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A Dark Military Romance

I was lost. He found me.

I was wild. He tamed me.

I was broken. He made me whole.

After Ken Ares rescued me I thought I'd never see him again. But my taste for trouble took me to remote Afghanistan, where he found me.

He wants a future, but I've always known that my past is coming for me. There are some monsters who will never be defeated. There are some kinds of evil that find their way into your soul and devour it whole.

I owe my existence to him,
But I am not who he thinks I am.

Everything in my life is a lie.

Everything, except him.

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A says

The first chapter of Scar was so gripping I was immediately drawn in and couldn't wait to see where this story would go. Then the chance encounter when Mary and her rescuer Ken reunite seemed completely happenstance but still promising with the chemistry and dynamic that was brewing. The story moves along in fast forwarded spurts. For instance, Mary and Ken reunite, then Mary is assigned to Ken and then in the next scene he's spanking her for mouthing off. The plot lacks some of the natural progression and transitions that would make up a more realistic narrative. Also, I would assume a trained special forces operative would know how to exert dominance and control over someone without calling them "little girl" and having to dole out spankings. I understand the psychological necessity for Mary but it's introduced early on and again not worked up to. Although they have a bond forged due to Ken rescuing Mary, they spend about an hour in each others presence during the rescue and when they meet again a year later there's this physical familiarity that seems odd seeing as how Mary was in shock during their first encounter. Also, the editing needs some work. For instance, Mary describes her scars as "anal retentive marks" and there a few typos and grammar errors throughout. There are some unforeseen surprises regarding Mary's past and her uncertain future but the story could use some reworking. The concept is good and overall it was enjoyable to read even if it wasn't completely feasible.

Snow says

It all begins when a special military operative **Ken Ares** saves his mark named **Mary Brown** a woman tortured through horrid experiments in a 'hospital' facility in Chile.

He though he'd never see her again but then months later, she's an embed journalist on his mission in Afghanistan. And all he wants is to have a full control over her protection that he sets ground rules of conduct that Mary utterly refuses to obey and she's acting rebellious and contrary to his command which leads her in danger...Ken flips over it and ends her mission by sending her to the one man he trusts to help her beyond physical measures...his brother, a doctor, military surgeon....and Mary's aversion and deep fear from any sign of doctors or hospitals makes her shut down completely.

But that process of freeing Mary from her deep scars and shadows looming only gets complicated when the real identity of hers comes to light.

The game is changed. The feelings are questioned. And the control is flimsy...

but Ken won't give up until Mary completely surrenders to him.
Body. Mind. Soul.

The story sounded fantastic even in the blurb. But when I started reading it, all these little imbedded segments of BDSM conduct made no sense to me at first...and still until the very end I find them questionable as a means to 'break then mend' a person that was already broken and programmed to feel and react a certain way.

But this is the vision the author wanted to go with so I really can't dwell on that, I can only base my logic after examining my own feels. And to tell you the truth, I didn't get it, despite the very intriguing storyline that very segment implemented into the story sat wrongly with me and I really couldn't relax and enjoy as I hoped I would.

Rhonda says

I'm giving this story a 3.5 because to be honest, I don't know what it was about her, but I just couldn't connect to Mary. I know she was a strong character, she had to be to survive all she has but I couldn't get into it. Ken was great! The first chapter pulled me in but after that, I started to drift a little bit. I did read the whole story and while it was intense and had a lot of drama and mystery, it's not one of my favorites by this author!

Lana says

I really liked this book. It is about Mary, Ken and Tom. Mary appears small and waif like but is actually very dangerous. She lives her life in compartments so never really tells the truth. There are always pieces missing. Ken, a special operative, rescues her from an experimental hospital never expecting to see her again. To his shock she turns up in Afghanistan as a journalist. She is to shadow Ken. Here her danger to herself and everyone around her becomes very apparent. Unable to contain her, Ken sends Mary back to the USA to his brother Tom warning Tom about how dangerous and uncontrollable she is. Each character becomes more developed from this point on. How is Mary scarred. Will she ever become a contributing citizen. Will this wild, tempestuous, uncontrollable and dangerous woman ever find happiness? I recommend you to read the book and find out.

