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When Arik Beltrán checks into a hotel on business, he expects the tedium of unfamiliar beds and boring meetings. He expects to meet a financial client and be home before the solitude of being a stranger in a mundane land becomes too much to bear.

Instead Arik finds Blaze: a mysterious man with an inner fire that lives up to the name. Nothing in Arik's life, not his deranged father nor even his faint brushes with the magic only Arik can see in the woven web of life could have prepared Arik for the man in the hotel lobby who casually invites Arik to room 1109 for late night...Well, anything at all.

Blaze Zaituc, on the other hand, knows exactly who Arik is and what Arik needs: Blaze. He has crossed land and sea to find the man who has appeared in Blaze's Visions as the next target in the Quest that comprises Blaze's life. Arik is someone for whom the Universe has plans, and Blaze must make sure Arik complies. Or else.

Unaware of the lives and risks hanging in the balance, Arik untangles himself from the sheets in the silent hours of the morning. He wonders if he will find the door to 1109 open and waiting. He's not a risk taker, but this one time, just this once, maybe he'll take a chance...

And seal both his and Blaze's destinies forever.

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M'rella says

I am not a horror fan. At all. The book was OK, though, heading for 4 stars, until the boys got to Lucas's house. And that's when everything got ruined :(

Lindsay Loulee says

Oh wow, great blend of sexy and freaky! ^^

Teri says

3.5 stars...I'm not even sure what to say about this.

It starts pretty hot...gets a little confusing, gets hot again, then things become somewhat clearer, get hot again, things take on a dark horror-nightmare quality...well, on and on it goes.

I did like it. I'm extremely glad I read it. The characters were...sweet together, I was rooting for them, my heart was hurting while I was waiting for the bottom to fall out, so I was definitely invested in them. It was an interesting and pretty original story (at least based on things I've read)

I'm not entirely sure how I feel about the (view spoiler) So overall, I enjoyed, and would read more from this author.

Raphael says

A story and characters both so thrilling and powerful that it is impossible to stop reading.

The novel tells about a tragedy so unspeakable and love so strong that I was surprised that words could be found for them.

The fate of Blaze and Arik is so deeply touching that it made me holding my breath so often. And their lovemaking is so hot (fiery, burning) that it will take all willpower not to just give in.

The protagonists and their story make reading this m/m novel a new experience!

Debby says

An unexpected surprise

I got this book as a recommendation from amazon. I was pleasantly surprised by the book and would highly

recommend it to others.

Don Bradshaw says

A good paranormal story surrounded by a whole lot of hot sex. I would not call this a horror story. Blaze has been cursed to follow his visions and do what the person in his vision needs. Arik needs to forgive his father and learn how to use his power. I liked the way that both men were slowly exposed to the reader. There really weren't any secondary characters as the story was all about Arik and Blaze. The ending was strong yet came on rather abruptly. I would read more by this author.

A.F. Henley says

* Contains explicit M/M content and some horror

Excerpt:

"You did this," Arik narrowed his eyes and stepped closer. "You and your damn witch blood did something."

It was an unreasonable argument; Arik knew it was. Blaze had been nowhere near him when the nudges had started. That thought didn't help shut down his mouth in the least.

"Or was it some fucking crap that you spit in my mouth when we kissed? Dropped in my coffee, maybe? What's your game, Blaze? What the fuck are you doing?"

Blaze's jaw tightened. He nodded, though it appeared more to himself than anything else. "Look, Arik, I hear what you're saying. I see what you're feeling. And I know and understand where you are. But let's try and take it easy on the bashing—"

"Fuck you." The words popped out of Arik's mouth before he could stop them.

"Fuck ..." Blaze tilted his head. "Me? I doubt that will resolve anything."

Reason snapped in Arik's head. He lunged. "Do you think this is a game—"

Even as his father's words shot off Arik's tongue, even as his clawed fingers sought out the much smaller man in front of him, the horizon shifted, body movement followed a gentle, yet insistent shove, and Arik found himself finishing the sentence to the soap-slicked, water-spattered laminate of the countertop. His cheekbone took the brunt of the fall, his teeth clacked together with a snap that made him grateful his tongue hadn't wandered between them, but it was more surprise than pain that brought the, "Ow."

Feisty for a little guy—Blaze had caught Arik completely unprepared. So much for those tae kwon do lessons.

Arik flexed against the hold Blaze had on his arm; the arm twisted just so across Arik's back. If he stayed still, Arik was fine. If he tried to move either self or limb, that was a totally different story, however.

"Two things," Blaze said. "I will reiterate again that I understand. I feel for you, Arik, I really do. But you will not ... " A small tug sent warning streaks of pain up Arik's arm and into his shoulders. "You will not attack me. You want to pick me up and throw me on a bed, I am cool with that. Hell, ninety-eight times out of a hundred I'll like it. You want to hold my hands over my head while we're having sex, and play the part of Mister Tough Guy, that's awesome. I like a little rough play as much as the next guy. But the moment you come after me with actual intent, the way you did just now, I will break you. I don't care what the fuck your reasoning is behind it."

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Lavender Wynter says

A brilliantly written tag-fiction between two very talented authors. Plenty of hot scenes. Feel free to keep going back for just those. I do. They take up half the book, I think.

