends at 97%. Overall some interesting stuff happened last half but it was all rushed and not enough to save the overall book IMO

This was like really flowery and descriptive followed by a lot of sex or remembering sex they've been having while falling instantly in love. Really the characters aren't developed at all except for the numerous physical descriptions.

The pregnancy doesn't happen till last pages and you see nothing about that and it's not explained why babies all come out needing magical healing.

Should add that the writing quality was excellent and the only reason I finished was because its good writing.

Jenni Lea says

Really more like 2.75 stars. It was OK, I guess. It moved really, really fast and was a bit dis-jointed. But the ending made me want to find out what happened next so I can't say it was too bad. I bought this because I was stagnating in a similar story. It made me appreciate that other story so much more.

Sooo... yeah.

Noughty says

2,5

Prince:

So far looks too easy and has flaws in logic. You are supposed to become a prize for an enemy king, a part of his harem. And you request marriage and fidelity? He never met him, he has no idea how sex between two men even work and the best idea he got is to make sure he has plenty of sex which he might hate? If he felt

so strongly about making conditions, why not make a condition of no sex or a higher position than one of the toys in harem and live his life peacefully? Is there no other way to secure his honor, place or whatever? No he decides it's either marriage and fidelity or no truce. Lets get thousands/hundreds people killed just for my honor - forbid anyone sees our prince as a whore. His image is way more important than his kingdom. I just realized that I don't like this character. He is selfish and without honor or sense of duty, responsibility.

Later on, he is angry and disappointed because king, after telling him that the main reason he agreed to this marriage was an heir, tries to impregnate him. How dares he to not fall madly in love with our prince after having sex for the first time?! It's an arranged/forced marriage and it's ok to want for your husband to care and love you, but you cannot be angry if he doesn't on the first day of meeting you! It's normal, you just met, you don't know each other. Get over yourself! Now he seems to me like stupid, whiny, selfish, egocentric b*tch. Will see how it goes later. *I actually had to stop reading and turn on my computer to write this paragraph immediately it bugged me so much :D.*

King:

And why a king who is winning, who is stronger agrees to get married to some prince instead of taking him as a prize? I completely don't get this. Prince is supposed to be a conquest, a prize. The point is to humiliate and show ones power. And instead he marries him. There was a "logical reason" about wanting a child so much and the prince promised one (which is very dangerous for the "mother"). But he is a king of a powerful kingdom, surely there has to be women/men prepared for the risk for the chance to be his partner? Can't he really choose from many on his own terms?

Plot:

Furthermore, plot flows way too easy. Once conditions are met it's all cozy, nice and no problems. And I am half way in. I doubt there will be any problems. Only some villain trying to kill the prince or something like that. I am just guessing. I hate it when the relationships is flawless, especially an arranged/forced one. It's a crime against logic and reality.

I'm glad it's short or I might not be able to finish. Although if it were longer maybe it would make more sense, could be more developed.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

I've been thinking on my review for about a week now and still have no idea how to express how much I enjoyed this book. All I can really say is that for such a short story, it sure packs a lot of punch!

Prince Rinin (Rin), of the Kingdom Kari, is left with a very important decision after his father, the King, dies - become the neighboring King's uralain, or whore, or go to war. Rin may be uneducated and naive but he has enough dignity to make his own demands. As such, he demands King Merinej (Merin) Erassa, of the Kingdom Jede, to sign a wedding contract which will make Rin the only person Merin can sleep with. Merin's eager to sign the contract, especially after hearing that Rin can give him an heir. Neither men thought their marriage was anything but convenience so when they both start developing feelings for each other, it comes as a pleasant shock. While their fledgling relationship is progressing, they have to deal with more things than just their feelings. There's conflict among their lives, though, with Rin being in an unknown society with people who are generally not accepting of him, Rin being uneducated and clueless on what his duties are *and* how to control his unknown powers, as well as having a stalker constantly trying to kill Rin, which creates possibly more problems than they can stand.

There are multiple reasons I loved this book. For one I absolutely adore arranged marriages. There's just something about the fact that two people who are enemies grow to love each other that just warms my heart. Aside from that, I loved these characters. Rin was raised with having learned nothing. He knows not what his duties are or what he's supposed to do. He's cute, young, small and naive and it was hard for me not to fall in love with him especially with his innocent acts and expressions. Merin is just the opposite of Rin. He's experienced, a warrior and can be cold when he needs to. He's a perfect king. I loved the connection between these two. I felt like I could feel it. It was intense, sweet and touching.

