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Two opponents must confront the cause of their obsessive fury in the latest Novel of the Elder Races...

As a harpy, Sentinel Aryal is accustomed to dealing with hate, but Sentinel Quentin Caeravorn manages to inspire in her a burning ire unlike anything she's ever known. Aryal believes the new Sentinel to be a criminal, and vows to take him out as soon as the opportunity arises. But the harpy's incessant wrath has pushed Quentin to the limit, and forces him to make a deadly vow of his own.

To put an end to the conflict, Dragos, Lord of the Wyr, sends them on a reconnaissance mission to the Elven land of Numenlaur. Forced to work together, Aryal and Quentin's mutual antagonism escalates. Each fight draws forth more passion—culminating in an explosively sexual confrontation. But when their quest reveals real danger, Aryal and Quentin must resolve their differences in ways beyond the physical, before the entire Wyr is threatened.

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Megzy says

Aryal is a harpy and a Bitch but I liked her and really enjoyed seeing she didn't change! I loved Quen in previous books and liked him even more in his own book!

Sharon ∞♣ is an emotional book junkie ♣∞ says

Two of Dragos' Sentinels tearing things up...aka Aryal and Quentin.

Likes:

- I loved the enemies to lovers theme. Aryal and Quentin were sooo funny when they were fighting!
- I don't know why I'm always surprised at how TH can make her characters come alive and endear themselves to you...especially characters you didn't really care for before.
- The bargaining was great!
- The wings! Aww...that was sooo touching and heart breaking. I love how everyone came out at the end.
- I loved how honest Aryal was....and her "promise". She really surprised me.
- I like having the prior characters involved in the current book...especially when they are Dragos and Pia.
- I'm really liking Grym and I'm hoping his book is next. A gargoyle...I know TH can do it. But I'm still waiting for Graydon's book.

Dislikes:

- I could really do without the cheesy sex lines:

"pump his rocket engine and not let go until they both shot to the moon"

and

"incredibly lush prison of her inner flesh". Blah!

- I really wanted to see more of Quentin's elf side and have more of his powers come out.
- The BDSM...really wasn't anything. I was definitely expecting more because of the title. But I'm glad that Aryal and Quentin's relationship was different.

- I didn't like Aryal "seeing" him with another woman.

Overall:

I really was surprised at how much I enjoyed Aryal and Quentin together. Maybe I wished they would've fought the mating a bit more but there was too much other stuff going on in Numenlaur. I can't wait to see what TH comes up with next!

Favorite quotes:

- ✦ "We all recognize something of our own wildness in you."
 - ✦ "He roared, "IF YOU STOP I WILL MURDER YOU!–"
 - ✦ "I will never betray my mate and never endanger his life with my carelessness or impetuosity. I will fight for and with him, and always have his back whenever he might need me. I will not leave him, and I will not lie to him, and if he will only be patient and forgiving, I will learn how to forgive too, because he will be the most important thing, ever, in the world to me. I will give everything I have to him, along with everything I can be, if he will only do the same for me."
 - ✦ "As the panther found his peace, the harpy stroked his hair and discovered tenderness."
 - ✦ "I think you might be both my suicide and my salvation." And he needed her for both. "I love you like a heart attack, woman."
 - ✦ "You need reassurance now? You really are high maintenance, aren't you?"
- "You know everything's always all about me."
- ✦ "You really do poop sparkly rainbows."

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

Best non-Dragos book of the series.

Those two were epic!!! The fights between them (physical and verbal), the chemistry, the dialogue... Perfect!!!

Though, I wish we could've seen that last bargain, one day for him and one day for her *.* but oh well :D

Amanda says

According to the reviews and ratings so far I'm the only one that hasn't loved this book. I hated it. The only reason I skimmed to the end was so that if anything actually happened I'd know about it for book 7. I have LOVED this series, but I hated this one. I didn't go into it hating Aryal, like so many others, and I don't hate her now. I wanted to be invested in this couple. But I wasn't.

So here's my list of issues:

1. Nothing happens the first half of the book except one fight and lots of sex. Not my cup of tea. I think I read the first half of the book on about 45 mins because I skipped so many pages.
2. Here's yet another book that has decided to be a 50 shades knock off. I haven't read that for a reason. I don't want to have it thrown in my face in a series that I have otherwise loved. I don't read bdsm books on purpose. Either the author or publisher should let us know if a book in the middle of a series changes genres.
3. Nothing really happens during the book at all. Yes, there's a protagonist and a fight scene and a climax of the plot. But honestly, it was lame. In every other book the entire overarching story has been furthered. I didn't feel like this one did that.

This should have just been a novella. There was about 30-50 pages of actual plot.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

Quentin has won a position as a Sentinel for Dracos fair and square, but Aryal knows he's a criminal and he's been doing bad things for a long time. Aryal never stops to think that she might be wrong.

Unfortunately her vendetta against him has gotten to the point where she's driving herself mad trying to figure out what he's done. This leads her to peek in on him at home one night, and he isn't alone.

Quentin can scent that Aryal was at his place. And he can tell it was while he was with the woman who just left his apartment. This has become too much. Between the restlessness that's been dogging him and Aryal's unrelenting investigation, it's the last straw. He hauls to the Tower and finds Aryal. When he sees her, he attacks.

