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**Who would've thought a rogue nobleman and a secret agent tied in shibari knots would be so instrumental in saving a world from sexual slavery.**

For disgraced nobleman and accused murderer, Ramsey DeKieran, a pardon is an unobtainable fantasy. When the High Lord of Verdantia offers the prize, Ram knows there'll be a catch. He accepts the impossible mission – the off-world rescue of a Verdantian noblewoman, one of the last of her kind. The one bright spot: Elite mercenary, Steffania Rickard, is ordered undercover to help DeKieran – posing as his sexual submissive.

For Steffania, assisting the dominating Ramsey on this insane mission will be challenge enough. The damn rogue trips all her triggers – good and bad. But infinitely worse, on the planet, Vxlincia, she must submit as Ram's sex slave, and there's no faking it. Bent at his knee, serving his every command, Steffania doubts her carefully hidden desires will remain concealed.

Their mission takes on new urgency when they unmask a heinous program of enslavement, long cloaked in secrecy. Together they must find a way to overcome their initial animosity and recover a woman vital to the future of their race.

In the maelstrom of sex, savagery, domination and submission, they will need all their wits and strength to survive – but the battle for their hearts is lost – to one another.

## Hers To Cherish Details

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### Poison says

Hers to Cherish is a sci-fi light BDSM fantasy, involving a planet with D/s customs, an alpha male, and a female that likes to submit during sex.

Ramsey DeKieran is our alpha male, a ne'er do well roguish type, wronged by his Government, robbed of his one true love, and trying to make it through since as best he can. He's a pretty good guy, and he puts up with a lot from our female lead.

Captain Steffania Rickard is the aforementioned female lead. She's unprofessional, bullheaded and undiplomatic, and as unsubmitive as it comes, until she's naked. even when she's supposed to be undercover on a planet where she'll ruin everything by acting like a non-submitive, she just does what she wants, nearly ruining the mission. Unfortunately, she's the epitome of the sort of thing I don't like in BDSM books. She's prejudiced against other submissives, specifically those more submissive than herself, makes her feelings known when she feels the supporting female is "too submissive" and acts like a hard-ass every second when she isn't tied down. Sadly, this sort of opinion is widely held by a lot of sexual submissives, so I'm used to it in the real world also, but do we have to have our female submissives denigrating those more submissive than themselves all the time? I know Steffania is trying to establish herself as a bad-ass, but being mean to obedient submissive girls doesn't exactly make you a bad-ass, like kicking a cute puppy doesn't make you dangerous. Both just make you a mean person.

Still, the plot isn't bad, they go to the planet to rescue a girl who is being mind-raped and turned into a slave against her will, and is needed to save Verdantia, and in the end, Ramsey gets his girl, Steffania gets her HEA, and the girl gets rescued.

So, to sum up, I liked Ramsey, tolerated Steffania, even if she was mostly annoying she had a few redeeming moments, and I liked Pansy/Anjelica. The plot was pretty good, and I liked the planet they travelled to. Very interesting.

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### Tribala says

Whaaaaa!!! Did that really happen!!! Did he just go there!!!

Good good book!! Hands down 5 stars!! Fun, delicious, daring well written novel with incredible world building, incredible character building with each hero and heroine have their own distinct personalities!! Each book in this series builds on what happened before but takes off in its own believable direction where the reader can "hear" a different voice from the book before!! Well done!!

Light-moderate BDSM with believable scenes with some shocking OMG moments!! I would most definitely read another book from this author!!! \*Book was provided by the author in the BDSM group read to review program in exchange for an honest review\*

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### Lisa ~ Books Are My Drugs ~ says

I received this book as an ARC. My review is freely given without monetary compensation.

This is my favorite so far in the Verdantia series.

Ramsey DeKieran is on the run after being convicted in absentia of murdering his wife. The Second Tetriarch will issue a pardon if he will travel off planet to return a kidnapped Verdantian noblewoman who is important to the survival to the planet.

The planet where the enslaved noblewoman is being held is ruled by sexual sadists who have strict laws governing even their visitors. To keep his cover intact, Ram takes Captain Steffania Rickard with him as his slaaf. She thinks it will all be an act.

