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A domina's only purpose in life was to birth vampire children for the Quiet King. Any human woman with the domina gene spent their lives in the castle under strict rules and the guards' watchful eyes. Brie has been a domina for two years. After witnessing the slaughter of babies, she plans to escape and seeks help from Samuel, a vampire known for aiding many out of slavery.

However, Samuel has only one policy. He won't help dominas escape the king. The penalty is too high and their blood triggers powers in him that he doesn't want released. So Brie is forced to lie about being a domina and Samuel is lured in by her blood. Something emerges within them that they can't deny, overwhelming their every cell and igniting an all-consuming hunger that neither can flee.

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Yawatta Hosby says

I loved this 11 chapter book. Yowza! It was very steamy! It was told through Brie's first person point-of-view. She was a domina (a.k.a. slave to the Quiet King) who wanted to run away. I liked that she was a strong-willed female character—one that took matters into her own hands instead of just accepting someone's word.

Samuel was a path finder, willing to help her escape. He was everything I want to see in a vampire: sexy, manipulative, possessive, strong, arrogant. Did I mention sexy? He reminded me of Damon Salvatore. Brie was the only one who could handle him. I loved the sexual tension between both of them. Their back and forth was intense. She was stubborn, so was he. Brie and Samuel made a cute couple, trying to one up each other.

After he bites her, they form a link where they could read each other's minds. So not only was their conversations entertaining, so was their inner-thoughts. She kept pleading for him to stop reading her thoughts, but he wouldn't listen.

Kenya Wright had an amazing talent with scenes, basically storytelling in general. The details she focused on helped me get a clear idea of Brie's voice. I got lost in the story. It was a fast read, and the cliffhanger has me motivated to read the next book. In fact, I'm a huge fan of the author's writing style.

I RECOMMEND this book to read.

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

As a special breed of human, Brie is kept under the control of the vampire king. He uses women like Brie to create offspring, so that he can continue building his civilization. When it's become apparent that the king is ready to use Brie, she plans an escape. With the help of one of the king's daughters, Brie is lead to Samuel, another vampire, who helps save women like herself.

Once Brie has been rescued, she is eager to get back to the life she had prior to being held captive. With Samuel's help, the two of them set off to find her husband and children. While on their journey however, sparks fly between the two of them, and Brie must choose whether to go back to her family, or to continue a life with Samuel.

This book was amazing! I was instantly drawn in to the author's unique and exciting vampire world. The characters are wonderfully written and well-rounded, keeping the reader thoroughly engaged with every turn of the page. The romance was beautiful, and the sex was incredibly steamy!

My only problem with the book was that it was a lot of story crammed in to a small amount of pages, which made the progression of the romance between Brie and Samuel seem rushed. That being said, however, this is the first in a series of books, and I am very much looking forward to reading the next in the series!

reviewed by Marie

Jen Davis says

Kenya Wright is quickly becoming my first auto-read indie author. I am a big fan of her Habitat series --and though this book has a decidedly different feel, it reeled me in all the same.

Brie is a special breed of human, one of the few who can produce vampire offspring. She and the other women of her kind are kept in the custody of the Quiet King. They are called dominas, but they are really conscripted breeders, forced to remain with the king to bear baby after baby. Brie is one of the lucky ones. In her two years at the compound, the king has not forced himself on her... yet. But her time is coming. So she plans an escape.

One of the king's daughters helps Brie get out and hooks her up with Samuel, a vampire who helps people escape from slavery. Brie can think only of getting back to her husband and twin daughters she was ripped away from. OK, maybe, she thinks about Samuel a bit too. But she tries really hard to fight it.

This part of the story tripped me up a little. When Brie talked about being married, I was bothered by the idea of something happening between her and Samuel. I don't like cheater stories. I put it aside, though, hoping for the best and letting myself revel in Samuel's sexy goodness. I won't spoil how the husband thing plays out, but I will let you know that I ended up very ok with Brie and Samuel together.

The lion's share of the story follows Brie and Samuel as he tries to get her back home --and as they try to fight the overwhelming attraction between them. They fail miserably at one of these endeavors. I'll let you guess which one.

The sex is hot, y'all. Hot. Hot. Hot. But that's not all the story has going for it. The world building is really cool too. I liked the characters... And some thing a little unusual: the illustrations. The book has about 4-5 of them and I really think they added to the story. I'm not sure everyone will be as enthusiastic about the idea as I was, but personally, I thought they were awesome.

