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As a well respected dominant, Ellery has been watching the subs from the local leather bars disappear into the lions' den for far too long, and he's not convinced that everything is as fine as they all claim it is. He's determined to find out what really happens in there. If the only way he can do that is to volunteer to be thrown to the lions himself, so be it.

Kefir's never worked out what the other lions find so interesting about the human sacrifices who visit their den, but this new man is unlike any other human he's ever met, and Kefir's captivated. Can the smallest lion in the pride claim a man like Ellery as his pet—is that even the way Kefir wants to think of his human mate?

This book is best read in sequence as part of a series.

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Chris says

Very good kinky paranormal m/m romance about a human dominant who allows himself to be "thrown to the lions" because he wants to make sure that the subs who go through the process are treated well. He certainly doesn't expect to meet the innocent and atypical werelion Kefir...

Jason Black says

oh god!! Ellery was so sexy and I love little Kefir! :)

Tam says

3.5 stars

And so we continue with more lions. Ellery is a local dom who's a bit concerned about all the subs in town being thrown to the lions so he decided to do it to make sure they are okay. He is chosen by Kefir, the smallest lion who knows there is something different about him, but Ellery tells him he'll never be a pet. Knowing that Kefir is "different" than other lions, the pride leader invites Ellery back to witness another person thrown to the lions to see what it's really like. He instantly recognizes that Kefir is an untrained sub and is in seventh heaven. However, two dominants in the house makes for some tense moments and the other members of the pride, especially Blaine and Luthor do NOT like the fact that a lion is not the dominant member of a mating and make plans to show Ellery how it's supposed to work. Well, we all knew Kefir was a sub right cause he was small and soft spoken. *eye roll* But I just wanted to take him home and hug and care for him. LOL Lions appear to have no recognition of things like sarcasm or subtlety or reading between the lines. Everything is face value and Kefir was so eager to please his master that I really think he'd do anything, whether he wanted to or not, including allowing whipping even though every indication showed that it freaked him out. But of course his Dom would KNOW he likes it even if Kefir says no. Sigh. There were safe words for the lion sacrifices but none for the humans. Hmmmm. I found Ellery a bit of a he-man Dom which was annoying. It was okay, but I just never felt comfortable that Kefir wasn't going to allow himself to be pushed farther than he should.

Tri says

As this is the third book in the "Thrown to the Lions" I was hoping to get more information about the werelions as it was given in the previous book, but that did not really happen.

The two characters seemed OK at first, but half way through the book I really started to dislike Ellery as a character. He is too dominant for my tastes when you take into account how naive Kefir is. I especially found the so called introduction into Ellroy's world not to my liking. Considering he was supposed to be an experienced Dom, it seemed he had little real care for Kefir's inexperience and was more interested in

showing pride leader Arslan his powers as a dominant than taking care of Kefir.

I liked the characters from the previous books more. Really liking Kefir and his sensitivity in the previous books I think he did not get the kind of Master he deserved.

Wren says

I loved loved Kefir, they way he's described - so serious, and naive, and so naturally submissive. Also really enjoyed Dom Ellery and Alpha Arslan's relationship as they both had to deal with the others need for dominance.

Elisa Rolle says

In the same universe of the two previous stories, Ellery's Duty takes a twist: Kefir, the werelion, is not a Dominant in searching of a pet, but he is more a kitten who wants to find his Master and being a lap pet himself (see all the lapping, cuddling and all kitten gestures he has). Kefir has a gentle soul; in lion form he is for sure stronger than any human, but not as strong as other lions. He is small and lithe and he has no mean bone in him. He is clever but sincerely he has not the push to be a leader. In such situation, and inside his pride, it's unlikely that he is able to find a soul mate, because another lion will not allow to a peer to submit, and an ordinary man is not considered strong enough to be Master of a lion.