However, when they reach their destination she discovers that the act will have to be real because their accommodations are heavily bugged. She has to be Ram's submissive in every way. If she doesn't control herself the punishment will be severe and there's no way Ram can help her.

Secretly, this thrills her because she needs to be controlled in the bedroom. And she wants Ram to be the man controlling her. As long as it's only in the bed.

This book has everything I want. Good action; evilness that makes you want to scream obscenities at the bad guys; hot, steamy sex; even a m/m scene. And yes, a HEA.

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## **Shurrn says**

### **Absolutely Stunning: Sexy Sci-Fi with suspense and submission...**

*(Mild Spoilers if you haven't read Hers to Command & Hers to Choose)*

*The man fed every carnal fantasy she possessed. He sat her lustful appetites before an array of the finest delicacies, ordered them to feast, then commanded, "Don't swallow."*

This book was a major departure from the previous books in the series, and the payoff was outstanding!

We traveled far from the sentient planet Verdantia in this installment, and were treated with all of the high tech Science-Fiction possibilities Patricia A. Knight can imagine...

Two characters we've met before in this series must pair up to rescue Lady Alessa DeAlbero from the clutches of the infamous slaver Vecon Narr...

### **RAMSEY DeKIERAN**

*"If I am successful, you have Lady DeAlbero, if unsuccessful, my dead body, and all it costs you is a piece of paper."*

Ramsey is a disgraced Verdantian, stripped of his title and honor, forced to work as a mercenary in the grittiest parts of his home world. In Hers to Choose he made the honorable decision to free Sophi and fight beside Eric against the Haarb.

His actions redeemed him in the eyes of Sophi, and brought his unparalleled skills to the attention of the Tetriarch. He is apprehended by the Blue Daggers and taken to Sylvan Minto for an audience with Ari & Doral.

Ram is presented with an offer he cannot refuse: in exchange for a Royal Pardon, he will go undercover on Vxlincia, where *all* women are subservient. The entire planet engages in D/s as a social mechanism for the repression of females.

Ramsey has never been off world before, he's accustomed to the simple existence of Verdantia, and will need a Blue Dagger to accompany him as back up and to offer mastery of the technological advances of the foreign planet. Out of spite, he chooses the no-nonsense Captain of the Blue Daggers Steffania Rickard to accompany him on his mission...

### **STEFFANIA RICKARD**

*She was no helpless female - never had been. She was death clothed in a body of female allure and fiercely proud of it.*

*But in sex, she needed surrender. She craved a man strong enough to take the control out of her hands.*

The idea of submitting to the sexual thrall of Ramsey DeKieran is no hardship to Steffiana... Pretending to be a docile non-entity who cowers at her Masters feet is deplorable... The thought that she could quite possibly loose her heart to DeKieran is terrifying... The knowledge that her failure to be the perfect submissive could compromise their entire mission, keeps everything in perspective...

**They must work together in perfect balance to accomplish their mission.**

Vxlincia is notorious for it's brutality and decadence - Ramsey will be competing in a Gladiator competition. If he wins, he will be invited to the compound of the man thought to hold Lady DeAlbero as a slave. Loss of the game also means loss of his life, but Ram and Steffania quickly discover that danger is just as grate outside the arena.

**There are several darker elements at work in this book:** Sexual Slavery & Mind Control are at top of the list of egregious acts committed by Vecon Narr, and we're not spared any of the violent graphic details... So consider that carefully before you decide to read this book. If you can handle a little violence with your graphic sex, you'll be richly rewarded.

This book was fucking awesome!

We had a brand new planet with a new social structure and physical environment, several new characters (which I hope to meet again), and I loved all of the imaginative technological advancements, especially a particularly kinky bit of nanotechnology...

