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Vampire. Incubus. Demigod. Weapon.

Matthew has many names, but none as distressing as *pet*. A slave to incubus High King Malarath, Matthew is tired. Tired of fighting. Tired of losing those he loves. Tired of the torture. And, in his despair, his body begins to decay around him.

The High King, angered that his pet is dying, brings in the one person who might be able to fix Matthew: High Lord General Tarrick.

While all trust Matthew had in the general is gone, maybe there is hope in the situation. All Matthew needs to do is start acting like an incubus and put on a show.

Author's note: This book contains dark scenes. Reader discretion is advised.

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Diana Gonher says

PERO QUE FINAL.... No pensé que pasara eso, realmente me sorprendió, ahora tengo mi corazón dividido :(me hubiese gustado que dejarán las cosas como estaban, pero al igual me agrado que hicieran eso (no puedo decir que porque es un gran spoiler)

En fin, este libro tiene acción, intriga, tortura, amor en todas las formas posibles, realmente disfrute leyéndolo y espero con ansias el siguiente.

Matthew en cada libro me agrada más y su sentido del humor, me gusta xD, y que decirles de Tarrick, tengo una debilidad por los chicos malos. Me gustaría saber que pasa por su mente, más ahora con este final. LO AMO... hizo cosas horribles pero es un personaje muy bien desarrollado, en definitiva es mi favorito.

Me hubiese gustado que apareciera más Lily, es la hija de Matthew y creo que deberían de darle un poco más de protagonismo... Y hablando de hijas SAM es... me encanta, ella adora a Matthew y se pueda ganar el cariño de casi todos... me agrada.

Lucía says

SO. GOOD.

Claudia Ramírez says

!!!!!!!

I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL 2018! I read these first three books back to back and it wasn't enough, I need more. I just finished it and I already miss Matthew. And Tarrick.

Kistal Gordon says

I just reread This book for the third time and omg I can't wait until Blood Prince!!!

This was the best yet! It was lighter and darker all at once. I ship Tarrick and Matthew so hard! I don't know how they are going to workout in the next book.

It's civil war amongst the incubi and Tarrick started it! Omg, that's amazing!

I can't really give a coherent review. This was great!

5 stars!

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

??????*Disappointed*??????

We're back with the Demigod **Matthew Callahan** (42?, though changed at 32), who is back in Incubi prison. Though this time around it's not the High Lord incubus **General Tarrick** (thousand-years-old) who is his 'master', that is the High King, who wants nothing more than to break Matthew. Months of torture isn't enough he suddenly face something he might not defeat: he is decomposing, and the only one who might save his is the one who broke his heart, Tarrick. **Overall, I was immensely disappointed in this one.** There was too much torture and it took over the damn story. The only thing on the bright side what that we got to see a more vulnerable Tarrick. Oh and the book was predictable. I also hope the author will - when the time comes - write a monogamy relationship. Because now I kinda ship Tarrick and Matthew. (view spoiler)

READERS SHOULD KNOW: (view spoiler)

“Whatcha thinking about?” Hiroto asked Matthew.

“I’m thinking about how much I hate you right now.”

Hiroto frowned and the team paused again, eyeing Matthew.

“It’s just...how does my cock fill with blood if I don’t have a pulse?”

Hiroto nearly fell off Nellis laughing. The Irishman had to reach up and steady the fox, holding his waist with his gauntlet. The others joined their laughter.

“I’m serious. I need to know.”

Prescott nodded to Baine as the team entered the structure that housed the stone.

“No one’s going to tell me, are they?” Matthew asked at the stone. The team laughed again and they teleported out.

CHARACTER LIST:

I've put these in a spoilers tag simply because it's a long list; contains spoilers(view spoiler)

“You were right. The King isn’t good for my people, not anymore. He’s using us to carry out his revenge. Over the years, millions of us have died and I tire of a world full of ceaseless battles. I want to give my children a future that isn’t a war. And...you are my goddess’ son. I can’t ignore that.”

“Oh,” Matthew said. Those were good reasons, but a part of him had hoped the answer would be ‘because I believe in you’ or ‘because I love you’.

On reading his emotions, Tarrick crossed the room and put his hand on Matthew’s shoulder.