While the story is short, enough happens that it didn't feel so short to me. Rin and Merin go through a lot and learn a lot about each other and the ways of their people. They have to deal with the fact that, while they just met and have these intense feelings for each other, their relationship could possibly be severed before it actually grows because of a jealous stalker who believes Merin is his and Rin doesn't deserve him. On top of that, Merin learns of the complications that could happen from Rin having his heirs and it puts a whole new perspective on what's most important to them. To say I enjoyed it all would be an understatement!

In the end, I really did love the story. I thought it was a great start to a new series. The characters are charming and lovable, the plot is just suspense enough to have you dying to read more which made this book really great, in my opinion. Definitely looking forward to reading more about this world and Rin and Merin!

Heather C says

[DIE!!!

(hide spoiler)]

Tamela says

2nd Read - Oct 13, 2012

My 2nd read before I read the second story. I have to say I am really impressed by Rin. Even though he was kept so in the dark by his father, he showed true strength by insisting on a contract. If he had gone to the King as anything less than a partner, the rift between the two countries would never be healed.

What is annoying is that no one seems able to save Rin from so much suffering. But since I believe it helped to bring him and Merin closer, maybe it ended up being for the greater good also.

1st Read - May 16, 2012

Great read. My only problem is that #2 isn't out yet and I can't wait to find out how they deal with the upcoming birth of their children.

Suspense is killing me :)

Recommended

Kari Gregg says

Ooooooooooooooh, dubcon/capture fantasy, come to Momma. The best of the best. Write more of this please. Much, much more. :-D

Chris, the Dalek King says

To save his kingdom from the stupidity of his father, and the armies of another, Prince Rin has agreed to join with the King of Jeda, Merinej. But he will settle for nothing less than marriage, even if that all but guarantees his death in childbirth. He does not know what to expect from these new people, or this new country, but he comes to hope that there will be some measure freedom from the strict rules and regulations his (not so) dearly departed father bound him with. He never thought to hope for love, though.

For such a short story it wasn't all that bad. I liked the attempt at world building here, though it did feel like it was trying to pack in way more information than the story needed, or could support, in such few pages. I do love mpreg though, and I found the method of impregnation here a new and unique twist on the usual nonsensical method that is usually touted in these types of stories. I would have loved to have seen the story thru to the birth of the child, though, since a large part of this story is about how the birth of their child is a real danger for Rin. I felt that if you are going to make so much of a fuss about it, it might be good to show us how all of it concludes. But this book is part of a series, so maybe that is just a story for another time.

I had a hard time with the whole 'jealous lover' side plot. You meet the bad guy for like three seconds in this story, and not only is he never identified—except thru a quick and vague 'he was annoyed at the king' explanation to Rin—he was apparently killed off-page, as well. It is not like I am demanding to see the assholes head tumble across the floor, but not doing the whole reveal on page just made the whole plot to kill Rin seem very one-dimensional, and not at all believable. Not to mention the fact that the guards of this castle need to go back and retake Keeping Your Client Alive for More Than a Day 101.

The love story was also a little flat. I think the story spent so much time trying to build the world that it kinda forgot to build up the characters as well. There is a whole lot of insta-love flying around this book. Not only with Rin and Merinej, but everyone at the castle seems to fall instantly in love with Rin as well. He is apparently a foreign, and enemy, prince...and yet he smiles once and all of a sudden all that is forgotten? There's a bit of time-condensing going on in the story, because of the page length, but I just found the speed at which it all happens is rather too quick for me to believe all the love floating around in the air here.

All that being said, I probably will end up reading the next book in the series because I kinda want to know what happens.

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Ladypessi says

I don't know why I thought this book would be long, but I was wrong... it was very short and everything happened really fast. Too fast if you ask me. Not that I didn't like it!! I loved it, I just hoped that there would have been more. I was a bit disappointed because we didn't get to see the world at all, as everything happened in the same room. Well maybe we'll get to explore the world next time. I can't wait for the next book(s)!!