Ellery is a human Dominant who wants to be sure the submissives they send to the Lions' Den are taking care of. No one has really ever complained but is Ellery's duty to be sure of that. So he proposes himself as a "submissive" to be thrown to the lions; problem is that Ellery is everything other than a submissive, both in appearance than attitude. The night he is thrown to the lions, no one of the werelion wants to "play" with him until Kefir doesn't come along: Kefir is fascinated by Ellery, by the strength of the man. It's really a tender scene, with Kefir looking at Ellery like a wonderful gift Kefir has no right to ask, and Arslan, the pride leader, who pushes Kefir to ask for the unthinkable.

It's true that Kefir is a submissive for nature and in his case is really a question of nature, Kefir needs a protective man, he needs to feel safe and comfortable, but he also knows that he is a lion and a lion protects his pet. It was quite endearing to read about how Kefir called Ellery "his pet" in his mind, right after he and Ellery has a sexual encounter where Ellery was not a pet at all. But indeed Kefir is right in his thinking, as Arslan tells him: he is the submissive during sex, and in their personal relationship, but outside that, Kefir is the lion and Ellery the man, and so, in front of the pride, Kefir is responsible for Ellery. They will not be able to explain that to Ellery, or to have him accept that, but both Kefir than Arslan know that, and that is the only important thing.

Again a good and naughty story by Kim Dare, with right that light touch of BDSM to make it kinky.

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Honey says

This isn't a fast paced story, it relies solely on character development and exploring the introduction of a small were lion into a human dominant's concept of BDSM, and while the story flowed easily, at times I felt that it dragged a little.

Kefir was a sweetheart; so serious, playful and curious all at the same time. I really enjoyed learning about him. As one of the few submissives in his species, his story definitely deserved to be told and he was a great character. Ellery I wasn't so sure of, for some reason I didn't really warm to him. He was a good dominant and Kefir was obviously infatuated with him, but he was just Kefir's counterpart to me rather than his own entity, as we didn't really get much about his background or life story.

On a side note, though I didn't read the previous book as it was a ménage, Blaine and Luther were hilarious in this one with all of their posturing. Their bark roar was definitely more than their bite, but that's what made reading about them so much fun.

Stephani Hecht says

My favorite of the series!

Lexi Ander says

This has to be my favorite book of the series. Very well written. I love sweet Kefir and enjoyed his love affair with Ellery. I love this world were the humans and lions don't quite "get" each other which leaves the potential for misunderstandings. So you are holding your breath about how Kefir is going to handle his first night at the club and he justs looks at Ellery and thinks how wierd Ellery is and tunes Ellery out. I loved it.

Vivian says

Upside down cake.

Yep! Just when the world of werelions seemed clear--there's the exception. And quite exceptional is he: Kefir. The sweetest, most adorable and charmingly, not annoyingly, naive creature I've read in a long while. True innocence is like a Holy Grail; it always seems so contrived, but it is the little mannerisms that nail this character. Brava! I usually roll my eyes, but Kefir pulls it off beautifully.

The other half of the equation: Ellery. He needs to do some adjusting and for a man of his talents and background, this does not sit well. Arslan and he reenact mountain sheep head-butting battles, but it's amusing and understandable.

Yep. Like an addict I'm just imbibing these with total disregard. Next!

Favorite quote:

The difference between being answerable to someone and belonging to someone was far too subtle to find favor with him, right then.

Adara says

This is my favorite of the series thus far, probably because Kefir is my favorite character, and he's had to overcome more of his 'lion training' to understand and accept what he is. (I think Marrick is my favorite of the human mates thus far, though.) Also, Arslan said something this time that clicked with me and fixed my weirdness with him in the previous book. (I just wish he'd said something similar then.)

Can't wait to read Cameron's Pride when it comes out.

Serena Yates says

This third book in the "Thrown to the Lions" series follows the other two in the sense that it is just as interesting and amazing as the first two. The central theme is turned on its head here. So far the shifter partner(s) thought they knew everything and were very surprised when "their" human teaches them otherwise. In this volume, the shifter partner learns to adapt (within reason).