“We don’t have the luxury of a romantic love story. You don’t belong to me and I refuse to fall for something that I cannot have. If we are going to do this, we can’t afford to be distracted by each other.”

Matthew scratched at the area above his heart. Once they killed Malarath, would Tarrick love him then? He couldn’t fathom the restraint the incubus had over his emotions. How could someone just choose not to love? It was such a foreign concept.

Quick basic facts:

Genre: - (Adult) Paranormal Romance (M/M of sorts).

Series: - Series, Book Three.

Love triangle? - (view spoiler)

Cheating? - (view spoiler)

HEA? - (view spoiler)

Favorite character? - Devak and Tarrick.

Would I read more by this author/or of series? - Sure, I guess.

Would I recommend this book/series? - Unsure.

Will I read this again in the future? - No.

Rating - 2 stars.

Dia says

All the stars for this one!

I loved it SO much even if it brought me SO much pain. But it was worth it. The ending was much better than I expected. I have some mixed feelings about Tarrick and I am dying to read the next book!!!!!!

I hate it when I write "Full review soon" and then life gets in the way and I completely forget to write my review. I was checking if there are any "review soon" and I was actually shocked I haven't written my full review for this one. It's been a couple of months since I've read it and I am sure I can't really explain NOW all the reasons why I loved it. What I do remember, is that this author's writing is ADDICTIVE. I've read all the books in this series in a few days. I remember I couldn't put them down and I ended going to work with only a couple hours of sleep. But it was SO worth it!

Matthew was so broken and so lost in this third book. It really broke my heart to witness his pain. Tarrick, well I ended up hating him. He seemed SO detached and ruthless. Even when he did try to sooth Matthew, it felt like it came a little too late.

What I loved most about this story, would be the surprises we got on the way, and the HUGE surprise at the end of the book made my heart grow full of hope. Now I just don't know what to expect next, because the author is currently writing the next book and she only mentioned she already knows how the story will end.

But I sense a lot of angst until we will get a happy ending. I am all for angst in my books. I am all for unexpected turns. I just hope Matthew will make Terrick work SUPER HARD for his trust. Right now I don't think he deserves to touch Matthew. Ugh how much I hated him! Well there was only one scene that made me hopeful, but then he returned to being the cold asshole I already knew he is. Will we ever get his POV? That would be SO interesting to see.

It's one of my favorite series and I can't wait to read more! I am not a fan of paranormal books, but this one is amazing!!!

Jex Lane says

Out now!

Al *the semi serial series skipper* says

I don't even understand my emotions and this series anymore. This was an absolutely terrific book but damn...I can't even.

After seeing what happened to Devark in book 2 and being devastated by what happened I thought that was all the pain and suffering I would have to go through, now I'm not so sure.

This book reminds me of my first season of GOT, my bright eyed naivete , I was bonding with everyone, I remember the last episode of season 1, I was sure it was not going to go in the direction it did, I mean really, how, Ned Stark! Don't even get me started on the red wedding.

Anyways, I digress, what i'm saying is that I don't know who to root for anymore. I like Matthew, I'm slowly warming up to Terrick and Devark was my fav but after seeing that epilogue i'm beginning to think no one is safe. I loved Hitomi too, heck at this point i'm loving everyone. I don't want Matthew to have to choose one person, he's the demigod of sex, he should have a harem, amiright?

At this point my only regret is that I did not wait for the series to be completed before I started because I'm slightly going crazy with wanting to know what happens next.

Donna says

My favorite book of this series so far! This one has hope for Matthew, for eventually having his love story with Terrick. Both grew closer in this story. I was happy to see someone else that Matthew loves coming back into his life. Most of this book was extremely depressing for Matthew, but the ending made up for it. I'm very excited that there will be another book, but having to wait for a year will be sad.

This book did go back to mostly having m/f sex scenes in it. I skimmed through most of it, but almost missed something important to the story while doing that. I have nothing against m/f sex (it does mess with the m/m romantic in me, though), but if I want to read a book that features mostly that, I would read an m/f romance book instead. Despite having parts in this book that I disliked, the good parts of the book make up for it. I

love Matthew and I enjoy reading about him and the world he's living in.