### **Some of My Favorite Moments:**

(view spoiler)

**My Other Reviews in the Verdantia Series:**

- 1 - Hers to Command - Read my review here
- 2 - Hers to Choose - Read my review here
- 3 - Hers To Cherish - You're Reading it!
- 4 - Hers To Claim - Read my review here

**\*\*\*I won this book as part of the following Giveaway\*\*\***

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**Carisa says**

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I wanted to read a futuristic steamy romance, picked this book due to the high ratings, and got a fantastic read. I loved the way this author wrote, great romance and steamy (bondage) scenes, perfect dom hero (I looooooved him) and heroine and surprising very good action parts. The only thing I didn't like were the parts where the bad guys mistreated the subs. I'm going to read more from this author.

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**FULL SCENES:**

8, from steamy to bondage, FM

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**GENRE/TONE:**

Futuristic/action

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**HERO:**

A noble gone rogue, wrongfully accused of murdering his beloved wife, still escaping capture, fearless, calculating, strong, lives by his rules. With heroine: protective, in control.

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**HEROINE:**

Brave, loyal, practical, captain of the queens warriors, so she needs to hide her submissive needs, but longs to find a dom who understands she's also a warrior.

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**LOVE STORY PLOT:**

H/h admire each other's bravery but are always bickering at each other. She knows he's a Dom and avoids him to keep her submissive nature hidden. He's offered a pardon for his supposed crime iif he brings back a royal woman abducted by women traffickers. She's ordered to go with him, pretending to be his sub, and during the mission, they discovered they are a perfect match. First love for her.

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**PET PEEVES FOR SOME READERS:**

Exhibitionism, brief parts of men mistreating subs, 3rd POV

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## **Stephanie- The Boyfriend Bookmark says**

Patricia A. Knight does it again with the third book in the Verdantia Series. Though this is a series of books, Hers to Cherish can be read as a standalone.

Hers to Cherish is about Ramsey (Ram) who was once a nobleman in society who is offered a pardon for past crimes committed (well, crimes he was blamed for anyway) and Steffania, a member of Verdantia's elite mercenary team. Although the mission that will pardon Ram does not hold a great outlook, several men have tried and failed in the past, he knows with Steffania's help, he certainly stands a much better chance to winning and getting to the captured Verdantia noblewoman.

One more little thing about this adventure... Steffania must appear in the foreign land as a sex slave to Ram. Now, outwardly this is something that Steffania wants nothing to do with but secretly and behind closed doors being a sexual sub is something she likes. But Ram doesn't know this about her, but there is no denying the sexual tension between these two on this crazy rescue adventure.

This is a fabulous book, it would seem that being the third book a series, things would start appearing the same from book to book, but Patricia A. Knight has written this third book so artfully that I wouldn't have even know this was a third book except that I have read the first two in the series. Hers to Cherish is masterfully written with a unique passion and perspective on love and the world of D/s and I was very impressed once again with this third book in the Verdantia series. Each book is such a unique adventure and I am loving each one of these books.

I had told the author with the release of the first book, that this was my first adventure into the world of sci-fi. And I have to admit after the third book, I have a slight addiction to her work. The writing in Hers to Cherish captured me from the beginning and it made it another amazing book that was hard to put down.

\*I recieved a complimentary copy of Hers To Cherish in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **R \*is for Relentless\* says**

I did receive this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Welcome to Verdantia, home of super hot, uber alpha males and the women who love them. The author has created an awesome world for us to visit. We actually leave Verdantia in this story to travel to Vxloncia- a very barbaric world where women are nothing but slaves and chattel to men. SciFi romance with some BDSM to spice it up. I have wanted to learn more about Ramsey DeKiernan since meeting him in the last book. (Bad boys are so intriguing). As Ram and Steffania try to complete an impossible mission, they also fight their growing attraction to each other. Steffania is a tough chick. I loved watching as she surrendered to Ramsey but still remained true to her warrior self. Truly a story where they are stronger united than they are by themselves. This story has everything I look for in a SciFi romance: great characters, well written story, great sex scenes, bad aliens, alien cultures and alien technology. There are also wonderful supporting characters like Pansy and Tok. I loved the interactions between our MC's. The bondage scenes were panty melting hot. A fan or maybe a vibrator is recommended ;) The book has rope bondage, domination, some S&M, exhibitionism, voyeurism, even one surprising MM scene. If you like like your SciFi romance really smoking and with a great story too- this book is a winner. To the author- Thank you Madam, may I have another please?