This is part one in the Vampire King series and there is clearly more story to tell, but I was satisfied with ending. I often find myself rolling my eyes at Epilogues, but I really liked this one --which gives us a little first person POV on Samuel. It was cool getting inside his head.

I will definitely read book two.

Rating: B+

**ARC provided by author for review*

Suzanne (Doppleganger) says

More, please!

Diana (Offbeat Vagabond) says

Original review here: <http://offbeatvagabond.blogspot.com/2013/05/the-vampire-king-trilogy-blog-tour.html>

Yes, yes, yes. Oh, this is what I love about paranormal romance. This was such an incredible read. I will be reading it again. Kenya Wright has quite the read here. I am so glad I jumped on this the moment I saw the cover. I love arms, what can I say? I know you are not supposed to judge a book by its cover, but with a cover like that, I have some very sexy expectations. And boy, Wright delivered. Thank you so much.

This is my first read by Wright even though she has been on my wishlist for a while. I am glad I started this. I love Wright's writing style. This story was amazing. I love the world she created. Escape was super original. Her take on vampires was amazing. Wright has created a world where vampires are known and coexist with humans. Of course vampires must live on blood, but the delicacy comes from the dominas. Dominas are human women who have the right kind of blood to create children with vampires. They are ruled by a king, The Quiet King. He rules all and wants the dominas all to himself. If they create boys with a special mark that means they are a prince, the babies are executed long before they can rule. The Quiet King wants to rule all and he makes sure that villages in trouble trade their special daughters for his assistance. And this is what happened to Brie.

Our main character Brie was in the fight for her life. She hates being a slave to the King and she wants to go home to her family. She did it save her family and village, but can not take being slave and watching babies being slaughtered. She escapes from the castle where she is held. She was a great lead because she really fought for her life and didn't want anyone to lose their lives for her. She is getting some help from a pathfinder named Samuel. He doesn't want to help a domina considering all the people that will die if the King finds out, but he can't help that he is attracted to her either. Samuel has a secret of his own that no one can find out, but he is slowly beginning to trust her with it.

This book was hard to put down. I loved everything about this book. Wright is one hell of a writer. I love how much creativity was put into this novella. This book was so sexy and exciting. You will love these characters and where this story goes. If you are like me and you love paranormal romance books, you better add this to your cart. It will make you very happy, in more ways than one.

Kenya Wright says

I wrote this therefore I love it! lol!

VampireNovelFan says

Escape by Kenya Wright

The Quiet King. The blind and deaf ruler of vampires seemingly should be disadvantaged, harmless even. But that's not quite the case here. With a harem of human dominas acquired for the sole purpose of bearing

his vampire children, he maintains an upper hand. Brie, a domina for two years, is nearing her turn to begin procreating with the King. Unfortunately, his policy to slaughter babies who could challenge him is a pretty big turn off. Her only hope to escape lies with Samuel, a vampire known for leading slaves to freedom.

Slaves are one thing; dominas are another, and they happen to be the one exception for Samuel as it's too risky, and not just the from the ramifications of the palace. Brie lies about her identity, but her blood doesn't and the closer she gets to freedom, the closer she gets to Samuel as her blood becomes increasingly irresistible.

For 127 pages, I was very enthralled. Usually it's hard to get into a novellas for me, especially for a new and unestablished series, but the world-building and characters were well done. Brie's inner conflict as she fights the temptation of Samuel while trying to remain faithful to her husband and children to whom she desperately wants to return kept things pretty interesting. I finished actually wishing this could have been a full length novel. I was definitely left wanting more. There is a lot of romantic tension, but plenty of action as well, often times pretty gruesome. There's certainly more to the story that can be told and I, for one, hope it is. The Quiet King has potential to be a very good villain and we're only scratching the surface.

There are illustrations provided sporadically which were a nice touch, though I think they could be colored and placed all together in a certain sections of the book. At this point I don't think they add or detract from the story, but it did make me think that this could be a great graphic novel.

*ARC Provided by the author

*Review also posted to Amazon.

Jen says

Kenya Wright is THE MASTER!!! I love her books and from the time I have read "The Habitat" series to know I have known she is THE QUEEN of paranormal romance and Dark Fantasy Romance books!! I applaud you!!!

If you have not read one of her books, you MUST run out right now and read one!! I am not kidding, her books are highly entertaining and will keep you riveted to the pages!! Her characters can be dark and gritty but loveable, and she knows how to write an Alpha male that will have you melting on the spot!