Alhena Rouge says

Oh my God ! He's out ! I will bury myself in it right now. Eat it like there's no tomorrow !

After reading :

Oh my God, I don't even know what to say. I cried and smiled and laughed and cried some more. Everything was awesome. The characters, the world, the story.

I'm in love.

Matthew is such an intense character, he goes through shit in his life but he's so alive and awesome. This book is all about him and his decision to live and fight.

I'm in awe. I'm happy. And a little scared too. I really don't know what will happen in the next book so yeah, I'm a bit scared.

And, I don't want to spoil anything but I have to say : Holy shit ! Sweet Jesus !

How am I going to survive until 2018 ?

Nazanin says

5 Broken Stars

When I was reading this book, I was as broken as Matthew! I'm not a crier but I cried! This story pushed me so hard and took me out of my comfort zone. And you should take the author's note seriously (in the blurb). I still hate the incubi king and Tarrick, even Lily for not supporting his father. But I loved Samantha (she is funny) and Jet and Thank you, Jex Lane, for fulfilling my wish! Now I have another one! Could you please give me a reason to love Tarrick (or hate him less) in the next installment?! And please in his POV?! I really love to know what's in his mind, maybe that way I could understand him better! He's like a puzzle to me, the one that I can't find out about! I want him to care about Matthew (more). I know he has feelings for Matthew but doesn't want to let himself show it (or maybe I'm wrong) but I want to see them! I want to see his concern and his happiness for Matthew and I want to feel them! I still love Devak and want him to be with Matthew but... It's rare to me to read a series in a row but this series was really addictive, intriguing and compelling that I couldn't not read it! It was well-written, a bit slow and so exciting! And I should say this book was different with the two previous ones. Told in single POV (except the prologue and epilogue, they were the king's POV), 3rd person. It's the third installment in the "Beautiful Monsters" series and must be read in order. It ends with a mild cliffhanger but it's satisfying. Overall, loved it and hope you enjoy it as well!

Christine says

HOLY SHIT ON A STICK!!!!!! ????????????

This series is beyond words but I will try my best to give a decent review.

Amazing word building ✓?

Epic plot ✓?

Multidimensional characters ✓?

Hot sex on a platter ✓?

Edge of your seat suspense ✓?

This was my favorite of all three books so far.

It was so painful at times but Jex did an amazing job at making it all worth it.

Where have I been all these years? How did I never come across this series?

Hands down best paranormal series I have ever read.

Terrick!! You son of a gun you!! I hated you so much I just could not imagine how you could possibly redeem yourself but you totally did. And Devak ?? I love you so ?

I do hope that the next book has multiple POV's. I'd love to be in Terrick's head.

Sam is the cutest thing around. She was so needed.

I feel like I am not doing this review justice at all ??

There are vampires, incubus, trolls, dragons, demons and more!

It was just great (dreamy sigh ?)

Kristen Burns says

4 Stars

Full Review:

I received an ecopy of this book from the author. This has not influenced my review.

This review may contain mild spoilers for the previous books in the series, however it doesn't reveal any more info than the blurb does.

Wow. Ok. So, the beginning of this book actually pushed my limits, not because it was particularly gruesome or graphic but because I was putting myself in Matthew's shoes, and what he was going through was so terrible. *Disturbingly* terrible. I mean, imagine what it would be like to not only be tortured but to also have every ounce of your control and dignity and consent taken away from you... Matthew went through some terrible stuff in Books 1 and 2, I don't think I've ever felt worse for a character than I have for Matthew, but

the beginning of this book takes the cake. I even had to take a break from reading around 15% before I could immerse myself back into Matthew's life (which is not an insult to the book, just how I felt about the things happening). Not to mention any time a character's skin literally just starts rotting (believe it or not, this isn't the first book I've read in which that was a thing), that just disturbs me on a whole new level.

Buuuuut eventually the book started getting a little less intense (although I still felt completely awful for Matthew just because of his whole situation), there were quite a few surprising twists that I didn't see coming, and Tarrick was brought back into the picture. I didn't think it would be possible for anything to change my opinion of Tarrick—I thought I would hate him forever—but I was wrong. And he definitely made things a lot more interesting when he became part of the story again.