I've simply been reading the original version hosted over on Ms. Kelly Wyre's blog, but with a road trip that took close to three weeks and no internet connection, I downloaded this from Amazon to keep a copy on my iPad Kindle to read on the road. I love sinking into the worlds made by these two authors. Very good stress relief.

Well, wait. Henley's books are good stress relief despite the sleepless nights from staying up to read. Wyre likes to keep me right there on the edge of that chair, regardless of how much my rear and spine are screaming at the abuse until I turn that final page. She likes getting people all worked up like that, it would seem.

I made a mistake on a reply over at Amazon that I will have to go correct now in the mentioning of odd/even chapters. They apparently don't exist in this version, and chapter 1 didn't begin with Kelly Wyre's Blaze.

In clarification: Arik chapters are written by Henley. Blaze chapters are written by Wyre.

I hope you pick this up and enjoy it. It is quite a ride. <3

Piper says

3.5 stars

Well this was quite different. It wasn't an easy read - Arik and Blaze's stories needed quite a bit of concentration. More than once I got them muddled up. I thought the premise of this story was fascinating and well told. The writing was very descriptive, at times dark and the sex intense, although the scene at the end of the book had me thinking of a certain Johnny Cash song - lol!

Mel says

I don't wanna give much away about this book, as the not-knowing is one of its perks. Starting the story, you don't really know what kind of book you're getting yourself into. Is it more love story or mystery, or both? Or

could it be paranormal? Is it full of tension and horror?

If you read this book, you're gonna get a lovely romance, some steamy and passionate sex, a lot of mystery, and 2 very likeable characters. There is no drama here, just a mysterious story, slowly revealing itself.

The story is told in an alternating 3rd person POV, which worked really good.

I am not a fan of the authors' writing style, though. I found it bumpy in parts, and I had problems following what was going on sometimes. I needed to really concentrate to get what was going on. Maybe it was just me and I was distracted. Or Maybe not. The conclusion of the mystery felt especially confusing to me. I did get what it was about, it was just a bit exhausting.

The paranormal/mystery element of the book was a bit esoteric and there is a sense of predetermination. Both things are not favourites of mine, but I wasn't really bothered by it.

As this is a free read, 'Vision Quest' is a really good deal, and I recommend it!

Seregil says

Well... this was quite a story. I'm giving it 4 stars because it's good quality writing in a novel length story that managed to be both creepy and romantic. The horror elements were pretty well done - there aren't a lot of MM out there that can be seriously creepy.

One of the main characters is a Romanian gypsy and that made me a pretty harsh critic of the cultural references (being Romanian myself) but it wasn't as bad as a feared :D The Romanian used was actually pretty accurate (mostly), though it was intermingled with some gypsy words that I didn't have the slightest clue about - had to google those. At first it totally amused me that this Romanian gypsy was red haired and freckled, because considering the ethnicity you'd normally go with some darker hair color at least. There are always exceptions, of course, and in this case it was properly explained that he was in fact unusual for his family and his look came hand in hand with other powers he inherited. In conclusion it was all explained pretty neatly.

For any Romanians reading this - I was totally amused by the sudden combinations of Romanian and English in some passages (my favorite being "My bunica was a vrajitoare" :)). It is startling to see the language used in MM :) It does have my seal of approval for correct usage of words (even though there were a couple of grammar/spelling mistakes).

The last sex scene was very fiery (literally) and it amused me. Can I say it was a bright and hot ending? :)))

Beth says

I LOVED this. <3

Bex says

#10wordreview

What a beaut! Rich imagery, gorgeous language, wholly unexpected gem.

Slight expansion:

Never read a book quite like this. A brilliantly original story that transcends the mm genre, delivered in an entirely unique voice - AFH and KW seem to bend the language to make it at once both their own and entirely Other. Astonishing that this is free.

Ben says

I can't believe this is free. Loved it.

Sadie Forsythe says

2.5

Oh boy, I hardly know where to start with this one. To start with, it's probably 75% sex. Yeah, you read that right. There is A LOT of sex (This is a 200+ page book.), which I don't actually have a huge problem with, but I like to know that's what I'm in for and was surprised to find it here. Some of that sex was smoking hot, some not so much and after a point it was just redundant.

The plot is weak. There is one and it hangs together up until the last 15% or so, which I'll address in a moment. The reader spends the beginning of the book confused, as is intended. Once things start to come together the book smooths out, however the writing style is such that information is left scarce. This creates a certain horror-esque atmosphere, but also leaves the reader always feeling a little off balance.

Again, I think that feeling of just barely grasping what is happening was purposeful on the part of the authors. And it worked to a point...until the end. It felt like throughout the story the authors constrained themselves and walked a narrow path in which the book maintained a certain necessary level of realism. Then in the last 15-20% (pretty much everything after the lodge and definitely everything in Luca's home) they just decided to let loose and skipped hand-in-hand off into La-La Fantasy Land. Things just got weird and not in a good way.

I could have dealt with the LSD-like visions. Visions often are symbolic, even if most of them had been pretty straightforward in the rest of the book. But that last sex scene...no, just weird. Not disturbing in any fashion, just too Middle-Grade fantasy merged with m/m sex. Lets just say, it didn't work for me.

I'd give the first 80% a 3.5 and the last 20% a 1.5 star. The writing itself was fine. It was a little over-wordy at times, but readable. I noticed a few editing mistakes, but not enough to be bothered by.