Escape is the first book in the new series: "The Vampire King Series." It is off the charts hot!! Once again, Kenya has created a complex dark world where vampire's reside. One thing I love about this book is that the vampire's in it are violent and aggressive; the way a true vampire should be! In this hard world there is a woman named Brie who wants to escape a life of being used as "breeding machine" by "The Quiet King" This king has masses of woman in his kingdom who are "Dominas". These Dominas have blood that is compatible with the king, which makes them able to create babies with him. These babies are raised to become warriors and fight for the king's army. It truly is not the kind of life Brie wants and she is desperate to get back to her husband and children who she hasn't seen in two years.

Samuel is what is called a "Pathfinder", and he has been asked to take Brie home. What they both do not expect is the instant attraction they feel towards one another and the great desire to get lost in one another's arms. Their journey is one of many trials and much sexual tension. Will they be able to conquer their desire or will they succumb to the sparks that they are having such trouble to ignore?

There was not a single moment in this book where I was bored or wanting it to end. The relationship that

develops between Samuel and Brie is blazing hot but also endearing as well. Samuel is Alpha to his core but he is also extremely restrained as well and so it is often hard for Brie to know exactly what he is all about. Towards the end of the book, the emotion that I felt for Brie had me in tears. She has some very hard decisions to make and my heart breaks for her and I found that I could so relate to her character. This book is top of the line and it just doesn't get much better than this in the Dark Fantasy Genre. The illustrations that Kenya provides are an added bonus and just goes to show you that her work is top quality. The epilogue at the end was done in Samuel's point of view; which was also a wonderful addition to an already superior story. Kenya Wright is an author to watch, she is an author who delivers nothing but the best and she will be on my auto list without a doubt!

BBMoreB ~ says

I stumbled across a great book review for this book; I just had to read it – immediately. I ventured to the authors website seeking additional information on the book & discover more great news...It is part of a Trilogy – that's right we get 3 installments.

As I am sure you are aware the book market has been flooded with Vampire books, but the author has put just enough of a twist on this paranormal tale to keep make it her own. As a reader, I often feel overwhelmed with information (even critical information) necessary to build the world, characters, background, and plotlines; this author summarized the entire history of vampire/human evolution in 2 paragraphs.

I also want to comment on the illustrations; they are fabulous! The author has a few samples on her website which you can view by clicking [here](#).

I Can't Wait for the Next installment...*Captured*.

? Sh3lly - Grumpy Book Grrrl ? says

I lurv me some vampurrs... and you know what, this was a pretty good little book. It worked for me. There is insta-lust and they only spend a few days together before the male knows she is his forever mate. But, you know what? I don't mind that. I like it when we get right down to business. I don't want to have to wait until the book is almost over before the couple realizes they like each other! So there.

The plot isn't the most complex thing I've ever read, but the world was interesting. A vampire king, The Quiet King, has taken over all the nearby lands. He is very old, blind, deaf, can only speak to the minds of nearby people. He takes "dominas," who have a special blood that allows them to bear vampire children and helps heal, etc. It's a sort of post-apocalyptic world with no technology.

The main female runs away and ends up meeting Samuel... he helps people escape the king and is pretty much a badass.

Probably more like 3.5 stars, but it's a good quick read and was good for my vampire fix. Gotta have my vampires every now and then. I'll be checking the next one out.

What was also cool is that there are sketches of some of the scenes. I thought they were really good! It added something a little different.

Bottom line: This is nothing fancy, but it has some cool elements and potential. The male is an alpha, but he's not a rage-inducing douche like so many males in PNR and romance in general. The female is attracted to him, but she doesn't become a total ditz and lose her individuality around him.

There are so many crappy vampire books out there, so I'm always happy to read one that doesn't disappoint.

T00zday says

HOW have I not discovered Kenya Wright until now??

(BTW - THANK YOU Goodreads reviewers without whom I would not have been exposed to this author!)

This is a great little two novella series. Short & easy reads.

I enjoyed how quickly Kenya brings you into the story. There is no slogging through pages upon pages before you feel a kinship with the heroine. Samuel is an enjoyable, if resistant hero.

My only gripe was that it was short. I will definitely be checking out more of Ms Wright's books now.

ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says

Welcome to the vampire city....

The Quiet King rules there

He is domineering, possessive, and sadistic....

A domina's only purpose in life was to birth vampire children for the Quiet King.

Brie is a domina.

Any human woman with the domina gene spent their lives in the castle under strict rules and the guards' watchful eyes.

Samuel is what is called a "Pathfinder", and he helps Brie to escape.

Samuel is Alpha to his core (yeeyy)!He finds himself drawn to Brie for the same reason the vampire king is, her rare blood type.

