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Fantasies begin at the threshold of Le Club d'Esclavage

Natalie Buchanan has been working non-stop for six weeks. Determined to enjoy a rare weekend off, she winds up at the mysterious Le Club d'Esclavage.

Natalie had read about the bondage club, and although she'd been mildly curious about submissive pleasures, she never imagined she'd set foot inside. And now that she has, the erotic atmosphere of domination and submission sends her scrambling for the exit.

Before she can escape, she's approached by a leather-hooded, bare-chested man who whispers a deep, sultry, "You are mine..."

Warning: this title contains the following, explicit sex, graphic language, bondage, BDSM, use of sex toys, anal sex.

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Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

This struck me as kind of weird. Natalie's two best friends decide she needs a night out on the town so they take her to Le Club d'Esclavage (Slavery Club) which is the hottest club in town & also a BDSM club owned by an anonymous person. They don't tell her where they're taking her & she balks once they arrive. About two seconds after they get into the club both her friends hook up with other guys & leave her? Nice friends. Here's the weird part, the club has a rule: *"The owner would like to make one thing very clear. When you cross the threshold into Le Club d'Esclavage, it is your desire to participate completely in our manner of play, and such will be expected of you."* . I mean, I guess the clientele has been forewarned but still... weird. Naturally, with that kind of disclaimer guess what happens? Yup, little Natalie gets "introduced" to BDSM under what I would deem some dubious consent by a guy in a hood which apparently her "friends" set up for her or set her up for whichever way you want to look at it. At any rate, at one point, she passes out (from orgasm, of course) & wakes to find herself bound to a pillory with a butt plug, & a leather corset with her labia clamped open. Naturally, she knows the guy but he's reluctant to divulge his identity until he's "claimed her". Can I just ask, why not just ask her out instead of arrange for her to be brought to you then bound to a pillory? Silly me thinking logically... Don't let me lie to you the sex is pretty hot & I have no problem with "rape" scenes or rough sex as long as everyone's in the loop. Disclaimer or no if someone asks to leave, that's it. The end. Apparently, not so at ole Le Club d'Esclavage. Just weirdness.

As a side note, I'm going to go out on a limb here & guess that Ms. Cole is a fan of *Jerry Maguire* since every 5 mins someone's talking about how someone else "completes" them. I thought I was back in the 90s again.

SassySami says

This was an enjoyable story about a girl denying her submissive desires and the Dom who wants so badly to possess her. The sex was so fantastic that I had to give it 5 stars; I'm not removing it from my Nook like I do most other books that I finish, because it's perfect spank bank material. :D

Daria says

A short read, it was ok, it started off better than it ended. I did like the rule of the club, when you first walking in you're "accepting" what the club is offering. Imagine as soon as you walk into a club as a slave/sub you don't have to make a choice anymore... enjoy :)

Jessica says

Yet another shitty attempt at BDSM. I won't even go into details except to say it's clear this is yet another author who didn't even bother to research what she was writing the tiniest bit. I've even ran out of steam to

rant about this because its so sadly common these days. The creepy factor of playing BDSM games with a total stranger is high for me and I decided to abandon it because of that. And yes I did just copy and paste some of my last review into this one because it had the exact same flaws except worse. Not only did this one involve 2 people who were for all intents and purposes strangers when they decided to have sex but the sex didn't really seem consensual despite the female's sexual gratification. she repeatedly expresses reticence to be with this guy so he slams a whip in his hand to scare her into compliance. Then she passes out/goes to sleep and wakes up completely constrained...that's really fucking creepy and i quit on it. DNF

Paris (kerbytejas) says

The authors writing is ok... the story premise & plot are lacking.. but the way that Natalie was exposed to the BDSM lifestyle/environment in this club was NOT OK.

I find this was poor portrayal of the lifestyle

- 1) just a statement at the door that if you enter you agree to play...yeah right
- 2) she had numerous drinks at the bar, and should not have been allowed to play - at one point Natalie even asks if something had been put in her drinks
- 3) she was taken without her consent
- 4) no explanation of what was going on or what was to happen to her
- 5) no training or easing her into the life style
- 6) no safe word, or any method provided for her to stop the play and be released - not even a discussion of it
- 7) no knowledge of who the man is - how in the hell can that build trust - if this was a pre-arranged captive fantasy it could work
- 8) no say in what will happen to her or even if she likes what he might do to her
- 9) no condom used
- 10) no idea if Natalie is on any birth control - as Max doesn't even ask
- 11) Natalie asks to be let go at least 3 times - not with fear or conviction but the request is ignored
- 12) story line really isn't- very little plot
- 13) book tied together with just sex scenes
- 14) no connection between the characters - other than lust especially on Max's part
- 15) no character development - but in 59 pages that's hard to do

thank goodness this was a short read and a freebie - not much to call this a good read for me, a few explicit sex scenes just doesn't make a good book.

There are so many better reads in the romantic, erotic, BDSM, genre available

Ann says

I really liked this book can't wait to read books by this author

??Charlotte?? says

3.75 Stars!

Natalie & Max,

A quick Hot, Dirty, Sexy bedtime read!

There's are some Smokin hot sex scenes, a decent storyline that I didn't expect, my only complaint is that the characters relationship lacked some of the buildup needed to make it believable, However the sex made up for it! Story continues in book 2...

M/F

Red says

At the Dungeon Masters Hand- This was just a hot read because it was her first experience with that type of lifestyle and honestly to see it firsthand can turn you on without you ever wanting it to. You want to look away but at the same time you can't. She has no idea that someone is watching her or that it turns out to be someone she works with. The sex is off the charts, the BDSM part is not too extreme. It was great!

Katherine says

Review to come...