Lisa says

I can't decide how to I feel about this book. I loved it and hated it. Lately I've been all over the place with the genres I've been reading. Every now and then, I like a dark one. It wasn't really dark. All the bad things that happened to Mary had happened in the past. But the biggest problem I had was that different parts of the story didn't flow together very well. Like when everything is going good, strange men come in saying Mary is a spy. This causes Ken not to trust her because she never told him this about her. Instead of this being talked about, the story goes straight into her being held by Ken's boss and him training her military like and acting like he never knew her. And I didn't like the character Mary. To have been through so much, she was so immature. She really got on my nerves. Between that and Tom's actions, it bordered on ridiculous. Maybe it's just me. Maybe I don't know enough about this genre to judge. Read it for yourself and decide. And let me know.

Icu2qtpi says

Heart Wrenching

Wow. Talk about heart wrenching. I admit I did a lot of bawling reading this story. Mary is broken. But broken is such an understatement. If ever a soul needed saving, hers is definitely it. Physically, mentally, spiritually she needs to be stripped of everything life has taught her. She has given up and it will take a person of great character and strength to tear down the walls she has erected. You come to understand that she is a survivor, she is strong and she can and will rise from the ashes like the Phoenix she is. That's where Ken comes in and in no small order, his older brother Tom, too. These are the men who will not give up on Mary even though she has lied about practically everything from the beginning of their relationships. They give her the safety and love she has craved since the beginning of her tragic life.

Jan says

Ken is here to save Mary from the Hell that they put her in. He never expected to see her again. Over a year later these to meet up again. Mary is a journalist and a fighter. She is not going to let what happened to her stop her from moving on. Ken hasn't forgotten her and having to take her with is just another job or is it.

You have to feel for Mary. For one, she has gone through something serious. And when you find out what was done, it is shocking but she is a tough cookie. Her trust issue is understandable. The war torn area that is described is right out of the news and you can almost feel the despair. Her and Ken do have chemistry but during war, things are complicated. I do enjoy the sexual chemistry that Ken and Mary have. And man can Mary drop the F bomb. LOL Then we throw in Tom. Really??!!! NO, we do not need complications. That aside, Tom is actually what Mary needs. It's like each man has their own style that she greatly needs to set her straight and calm her down. But her past is scary crazy. I thought the news in the world now was crazy but her past WOW. The roller coaster ride of Mary's life is one you have to strap yourself in for. Thank goodness for Ken and Tom.

Rose Howse says

I enjoyed reading this complicated story of the many scars of Mary's, she has obvious scars of the flesh but the more troublesome ones are hidden deep in her mind and soul. Mary went through torture that would totally destroy a person but she is no weakling, she is a warrior! Ken gets into the top secret facility that is conducting the horrific experiments on Mary, he rescues her then sends her off in a helicopter according to his orders. Mary is someone that Ken won't forget easily. A year later, he gets paired off with Mary, the journalist in Afghanistan where he is conducting a covert mission while she writes about the experiences of the land, war and people. Mary is messed up mentally and emotionally so Ken sends her off to his brother Tom, a former military doctor who Ken believes will be able to get through to Mary and help her. Mary needs to learn to trust, but she has many secrets that will take time to reveal and help her heal. The story keeps you guessing and hoping for a good outcome for Mary but she is so complicated and keeps so much to herself. Mary needs to be broken and put back together into a functioning woman with love, trust and care. I loved Ken's brother Tom who used love and tenderness to help Mary, while Ken used love and passion when he could be with Mary. I am happy to say, this does have a HEA. I was worried that all the angst, suffering and darkness would take over, but Mary is stronger than that.

Pat Freeman says

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Trust Is Everything !

Ken is a special op soldier sent to Chili to rescue a woman in a top secret facility. Mary is practically dead but he gets her out. She makes an impression on him with her bravery but then she disappears and turns up again a year later in Afghanistan. They begin to fall in love, she gets into trouble and he sends her home to his brother.

Mary is hiding many secrets and has severe trust problems. Trouble finds her again and Ken is reassigned and his new job is her after one of those secrets is revealed!

This is a fast paced, never a dull moment page Turner story. It's loaded with danger, a few tears, sweet sexy loving. A hot alpha dominate soldier and feisty female.

This was my first book by Loki Renard but not my last, I'm about to read more.pat....

B. Koe says

An INTENSE, Character-driven, “enemies- to-lovers” romantic MUST-READ.