Also, speaking of the book getting less intense, I loved that Matthew actually did get to have a little bit of fun at one point. As much as I love dark books and love when characters have a lot to deal with, I also love when they get a temporary reprieve from all the horribleness to enjoy themselves, if only for a night. And there still managed to be some humor in the book, despite all the darkness.

Something I didn't so much love was the BDSM sex scene (but I will note that it was at least safe and consensual), and I admittedly got a little tired of all the talk of when Matthew was and wasn't allowed to come and all the sex scenes with characters he didn't have feelings for (although I kind of wouldn't mind a sex scene with Hiroto because the poor guy is trying so damn hard to get in Matthew's pants lol), but those are personal preference kinda things.

A couple more things to note that other readers might want to know... Again, I will reiterate, that the book had lots of sex and violence, much like the previous ones, including *TRIGGER/POSSIBLE SPOILER* (view spoiler) *END TRIGGER/SPOILER* There were also various different types of sex scenes, including M/F, M/M, M/M/F, and M/M/M.

Anyway, to wrap this up, this felt darker and more intense at times than the previous books, but it was yet another book in the series that I enjoyed! It also made me feel completely conflicted about how I want certain things to turn out in future books. Overall though, these books are just so compulsively readable, and I didn't want to put this one down!

Recommended For:

Fans of Books 1 and 2 in Jex Lane's Beautiful Monsters series. Anyone who likes vampires, incubi, sex, and violence, plus some emotional conflict and touching moments.

Original Review @ Metaphors and Moonlight

Deborah says

Broken is right, that's exactly how I felt while reading this (particularly the first half). In fact I was up reading until way past my bedtime because there was just no way I could even try to sleep while Matthew was suffering so much.

I hated parts of this book and the author at times as well.

Despite this book being addictive reading I just can't bring myself to give it more than 4*. I read for pleasure and while I do dip my feet in darker reads this torture was brutal and like I said took up half the book.

Plus and I can't believe I'm saying this but...

I felt there was too much sex at times.

There I said it.

I also have to give a special mention to Hiroto I love this little Kitsune so much and he provided most of the much needed humour.

My favourite scene was on the feeder floor.

Matthew came to see what had upset her.

He laughed when he saw Hiroto, sprawled out nearly naked on a cream lounger, wearing a big fat smile across his face.

Rosaline flicked a switch on the wall. “Commander Hiroto.”

Hiroto teleported to the other side of the glass to stand before Matthew and Rosaline. “Yes?”

“What do you think you’re doing?”

“Offering myself, of course. And really—” he turned to Matthew, then waved his hands at himself “—how can you resist me?”

“Where is Liao?” she demanded.

“Oh. He, uh, accidentally locked himself in one of the rooms. It’s tragic, really, that Matthew won’t get to taste him, but with me around he won’t need to.”

Mini rant (you’ve been warned)

It’s my fault I just dived straight into this series without checking if all the books were out. They’re not and from what I can gather the author isn’t even working on the next one she’s concentrating on the spin-off series.

If I’d known I wouldn’t have started this at all because I know I just don’t have the patience to hang around and wait for the other books. Matthew could have between six to nine books.

So despite enjoying this series and it having huge potential I think I’m out and I’ve no one to blame but myself.

Shin Mon Thway says

WARNING: SPOILER ahead!!!

So I’m currently having a love/hate relationship with Jex Lane. ? As of the end of book 3, I can happily announce that we are very much in love. ? Lol ?? Seriously, although I did really love book 2 and it was an epic read, the ending literally killed me. ? My besties Lorraine and Lyn know how much of a temper tantrum I threw after that book. ? I mean she killed off my favorite MC. ? But we are now on good terms again. ?

Let me tell you, the angst .. the fu*king heartwrenching angst from the end of book 2 to two-third of book 3 was totally worth it. ? Devak is back. ? My beautiful, kind and loving guardian is alive. ? Yayyyyyyyyyy!!! ??? My life is beautiful and filled with rainbows and butterflies again. ?