I am already reading the next in the series. I NEED to know what will become of Samuel and Brie...

Kenesha Williams says

I was provided Escape as an ARC for an honest review.

Kenya Wright has the awesome ability of making me want to simultaneously applaud and strangle her. Applaud because she consistently comes through with steam Paranormal Romances that deliver with strong female leads, sexy Alpha males and fabulous world building. Strangle, because she is constantly bringing me into her world only to leave me stranded back on Earth wanting to once again climb into her character's worlds and see what happens next.

Escape is a story of a woman, Brie, trying to escape her captivity as a “domina”, a woman who can breed with the Vampire King. During her captivity she has had the luck of being untouched by the King, but her time is coming soon. While held as a domina she witnesses the death of many baby princes at the hands of the King, while the female offspring are bred to be servants if they’re not deemed attractive by the king. She is helped by a Princess of the castle who introduces her to a Pathfinder to take her back home to her husband and children. I don’t want to spoil anything, but lets just say that the Pathfinder is a hot Vamp and Brie is hot headed and hot...where could this lead? Needless to say I am awaiting breathlessly Part II, Captured!

GIRLY NOTE: I imagine Brie was wearing this in the beginning:

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Lily at Bookluvrs Haven says

Review originally featured on Bookluvrs Haven

When I saw the super sexy cover of Kenya's novella, it was game on. I knew from the cover alone I was in for another heart palpitating steamy novel from this author, and the book blurb just added the bonus of looking forward to a pretty fresh plot.

What I enjoy about Kenya's writing is how well she can world build. This novella is no exception. In 127 pages, she was able to bring me fully into this world where vampires are the norm. A king rules them all, and procreates with females that carry a certain gene, making it possible to conceive vampire children. This king doesn't sound all that attractive, physically or emotionally. In fact, he is quite paranoid, and has all male babies killed so there is no threat to him keeping his throne. Pretty vile dude.

Brie is one such female with the gene, and understandably, wants to get the heck out of the castle. With a little help from the inside, she is taken to Samuel and an escape is planned. But once he discovers that she is a domina, he is not so thrilled with helping her anymore. However, there is an attraction and a pull that neither of them can deny, and becomes the key to who Samuel really is.

Since meeting Kenya Wright through Goodreads.com, I have been on a pretty steady diet of her novels. I want to thank Kenya for her continuous generosity in providing me with a free ecopy of her novels for

review. I have yet to be even remotely disappointed reading one of her books. They are satisfyingly sexy and steamy, and there is no doubt that she will continue to have much success with her writing.

'Escape' is no exception on the steam meter. This novella is jam packed with a sexy hunk, an endearing and brave heroine, and a plot line that was exciting and riveting. It was, yet again, a hard one to put down. Pour yourself a glass of wine, light a scented candle, and curl up with your very own copy of 'Escape'. If you enjoy Paranormal Romance, this is definitely a successful start to another exciting series by this author.

I received a eBook copy of this book for free to review from the author; this in no way influenced my review, all opinions are 100% honest and my own.

Kassie-Lee says

As a fan of Vampire fiction I generally approach new series with some trepidation, for fear of how they will butcher traditional vampire lore in favour of innovation. However my fears were allayed with "Escape" the first book of Kenya Wright's Vampire King series. While still introducing some new ideas and visuals, this sticks to many of the traditional staples of popular vampire lore, for example vampires can be killed with a wooden stake. But here Wright very cleverly takes this to the next level, incorporating these ideas into the world building itself - for example due to the vulnerability to wood there are no wooden buildings allowed in the Vampire city - creating an immersive and captivating environment.

The characters are well rounded despite the fact that we are introduced to them very quickly, the book is not overly lengthy and gets straight to the point. This is true in particular with the protagonist Brie, a "Domina" - a human woman possessing a gene that allows her to procreate successfully with vampires. Her motivations are sound and relatable, her actions never seeming out of the realm of possibility. The social and political hierachies in play are extremely well thought out and easy to follow. The "Quiet King" - the ruler of the world - is in particular a fascinating character who will hopefully be further explored later in the series.

The introduction of the romance between Brie and her Pathfinder guide Samuel is quite abrupt and a little confronting. However this is slowly smoothed out and begins to feel more natural a progression as the story continues. In this it reminded me very much of the Dark Hunter series by Sherilyn Kenyon. The sex (and there is sex, this is an erotic paranormal romance series) is not overdone or crassly described, and helps to build the tension in the main story line.

All in all I thoroughly enjoyed this book and am looking forward to the next installment.