Wow, just WOW! EVERYTHING I have ever read by Loki Renard has been impressive. So, I leaped at the opportunity to purchase, read, and review a copy of her newest novel, “SCAR.” Her prose is eloquent, detailed, and easy to read. Her characters are realistic, flawed, and yet are the strongest and most amazing survivors! Additionally, her plots are complex and captivating! In “SCAR,” this reader was fascinated by the evolution of Mary’s character. The character classified herself as “broken”, “all messed up,” and a “danger to others.” As the story was told, the author gave tidbits of additional information through conversation and/or the action of the story, which allowed readers to “discover” throughout the progression of the plot just how much of that self-description was accurate, and how much was a figment of Mary’s damaged thinking. She fascinated me, but Ken’s devotion to her fascinated me even more. It was not until one of the last chapters that I experienced that “Aha!” moment and everything made sense. In today’s world where the media is suspect, the government is suspect, and corporations are suspect, “SCAR” is a formative ROMANCE of our time, with a MUST-READ “enemies- to-lovers” trope that will draw readers’ attention and will not release it until the last page is read. It is that good! With a HIGHLY rated 5+STAR review, “SCAR” is the MUST-BUY for that back to school moment which frees up time for those summer-weary mothers looking for an escape from the sudden quiet of the home. Purchase your copy of “SCAR” today! Happy reading! ?

SBee Reviews says

~ Enough light and trust to fight the dark ~

Ken Ares has been solely focused on his latest job to infiltrate an ultra-secretive facility to break out one

single person, a small woman innocuously named Mary Brown, only to carry with his next task a mere hour later after having safely loaded her onto a helicopter. Over a year passes before their paths cross again, but this time, Mary appears sporting journalist credentials and requesting to be embedded with Ken and his men on their missions.

For one week, they had time to be together to catch up and then become involved in a fast and hot relationship while carrying out dangerous assignments, but it soon becomes clear that Mary needs the kind of help that Ken is not equipped to provide besides his limited time and protection. He reaches out to his brother Tom to help protect Mary and hopefully use his skills to do what Ken could not accomplish. Mary, though, as they soon discover, is a tightly wound enigma, beginning with the reasons why she was found in the facility she was rescued from to begin with.

The ravaged mental, physical and soul components of Mary could be perhaps be salvaged with the right nurturing environment. Fortunately for her, with the help of Ken, Tom and further support, Mary might just be able to make enough sense of who and what she is to finally become the person she wants to be.

This was an excellent read, delving into the mind of someone who felt she had nothing left of herself after her ordeal, and those of people who saw enough to recognize that she was indeed worth saving.

Terri Trawets says

OMG! Loki Renard is absolutely a genius author. Her clear, vibrant, spot-on description immediately pulled me into the emotional turmoil of each of her characters! My heart was thumping the first time Ken sees Mary naked. I felt shyness and a fear of what would be revealed and then our author added just a tiny drop of humor, and I was again completely encapsulated in her words. And then, I stop and read it all again, just so I can revel in the feelings those words are able to evoke within my heart.

This story is so ugly and so beautiful. I cannot comprehend the pain one human can cause another, and then the magnificent, selfless healing that other humans can share with the one so injured. At some points, I can't stand to continue reading, but, even more importantly, I can't stand to stop. This story of love and pain, acceptance and transformation is filled with an intensity that stirs every human emotion I have ever experienced. Do yourself a huge favor, and read this book.

Iman says

I liked Mary , the Head, the suspense,
I did not like : the lose ends (where did the hospital people go?)
I did not understand and skimmed : all the daddy (lmfao) /spanking (?) stuff though, it is sooooooooo not my cuppa tea

Renee says

This book started out with a bang! It had a great premise and some excellent twists. There were some parts I feel could have been developed further however.

The character development overall was solid. I felt an excellent connection with Mary and a good one with Ken and Tom individually. The world building was Loki Renards' element. The author really emphasized every detail possible. There were occasional times though where it became the world building seemed to overshadow the plot.

The first chapter really hooked me on the storyline. However, it did fall flat a bit after such a strong opening. The twists did bring me back in but I would have preferred it to be a more natural and consistent plot progression. I also feel the author could have really utilized the darkness, especially with the first chapter. The hardest part for me was the interaction between the two brothers and Mary. Going further in the relationship between all three and I would be really signing the praises.

4 stars for an original premise with solid twists!

Mona williams says

this was a really good book! he rescues her only to have her taken away. years later they meet again. only there is so many secrets and lies that could get them both killed!
