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CONSTANT DANGER

On the run from a mental institution and her vindictive half-brother, it's safe to say that Sarah Pringle's happy life as a schoolteacher is on hold. Too bad that as far as self-defense goes, "run and hide" is the best she's got. And with the monsters that started her escape hot on her heels, that's not going to cut it for long...

INSTANT LUST

That is, unless Sarah has a bigger, badder, hotter monster on her side. Max Petrovsky is right at the top of the list of alpha male ass-kickers. And he knows exactly what Sarah's up against. Good thing, because the minute he sees her something primal kicks in, turning everyday attraction into red-hot desire. As long as they're cooperating, why not mix some pleasure with business? Of course, Max should probably tell Sarah he's a vampire himself...<

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Chitra *CJ* says

"Tempted" is the story of Sarah and Max.

Another human on the run from the evil Kurjans..

Another vampire who rescues her, discovers she's his mate which is followed by intense banging..

Some evil and courtroom drama..

Acceptance of fate.

Honestly, this bored me. The characters felt very unidimensional, and if it wasn't for the ball-slapping-ass sex, this would have been a one star. Very not interesting.

Safe

1.5/5

Renégade ♥ says

4 stars

"Don't panic here, darlin'. But we're about to snuggle."

Okay, I'm just a wee bit excited over here...

Because I liked this one and had fun with it.

He waited as she settled her stance. Then went for a knee shot.

It was the worst side kick he'd ever seen. Her worn tennis shoe bounced off his knee, causing no more hurt than a breeze. She stumbled and he reached out to steady her. His hand easily wrapped around her bicep. "Where the hell did you learn to fight?"

"The internet," she gasped, trying to jerk away.

That explained it. "The knee shot was a good move. You just didn't aim the kick right." He was a big guy. If she dropped him, she'd be able to run.

"Should I try again?" Fire lit her eyes while a small smile flirted with her pink lips.

The humor caught him off guard. He matched her smile. "You'll just hurt your foot."

Instinct had her raising both fists, preparing to fight.

He stopped cold. His eyes warmed and he cocked his head to the side. "Honey, take your thumbs out of your closed fists."

She frowned. "Why?"

He sighed. "Because you'll break them that way." A scowl shaped his rugged face into something dangerous. "Didn't anyone ever teach you how to fight?"

Why did he sound angry? "No." Irritation began to well up. "Don't patronize me. I can handle myself."

"Can you now?" He stepped closer, bringing the scent of male and freshly cut cedar with him. "Prove

it."

I *really* liked Max and Sarah and it was refreshing not to be turned off by some seriously effed up thing or another in their behaviour and/or relationship dynamics.

(I was starting to wonder if that was possible after reading the first two books...)

"Ah sweetheart. I've been known to snuggle, cuddle, wipe away crocodile tears, and even buy Band-Aids decorated with ponies. I'm harmless."

She couldn't help the small laugh. Max was as harmless as a tornado. Yet somehow, the shelter provided by his strong body lent her a sense of safety. "You have a child." Intriguing, although her heart ached. She wondered why. She just met the guy. He certainly wasn't hers.

"I guard a little girl." Max dropped his chin to Sarah's neck. "She's... special."

Love. It was in the tone of his voice.

This is my favorite in the series thus far which gives me hope for the rest of the journey...

Sure, Max pulled his alpha card out with quiet efficiency but the irritating, frustrating, OTT neanderthal tactics (view spoiler) were absent for me in this one which was a welcome relief.

(view spoiler)

For the briefest of moments, vulnerability flashed in those otherworldly eyes.

Her heart thumped hard against her ribs. He was afraid of hurting her. Emotion swelled in her chest. The need to protect him, to reassure him, caught her off guard. "I trust you, Max. You won't hurt me."

"I know."

This novella had action, romance (of the fairly insta kind but I was good with that - you know how the whole 'mate' thing often goes), sweet and adorable moments (view spoiler), humor, and heat - so I'm all good...

(Thanks to my ladies from the LAL group for a fun buddy read and looking forward to diving into the next one with you soon!)

"I'm not the teddy bear I look like."

She snorted. Teddy bear? "You look like a genetically enhanced killing machine created by a desperate government after an apocalypse."

"Like I said, teddy bear." He settled more securely around her.

Sophia Triad says

Max & Sarah

Max Petrovsky is a huge, strong, scary vampire, the right hand of Kayrs bothers and a nanny. Particularly, he is little Janie's babysitter.