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## ? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

Ms. Knight is a must read author. She's written three stories in a row which I've thoroughly enjoyed. The reason why she is so appealing is her viciousness. The way she eviscerates the evil characters is satisfyingly blood thirsty. She still doesn't go graphic, but she does set up the scene so well and then smugly interjects the bloody aftermath. This is very cleverly done because it gets the point across without offending those who are "against violence", even in fiction.

Book three of this fabulous series brings forth the badly tarnished knight. Ramsey's been knocked down several times. His will to survive is admirable as it shatters his idealism. Even if he turns to a life of crime, his heart is still pure.

Ms. Knight creates black and white characters of good versus evil. One could argue that Ramsey is her grey. Yes and no. Ramsey never really comes across as evil. He's always been the one trying to get ahead of the unfortunate hand he's been dealt. For me, he's always the "good guy". This clear delineation between good and evil usually makes a story pretty flat. Ms. Knight overcomes this with solid character building as well as good world building. Her story is very cohesive and flows so smoothly. It's hard to put the book down once started. Every single book, I've started at late night thinking I'd read only a few chapters only to end up around two in the morning finishing the book. It's that damn good.

The BDSM in this story is hawt. It is fantasy in some ways but still so arousing with the sexual slavery theme. The bedroom submissive through the powerful mercenary Steffania only adds to the heat. The initial erotic power struggle between Steffania and Ramsey is frustrating. When Steffania gently yields and submits to Ram's expert rope work and devious sexual torture, it's panty wetting material.

With this story in a sci-fi techie world, Ms. Knight fully takes advantage of some of the more extreme BDSM fantasies. Rather than placing them in the hands of the good, she ups the ante by giving it to the evil. This non-con sadistic slavery only makes the consensual one that much more appealing. Well done! Also, where does one purchase these nanobots? They sound divine. This kinky sci-fi romance is highly recommended to romance lovers. There is a happily ever after once the brutal rape and torture ends.

*\*I received this book as a review copy in return for an honest review*

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## Fifi LaFleur says

i really hate the cover. really.

that aside I really enjoyed this book! great story, great action, great D/s, and the ropes, oh the ropes were lovely.

this series has been really interesting and a treat. my only qualms would be the italics all over the place. totally unnecessary.

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## Dee says

There is absolutely no disputing that this author has the gist of the gab! However I wasn't feeling this story as much as the first in the series. I think the reason for that was this instalment had a heavier sci-fi feeling to it, and in all honesty it is not my preferred genre. So that is on me, not this very talented author.

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## **Blondie says**

This is an innerplanetary sci-fi definitely not my typical genre of books but I enjoyed this book very much. Very good book ... Good character building and the action scenes are done well.

Ok so this book is a futuristic book from 4637 yet each planet seemed set in a different time period. Lord DeKierran and Steffania are from the planet Verdantia where they still use horses for transportation. They leave their planet to go to Vxloncia which is a high tech planet and hovercraft is their basic transportation. I suppose we can almost do that from country to country.

The H/h are sent on a mission to free a missing noble woman who is very important to the future of their home planet Verdantia. Steffania is the Captain of the special Blue Dagger Forces and is required to be DeKirran's Submissive on this mission because on the planet Vxloncia women have no rights and are nothing but submissive slaves. DeKirrian goes to Vxlonca under cover as a Gladiator for a reenactment of the old Gladiator competitions and ends up in the final round with a giant Tok. Steffania is a strong independent woman who needs to be submissive in the bedroom but does not want DeKierran to know her secret. DeKierran knows women and he knows Steffania likes it when he dominates her and takes the control from her. Tok and Pansy/Angelica are good secondary characters and I enjoyed their roles in this book.

H/h have plenty of time to get to know each other on this mission if they succeed and they find the missing Nobel woman will they be able to save what they have built with each other?