So if you have read book 2, you must have known that Matthew was captured by the bastard Malarath at the end of it. ? And two-third of the book 3 is about Matthew's living hell. ? Fixated on breaking his pet, Malarath tortured and degraded and humiliated Matthew in any way you can possibly imagine. ? And to make the things worse, Matthew is starting to hallucinate of his dead lover, Devak. His scent, his images, his warmth is appearing from time to time. Although Mathew knows that this is just his imagination, the reminder of Devak is the only thing that barely kept his sanity. Devak was everything for him and now he's gone. ?? What is there left to live for? He's barely alive just for the sake of his two daughters. He wants to die ... but he knows that even after death, Devak is not waiting for him. He's gone ... forever. ? And he's surrounded by enemies. Once his allies, vampires fear and hate him. Incubi downright loathe and fear him. The judge is coming soon to kill him because he was born of a goddess and is a demigod. Nobody trusts him and nobody wants him. Matthew is truly broken as the title suggested. ??? Will he find some hope to live for? To not give up? Can he find happiness again after those years of nothing but shittiness? ?

So be warned, if you are not ok with “RAPE”, you can’t read this book. This is not even the level of dub-con/non-con, this is pure “RAPE”. And Matthew suffered ass cringing, goosebump getting extreme tortures. ? So if you aren’t ok with this kind of theme, you can’t read this series. I’m so very glad that there’s finally hope for Matthew. I really want nothing more than to read him kill that bastard Malarath. ? I have sooooooooo many questions and I need the answers now. Terrick is proving to be not so ass*h*le in this book but I still don’t like him. ? I don’t hate him anymore but I don’t like him. ? I can’t be happier that Devak isn’t really dead. ? Usually, I hate ménage and love trios but now that I’m so elated, I don’t care what happens as long as Matthew ends up with Devak in the end. He can keep Terrick as a plus one if he wants as long as Devak is his primary lover. I fu*king savored the end of this book because I really really loved it soooo much. ?? I bought the entire series after book 3 even though they are available on KU. That’s how much I love this book and this series. I swear I’m never going to read another book of Jex Lane again if she kills off Devak again in book4. ??? Don’t break us poor readers’ fragile hearts that often. ? We can’t handle that much angst. ? Please, whatever you do, just let Matthew and Devak be together. I’m really glad I just read this series a few days ago because if I have to wait one year between books like most other readers, I’d go nuts. ? Especially between book 2 and 3. *Shivers* ? Although, I’m impatient to get book 4, I can wait since I’m getting some happiness at the end of this book. Frankly, I’m even afraid to read book 4 because I’d really go nuts if she kills off Devak again. ??? I’ll have faith in you Jex Lane. ? I believe in true love and Matthew and Devak deserve nothing more than utter happiness and an epic HEA. ?

Favorite excerpts from the novel:???

In the long hours of silence, his thoughts turned to Devak and he fell to grief. He’d never again feel Devak’s warm touch, or soft lips. He’d never see his amber eyes or hear his serene voice wrap around him. They only had a few months together, yet it had seemed like so much more.

He pictured Devak’s kind, honey colored eyes and how he had felt tremendous serenity whenever he looked into them. And now he’d never see them again.

Matthew tried to shut everything out. Devak’s face kept crossing his mind. His handsome features, his bronze skin, his gentle eyes. Matthew could even smell sweet wine and fragrant oil in the air. What he wouldn’t give for just one more night with him.

Matthew ached for that. He wanted to be touched by someone who wanted him for more than just feeding or lust or control. He wanted a lover to talk with again and to listen to what someone had to say. God, he missed Devak.

“What does being in love feel like?” Matthew paused halfway through taking off his pants. “Uh, well. It’s like... you’re alive inside. Like everything is brighter... and more frightening. Love is caring for someone so much it hurts because it makes you vulnerable. Lasting love is hard work and compromise, but it’s worth it.”

Devak was alive? Here? There was no way that was possible. Life wasn’t that kind to him.

Devak was alive. Matthew pressed his hands into his eyes. Devak was alive. He felt as if his heart might explode in his chest. And a feeling of exaltation overtook him, as if the universe had finally decided to give him a break for once. Devak was alive.

*“A low growl escaped Matthew, and he wanted to chase everyone else away. Devak was his and no one else’s.” *awwwww* ???*

*5 I’m on fu*king cloud nine Team Devak Stars*

**Matthew and Devak FOREVER* ???*

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