Little Janie wanted him to look after her as soon as she discovered that his eyes are pink.

The King needed to be absolutely sure:

Dage: *"You've spent two hundred years protecting the Realm, fighting for our people, ensuring my safety."*

Max: *"So?"*

Dage: *"If you had to make a choice, if it came down to it, if it came down to the death of your king –or the death of that child – who lives?"*

Max: *"She lives."*

Dage: *"You're hired."*

Sarah Pringle has run away from a mental institute where she was trying to explain that white-faced monsters with fangs and evil eyes truly exist.

Max will run after Sarah, but you will not know what is going on until you reach the middle of the book.

Sarah is definitely not crazy, but only a victim of circumstances and her half-brother's greed.

The vampires will try to protect her and Max will start having feelings about her.

I loved this short story. I particularly liked the two main characters. Sarah is feisty, but at the same time cute and Max has pink eyes and a big heart.

Sarah: *"Ah, I get it. Your job is too dangerous...you're a lone wolf...you don't deserve love."*

Max: *"First, my job is dangerous, but I'd protect you. Second, I'm nowhere near a wolf – lone or otherwise. Believe me, I know a couple. And finally, love is something I've never understood."*

Bev says

4.5 stars

Loved this, Max intrigued me in the previous two books with how he was putty in Janie's hands so I really wanted his story. For a novella this was brilliant, paced just right with just enough information not to leave the reader wanting. Both characters were perfect for each other with no unnecessary drama and the best bit - I got more than a peek or two of Conn and Jase.

Maya says

I don't think I've ever read of a more brainless, spineless heroine than Sarah. I mean seriously, at least have some self-respect and sense of self-preservation. And Max was not one of my favourite heroes, either.

Some might find this a great story, I just wasn't one of them...

CC says

4.5 stars

Loved it!

This is what I was hoping for from this series!

It focused on the couple, but did not ignore the overall storyline. They were both likable (although I already loved Max from book 1), hot for each other, the story moved fast (it was a novella) and had a happy ending! Yippee!

Rachaellovesbooks says

Max the babysitter/bodyguard and Sarah the not really crazy, crazy lady lol. This was ok Sarah was a bit stubborn but then she's a human woman with big vampire men so who can blame her. This was a novella so it was pretty quick but I liked that it actually followed and progressed the storyline somewhat. With the flu riding me hard my reading pace has slowed a bit but I'll definitely get to the other books in this series soonish.

Μαρ?α Γεωργοπο?λου says

I'm telling you... this series is getting even better! This was only a novella but I loved it!!

JoLee (Wickedly Delicious Book Blog) says

I was excited that Max got his own book. Wish it was full length, but I will take what ever I can get with these sexy heroes, Rebecca has created. I have been curious about Max since the beginning of this series when he started being Janie's bodyguard.

Loved how we got to see his past and how he became Janie's bodyguard. He is so sweet to Janie in Fated #1 and Claimed #2, but it was a treat to see him with her for the very first meeting in the beginning of Tempted. It is amazing how this huge vampire soldier is a fighting machine and can kill without thinking twice about it, then he is so sweet and gentle with Janie. I felt so bad for him for having a drunken father and was so happy that it was Dage who saved him and brought him into his family. I love their relationship as if they were brothers. Dage does not treat him any different then he would his own family. In Dage's eyes Max is

his family.

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Max is a concerned alpha male hero. He is not one with a lot of patience when it comes to his family and his mate.

"I will not hurt you. Now take off the damn underwear and warm the hell up."

He has always been a badass soldier and never new how to love and be sweet to others till he started being Janie's bodyguard. He has his moments when he can be so sweet to Sarah.

"You don't seem like a snuggler." (Sarah)

"Ah sweetheart. I've been known to snuggle, cuddle, wipe away crocodile tears, and even buy Band-Aids decorated with ponies. I'm harmless." (Max)

He was born and raised in Russia until Dage Rescued him and brought him the United States. He is always calling her Milaya. It means pretty one in Russia. I adore it when he would call her this. Loved seeing the gentle side in him when he was around Sarah.

Max like all of Rebecca's heroes are very protective of their mate's and do not do well when their mates put them selves in danger.

"I'm fine with dating. With courting. What I'm not fine with, what you'll never do again, is put yourself in the path of a bullet. Ever." His gaze locked hard with hers. *"I'm an easygoing guy sweetheart. But I have a line, and you found it. Don't cross it again."*

I loved the talk Max and Conn have and the advice Conn gives him about Max's mate. Was excited to see a little bit of Conn and him getting ready for his story.