P.S. Don't *insert* stuff into people while they're *unconscious*. That's just TOO creep.

Jen (That's What I'm Talking About) says

After working too hard for too long, Natalie's two best friends promise her a night on the town. Much to Natalie's surprise, they end up at Le Club d'Esclavage, the local BDSM club everyone is talking about. Shortly after arriving, both of Natalie's friends abandon her for their own fun, and before she has a chance to escape, Natalie's coworker, Max, shows up. Natalie has longed for Max for a while, but never made a move because he always seemed uninterested. However, before she has the chance to possibly initiate something, Max excuses himself and instead of his return, a mysterious hooded man approaches Natalie and will not let her leave.

The premise behind At the Dungeon Master's Hand, although not entirely original, is solid and exciting. We may not know a lot about Natalie, but we learn quickly that she has certain unfulfilled fantasies, especially ones involving hunky coworker, Max. And since the novella shifts between character POVs, we find out that Max feels much the same way.

My Rating:

2.5 stars: Finished it - take it or leave it (C)

The story had many sensual and erotic scenes. The sex acts are pretty explicit, including some bondage and toy play. The initial chemistry between Natalie and Max played well in the story. Although the story is written to make Natalie wonder who her masked lover is, based on the shifting POVs, it's very obvious the author intends the mystery man to be Max.

Although there are some entertaining parts in the story, I found too many little issues that detracted from my overall enjoyment of the novella. For example, when Max first approaches Natalie, her inner dialogue told us that she knew who Max was just from his voice, and she was overwhelmed by his "the scent of his fresh, clean cologne." However, later when he comes to her as the hooded man, she no longer recognizes his voice and smell. Another example is that the bar is full of near naked, sweating, sexually aroused bodies, with the alcohol flowing freely, yet Max notes that he can smell the fragrance of Natalie's "subtle" perfume across the bar. It's little details like this that when occur too often, can detract from a good story.

Additionally, as I read the novella, I couldn't help but wonder a few things, which caused distraction from the storyline. First, why doesn't Natalie wonder what happened to Max? She had the hots for him, and then she just abandoned him to go have sex with the mystery man. Another was that the hooded man NEVER asked for consent and never offered Natalie a way to stop if she was uncomfortable. And what about the unprotected sex with a stranger? Unfortunately, there were even more small issues like this throughout the story, which continually distracted me from any emotional connection that the author may have attempted to build between the two main characters.

Overall, At the Dungeon Master's Hand was a decent story. If you want erotic, hot sex... you've got it! But I felt the emotional reality and depth of the coupling was lacking. There were too many distractions and flaws, keeping me from truly connecting with the story. I wanted more from the couple, and this story just didn't have it.

mad4rombks says

New to me author. Saw this was listed for 99 cents and thought "why not?" but I had issues with the heroine and her wishy-washy-ness and things the hero did were just a huge NO THANK YOU. I did not feel any sort of connection between the characters at all. I have the other 2 books in this series on the Kindle but after this one, I'm not sure I want to read them any time soon.

I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says

Slightly better than book 1 of this trilogy. Good and chock full of smut...a little bit of plot. It does help that part of the plot comes from book 1. This trilogy is basically the story of three best friends and their experience at the scandalous bondage club. Some of the story is overlapping--in fact, at the beginning I thought I was reading book 1 and had to scroll back to the front to make sure it was book 2.

If you are looking for trashy sex at its best in a quick read, then this is the book for you!

If you like this type of book, you might enjoy one of these groups. Check us out!

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Erotic Enchants

Bookie Nookie's Erotic eBook Exchange

A??ela W. says

This book was way too short I did realize it was this short. I gave it 3 stars because the one long sex scene was hot as hell. I wanted to know did they remain a couple. I guess I have to read the next book and hopefully find out.

Future Slayer Girl says

I have to say, that although I really enjoyed the base storyline of this book, I had a series of issues with the BDSM theme that made me sort of lift a brow and almost cringe. I really wanted to like it. I wanted to be able to slap five stars on this book and say YES! This was fantastic. I was left having to be totally honest.

First off, I loved the premise. The guy that always wanted the girl, guy owns BDSM club, guy sees girl come into in BDSM club. So what is any BDSM club owner, that doesn't really 'Play' in the lifestyle to do, but pretend to be a 'real Dom' suit up, wear a mask, totally dominate said woman (with no safe word, no contract, just a cover charge and all the booze she can drink), and do really unsafe things to a woman that has never played in BDSM before.

Ok, so I ranted a little.

Erm, maybe I ranted a lot there.

But as someone in the lifestyle, to me there is a very fine line between writing 'fantasy' BDSM and writing totally unrealistic and unsafe BDSM. What drives this story is the intense connection this couple has. What ruins this story is the elements that are important to BDSM that most BDSM readers have come to know, enjoy, and it makes reading the material safe for them.

For example "Oh, he gave her a safe word and some control by telling her to use it if it goes too far. She is safe with him." If you take out the importance it turns a potentially very enjoyable storyline and weakens it and makes it cross a line for some people.

I would have loved this book, raved even, if it just laced in some more realism for me. Because everyone knows that a girl's first trip to a Bondage Club she's not going to dive right in and say "Tie me up, spank me, own me, hump me, and give me no safety net." But for our reading pleasure something has to move the plot along to create a great bondage scene.

Overall, I give the book 3.5 stars. I loved the idea, I just think it lacked so much that would have been achieved with a bit more research.

Review also found at: <http://kittensromanticplayroom.blogspot.com/2012/07/review-of-what-would-happened-if.html>

Antonietta says

I was captivated immediately and loved the way the story evolved and grew into a fantastically written book... looking forward to book 2....