The time the H/h spend in the bedroom is recorded and sold as porn and DeKirran makes a fortune on the royalties from this and I really wanted to read about Steffani's reaction to this unexpected clause in the Gladiator Games contract. DeKirrian is in to a special rope bondage called téad de ghrásta, which is like a bondage art and this becomes of great interest to the people watching the H/h in their private bedroom play. Which turns out not to be so private.

favorite quote

Dominance and submission is an intimate binding. Those who submit must trust that those who dominate will never take more than they can give. ... Those who dominate must give those who submit everything they need but never more than they can endure.

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## **Elizabeth SaFleur says**

I didn't think anyone could topple Eric DeStroia from Hers to Choose from "favorite hero" for me, but then I met Ramsey DeKieran. Holy hot as Hades. If you want an erotic, dominant, romantic hero, immerse yourself here.

## Lucy Davis says

Loved this!

I hope there are more to come from Patricia Knight.

I think the books are getting better and better which is saying a lot cuz I was completely in love with the first book.

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## Malinda says

\*\*This was an ARC copy given by the author for a honest review\*\*

4.5-5 stars

I was so happy to receive an ARC for this book. I've read the first 2 books in the series and loved them both. I've liked Ram since he was introduced in book 2 (Hers to Choose) and have been wanting to read more about him. I was not disappointed in this book. Ram is a hot, possessive, badass alpha male and I loved him!

Steffania is a Captain of the Blue Daggers, an elite military unit. She's tough and always in control but sexual she longs to give up control. The problem is she can never find a man she could trust. She is called upon by the Verdantian Rulers to find a man they need for a mission, Ramsey DeKieran. The problem lies in the fact that he's someone she knows from her past and her's someone she's always wanted. When she gets pulled in to his mission to be his sexual submissive it's her secret dream come true...if she can actually trust him.

Ram was framed for murder and had to escape before trial when it appeared his framing for the crime worked. He became a criminal and lived on the run doing jobs where he could. When Steffania finds him and takes him to a meet with the Verdantian Rulers, he's offered his greatest dream, a full pardon if he takes a mission to retrieve a kidnapped Verdantian noblewoman. He agrees to take the mission with Steffania's help.

Steffania and Ram have to go to a different planet to take part in a tournament as a cover for their mission. They've both wanted to be together and have a bit of trouble keeping their minds on the mission as things develop. There are budding emotions (or maybe just the rising of suppressed emotions) between Ram and Steffania that give added depth to the start of their physical relationship.

The environment of the tourney is strict BDSM and Steffania (as the sub) has very stringent guidelines she's supposed to stay within or she could be punished (and not by Ram). Steffania has a bit of trouble at first but ends up gaining an unexpected ally as a result. Ram starts taking part in the tournament which is a cover for their rescue efforts. While establishing their cover in the tournament, Ram and Steffania engage in some pretty hot activities. I loved some of the high-tech sex toys that Patricia came up with and the combo of that with the rope play worked well.

Things progress in both the action and romance plot. Both Steffania and Ram are in deep with each other (there were some very touching moments between them) but unsure how to proceed. Ram doesn't feel he deserves Steffania as he has nothing to offer her even if he gets his pardon. Steffania finally found a man she can trust but doesn't know if she can hold on to him once the mission is done. They make progress on the mission but also have some setbacks. In the end, Steffania and Ram are separated and things look tense but with help from some new friends we end up with a great ending to the story.

This was a great book. Steffania and Ram and quite a pair, they're perfect for each other both in bed and out. The story was interesting and I couldn't go to sleep until I finished it (next stop bed...). I'm looking forward to the next in the series. I'd recommend this book. Thumbs up! :D

11-30-15 - Reread of the story before reading the arch for #5. This was still a great story and I love the MCs. :D

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### **~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says**

*Received ARC for an honest review*

Patricia wowed me at , then with and at this point, I think she's one of my favorite authors with . I sure hope there's more stories coming from her imagination.

We've met Ram and Steffania in the previous books and they're assigned to go undercover to bring someone back who the 2nd Tetriarch feels is really important for the planet's future.

Since there's video and audio everywhere, R & S can't just playact and they both come to realize they are each other's dream person. The rope play was very descriptive and sexin' was hot. There's an mm scene that they happen across that's just yummy. Lots of action.

You're missing a great book if you pass this one up. Happy reading!

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