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Do not let this short novella scare you away because of the length. Rebecca does a great job with fitting all you need to know about max and more in it. You really do not need to read this before Hunted #3 but it is a bonus to get all the goods on Max. I highly recommend this series for all Paranormal fans.

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

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What a great lil novella. I loved getting to see more of Max. I loved him from the first two books and Sarah was great. This story had so much meat to it. It didn't feel rushed or like something is missing like most Novella I read. I think it could have been a full novel though, but it was great getting to see max fall in love and get his HEA.

Claire Robinson says

4 - **"Sorry, vamp. Not going to happen."** Stars!

Rebecca Zanetti, managed to pack an awful lot of story into this novella. I wish it had been longer and that is the only reason I dropped it down a star. I think Max and Sarah had enough going for them to get a full length book.

We have seen glimpses of Max throughout the previous books as he is Janie's main guard. I have had a soft spot for him since the beginning; I mean who wouldn't go all squishy for a guy who is happy to let a little girl paint his nails!

"You don't seem like a snuggler."

"Ah sweetheart. I've been known to snuggle, cuddle, wipe away crocodile tears and buy Band-Aids decorated with ponies. I'm harmless."

He also has specific tastes when it comes to women –

"I like large women... Females who can take it all night and are happily unable to walk the next morning."

Which leads me onto his deliciously dirty mouth –

"Sarah" ... "I'm going to roll you over, and you're going to sleep."

"Why?"

"Because the other option is in two seconds, you're going to be flat on your back, getting fucked within an inch of your life. You're not ready for that."

I am hoping we get to see more of Max & Sarah in the remaining books in the series, as I loved them both.

Joan says

Tempted is such a wonderful novella. Max is such a sweetheart for an enormous, deadly male. I wasn't sure I'd like Max in his own story, he seemed sort of bland as little Janie's bodyguard. But when the king offered Max the job of guarding the four year old and after talking with her, when Dage asked Max if it came down to saving the king's life or Janie's, Max responded..."she lives." I fell so hard for him from that moment. Sarah is perfect for him and the type of heroine I adore...a smart, intelligent, professional woman with a generous spirit yet independent and self-sufficient. Their romance is wonderfully written with none of the usual stupid and unnecessary drama that many authors use to stir things up in order to shake up the main couple.

I was also relieved that the heroine was not the usual emotionally unavailable female who is running from a nasty past...I'm so over all those trite story lines. I really enjoyed this story about a man who was truly

without family and alone in the world, who had accepted his aloneness, until he saw something special in the quite yet intense heroine. Tempted is an excellent addition to the Dark Protector series.

T.J. Shaw says

It's been a long time since I sat down and read a book in one sitting... a long time. And I fell into TEMPTED by accident. I'd signed up for a giveaway of Ms. Zanetti's latest release, SHADOWED over at Tome Tender Book Blog (<http://tometender.blogspot.com/>), although I didn't win, the book sounded interesting. Then while scanning through my Kindle looking for the next read, I saw that I had TEMPTED. What a great discovery TEMPTED and Ms. Zanetti turned out to be. TEMPTED is a wonderful take on the whole vampire genre. I like Ms. Zanetti's entire concept about mates and extra chromosomes. Her writing style is sharp, sassy, and super sexy. I absolutely loved the hero, Max, and heroine, Sarah. Her secondary characters also were a joy and fleshed out extremely well.

Ms. Zanetti's technique drew me in and the real world disappeared as I stayed up into the wee hours finishing TEMPTED. I'm not sure if I should thank Ms. Zanetti or chastise her for my lack of sleep.

If I have one complaint it's that the ending seemed rushed. I wanted more! But I guess that's what good writing is all about, leaving the reader wanting more and that's what Ms. Zanetti did, left me wanting. Looks like TEMPTED is the third book in the Dark Protectors series, so I'll have to start at the beginning, but TEMPTED worked as a standalone. And now that I've hopped onto the Dark Protectors series bandwagon, I'm sure I won't regret the ride. A well deserved 5 stars!

Stacie says

Great addition to the series. Love Max. Happy reading!

Shari Kay says

Sarah and Max.

This is a short novella and it truly suffers from the lack of length. Sarah's acceptance of all things otherworldly was way too easy. Her capitulation to mate with Max was so instalove I got whiplash.

I liked Max. I'm glad he found his HEA. But there just wasn't enough meat in this one to connect.