Kefir is a lion who has been present from the first book. He is clearly different from the other lions: he is smaller, always quiet, and never interested in 'playing with the weekly human sacrifice'. In this book we find out why: he is a submissive lion. Very rare amongst his species, he is nevertheless determined to claim his human mate when he meets him.

Ellery is a human Dom, who worries about the subs that have been vanishing into the lions' den, never to return. When he goes to check (as a 'sacrifice', no less, which I thought was hilarious), he meets Kefir and his protective instincts are awakened.

I really liked how both partners had to adapt to make their relationship work. The problem of a submissive lion learning to think of his human pet as master was funny in places, but very interesting at the same time. I can't wait for the next book, to find out what surprises Kim Dare has in store for us.

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

I really enjoyed the first two in this series and really expected to like this one as well. Kefir as a character is beautifully naive, trusting, and so earnest that you just love him. He brings out all your protective instincts and yet his quiet courage shows you that he is much more capable than you think. So he was awesome.

So what' my problem? Ellery. He's not a dominant he's an asshole. An arrogant and conceited prick who did not deserve Kefir's droppings - let alone the werelion himself. A good dominant takes actions based on a

multitude of things but trying to "one up" someone is not one of them. The entire book Ellery seemed determined to outDom Arslan - and it bothered the heck out of me.

Ellery's extremely irritating desire to divorce Kefir from all things Pride made my heart hurt for Kefir. He made little to no effort to really get to know pride goings on and seemed way more interested in bending Kefir to the human world. The first two books stressed how important a pride is to a werelion and how social they are - how much they need each other. Here Ellery is allowed to kind of separate Kefir from the pride - not only physically but mentally. When Kefir is unsure Ellery does nothing to re assure him. A good Dom teaches - but I saw NONE of that here. Then he has a nerve to get upset when Kefir tries to do his own research. Jerk. Flatly he's like a cock strutting - nowhere near my definition of a good dominant caring for a sub. If Kefir were my friend I'd be screaming at him that he deserves so much more.

Frankly I'm hopeful a couple of the werelions beat the living crap out of Ellery in a later book - perhaps he will come to his senses. I wanted to kick him in the balls myself when I read about the cages in his room. That was the part at which ANY feeling I had for Ellery that was not disgust just evaporated. Kefir's innocence resonated so deeply that I literally was almost in tears thinking about that beautiful lion in a cage and bewildered. The way Kefir is characterized so much of what he does it to please and he has a very hard time speaking up even when he thinks he will not like something. Yet all the things Ellery felt were essential were only that in the human world - not the lion world. Instead of explaining things to Kefir he just barrel's on.

I flatly do not trust that Ellery is not going to cause Kefir damage and I was more than a little upset at Arslan as well for allowing it. It was not about D/s it was about Kefir as an individual - and how his innocence could be setting him up for heartache and pain. I could not shake the feeling that Ellery was more proud of himself for landing Kefir than proud of Kefir himself. In fact it all seemed like he would rather Kefir was human anyway.

So clearly - the 2 stars is for Kefir's character alone. I know I might be the minority on this one and that's o.k. --- I'm going to read the next in the series because I truly like it but this one left me cold.

Jimmy Hanson says

Fantastic. ^_^

Kefir has always caught my interest in the two previous novels, and the fact that his match comes in this one just tickled me pink and made my day. The internal battle of Ellery, who is trying to face a night of being submissive when he is, in fact, a steady-fast dominant, is well done and his reasons for doing so, while a bit too chivalrous for some, fits with the person he's shaped to be further in the novel.

Kefir's confusion of things at times seemed as if he was a bit simple-minded, and the explanations of his naivety in dealing with humans can only go so far. The give-and-take and balance on the lion's part in dealing with his human lover/pet/master continues, from a different view within the pride.

Another great "Thrown to the Lions" novel - waiting eagerly for the next. ^_^

Kari Gregg says

A sweet BDSM story? Seriously? Yeah. Seriously. Kefir is *such* a total sweetheart and Ellery so considerate, you can't help but fall in love with these two. Outstanding addition to the Thrown to the Lions series, can't wait for the next one!
