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*Some lions in town aren't locked in the zoo...*

Twenty-one-year-old receptionist Beatrice Summer has the hots for her new boss, Alexandre Larousse. But Alex never seems to notice her. Bea understands. He's too handsome, too rich, and a tad too mature for someone like her. But it doesn't stop Bea from wanting him in secret.

One night, Bea witnesses a man being shot from a bridge. She swims after him and drags him to safety. She is shocked to find the victim is the boss she's enamoured with. What makes it even more shocking, the unconscious Alex turns into a lion before her eyes.

Bea doesn't think shape-shifters are real. Seriously. Werelions? They are nothing but a myth, right? Feeling more curious than a fickle cat, Bea is hell-bent on spying on Alex, especially when Alex tells her not to. Then Bea discovers the reason why Mr Hot Boss pretends he's never interested in getting into her panties. Bea had never thought playing detective could be so thrilling, sexy...and deadly.

## **Maiden and the Lion Details**

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## From Reader Review Maiden and the Lion for online ebook

### **The BookChick says**

Meh story. Not complicated at all. But could have used a good edit. I understand the book was written in British English but punctuation was sketchy and words were missing that should have been present.

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### **Rinou says**

Too short, too rushed, with unbelievable relation and situations between the H/h

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### **Purple Osprey says**

Generic.

Generic and not the best from the bunch of employee-boss fantasy stock. Made me lol at places because it's just so lame.

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### **Louise says**

Oh the many ways I hated this book.

Let's see; a pushover heroine, with low selfesteem, and her misogynistic soon to be abusive lover.

The reasons I hated the books, or some of them anyway:

1. Alex, the male protagonist, and lion shifter, takes advantage of his position as chief security officer to take stills of the female protagonist, Bea, from the office surveillance cameras, for his own personal enjoyment. Can you say creepy stalker.
2. When an unknown person threatens to harm Bea, if Alex doesn't give him 10 million dollars, Alex chooses to promote her to a position as his personal employee. There are two things in this. The first is that he does not tell her she is in danger, nor does he provide her with security outside the office. Not acceptable. The second is that she is promoted admittedly ahead of more qualified people (before this she delivered the office mail), and within a month she is engaged to the boss – that is bound to provoke her colleagues. Bad interoffice behavior.
3. When Alex has changed in front of her and run off, Bea discovers his wallet in her car. Now, not only does she not freak out that her boss transformed into a 550 lb predator, she decides to return the wallet – good. Unfortunately the way he goes about it is unfortunate. On three separate occasions she ignores the option of handing it over, first to his personal guard at his home, then to his brother, and finally to himself. Failing to hand it over in person, she instead uses the keycard to let herself into his apartment when he isn't

home, to leave the wallet (boundaries, lady!). Oh, and while she's there she decides to use his shower because "he always smells so nice" (creepy), and finally takes a nap in his bed!

4. Upon finding the crazy girl (too immature to be a woman) in his bed, Alex does not call the cops like a sensible person, instead he feeds and fucks her. And he is so rough/big/whatever that he actually breaks her vagina. According to the doctor he calls in the morning, she has "hairline fractures" in there. Is that even possible? And if so, ouch.

5. In the process of aforementioned wild lovemaking, Alex decides to bite her, which is apparently some kind of permanent mate mark, and makes her his. Now call me old fashioned (actually don't), but I prefer to have more than one conversation with a person before committing for life. Of course, he doesn't actually ask her if she wants it. Consent optional it seems.

6. The morning after, dear naïve Bea, seems to think she should go to work, silly her, but macho Alex kindly explains, that he is rich, so all she has to do now, is redecorate the apartment, and maybe have lunch with her friends. Gee, lucky her. Again – no need to ask her, Alex has it all worked out.

7. As the final act of misogyny of the morning, Alex orders Bea to stay in the apartment all day – fair enough, crazy person threatening to kill her – if only he would just treat her like an adult and explain why, so she doesn't do something stupid like follow one of the suspects straight into the (ridiculous) antagonist's trap.

8. Upon the rescue, darling Alex and sweet Bea have sex yet again, (despite the hairline fractures – double ouch), this time without a condom, because they have been together for two days, and it's time for them to get married and begin having cubs. Because Alex "isn't getting any younger". Yikes.

After reading this book, I was left with the feeling, that Alex is going to turn into an abusive asshole once she is leg shackled and preggers. I do not recommend this book, unless you like your heroines weak and incompetent (and somewhat stupid), and your heroes macho, misogynistic and borderline stalkerish.

If you are looking for a light, funny read with lion shifters, and heroines who aren't victims, read Shelley Laurenston instead.

PS. How is the existence of shifters still a secret, when the lions just tells people all the time? No damage control, no serious attempts at keeping it a secret. It just doesn't make sense.

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### **Darleen Cunningham says**

I have read other stores by this author and I have to say this is one of the best stories I've Read so far.

Bea is in love with her boss who completely ignores her, or so she thinks. We are along for the mystery on who is trying to blackmail Alex.

This story was completely enjoyable and I highly recommend it. I will go back and purchase the first in the series, as I didn't realize I had read it out of order.

Loved the story.

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### **Monica says**

Alex's story. I was excited to read. Bee shes a really sweet innocent woman who's had a thing for Alex for awhile. What she doesn't know he's had a thing for her too. She's kinda plain in a sweet way and ends up saving his life when he was shot. So, they have their own adventure. Alex is hilarious and he doesnt even mean to be. Its what makes it an awesome read. He has to protect her because people are after him but find out his fondness for Bee. Whats a lion to do? Mate her...hehe.

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