The two are brawling when Dragos separates them, and if you know Dragos, you know it's not in a nice way. His solution to their mutual hatred for each other is to banish them from New York for 2 weeks. He gives them an assignment and tells them not to come back until they've worked out their issues. Their assignment is to check in on the Elven land of Numenlaur to make sure no one is looting or taking advantage of the decimated town. What they find when they arrive is so much more than they bargained for.

I haven't really liked Aryal before this book, and I wasn't too sure I'd like her as the heroine. But Ms. Harrison brought me around. I will say that I love how true to themselves the characters were. Quentin and Aryal never deviate from who they are. In fact that's why they're so perfect for each other. When Quentin starts understanding who Aryal is, he begins to see more of why she is how she is. While Aryal embraces her

darkness, Quentin keeps his on a short leash so no one will get hurt. Their differences actually show them how similar they are to one another.

Aryal came into being with the universe. She's ancient. She has seen it and done it all. Literally. So why is it that this criminal is never out of her mind? Aryal can't get Quentin out of her mind, in fact at one point she suggest hate sex. And once she says it, Quentin can't stop thinking about it.

But that will have to wait since the empty land isn't so empty. What happened to the guards posted at the entrance of Numenlaur? Why is there no sign of danger, but each Sentinel can't kick the feeling that danger is all around?

I love how Aryal and Quentin grow together, and I love how they are together. As Quentin put it, they're kinked, and that's perfect for them. Another more unusual trait of this story is that Aryal and Quentin are the only characters for the majority of the book. There are a few later on, but the two of them carry the whole book, and I find that is a difficult feat to pull off. It never felt monotonous and I never wanted a break from them.

This book is expertly crafted and satisfying in delivery. Ms. Harrison takes the reader on a ride with this book and you don't get a gentle let-down, you get slammed around and full-stop. The ride is intense, and sort of dark, but worth the read.

ARC courtesy of Berkley

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

KINKED is an entertaining, aggression-filled ride!

Read this review in its entirety at Fresh Fiction

Alex is The Romance Fox says

Kinked, book #6 in Thea Harrison's Elder Race Series actually turned out to be a surprise!!! A good surprise.....because I wasn't look forward to Aryal's story.

She has not been a favorite of mine in the series. I found her surly, abrasive, domineeringin fact, totally unlikeable. By the end of the book....she had hooked her claws into me....and I actually liked her!!! Not that she became a "tamed" harpy Sentinel.....not in a million years.....but somehow she just grows on you!!!

She didn't fit the concept of what a modern female should be like, and that made her even more annoying to a modern, entitled male such as he. She didn't defer to his opinion or mask her own spiky personality to fit the concept of any modern behavior, because she wasn't modern.

So, here we have Aryal, ordered by Dragos, to go on a joint and secret reconnaissance mission to the Elven land of Numenlaur.....with none other than someone she hates and distrusts.....the winner of the Sentinel

Games and new sentinel member, Quentin Caeravorn.

What an intense and adventure filled journey these two go on. I loved watching the way their animosity and hatred and their attraction growing towards each other.....these are two forceful and controlling characters.....both are sexually aggressive and dominant..neither wanting to give in or submit.....but wow...when they give in to each other.....

She quieted that internal whip that drove him because she became the whip, her soul as sharp as a knife. He could cut himself on her, wrap her in his arms and be her buffer. Heal her from herself, bruise himself on her. Let her heal him. Let her be his buffer. They were so unapologetic, so kinked. He said, "We're perfect."

Aryal and Quentin's back story also made me understand them a bit more. In the end, I was happy that these two got their HEA!!!!

This book had mystery, adventure, great characters and the BEST.....Peanut!!!! OMG.....Dragos and Pia's little Dragon has arrived.....and I am in love!!!!

One of my favorite quotes in this book - **Pia's comment about the effect her son "peanut" aka Liam had on the Wyr Sentinel, Aryal**

Sophia Triad says

Aryal and Quentin

"Can you control her?"

"Of course I can control her," said Quentin nastily. "Every time she lets me."

Quentin Caeravorn is the winner of the Sentinel Games that took place during Lord's Fall. Dragos needed new sentinels after Rune and Diago abandoned him to ve with their mates and Quentin the panther will be the newest member of his little army. Aryal is a harpy and a Drago's sentinel for many many years. It is not easy for her to accept Quentin whom she also hates for her own reasons. Maybe because she knows that Quentin hides secrets and maybe because she suspects that he is a bad guy.

This is a 'haters to lovers' story for these two powerful dominant creatures, so you will get all the sexual tension, the animal magnetism and the building up, until they get together.

For the main part of the book Aryal and Quentin are sent to a mission by the Dragos at the land of Elves, Nonmelaur in order to help any remaining Elves who survived Garvarel. They need to work together, so that they will survive. During this awesome adventure, they will learn so many things about themselves.

Another amazing book with a happy ending that takes place in the fantasy world Thea Harrison has created.

Ferdy says

Spoilers

I was so excited for this, I thought it would be brilliant because the heroine (Aryal) was a favourite of mine from earlier books. Unfortunately, the hero (Quentin) was rubbish and ruined the whole book. The plot wasn't all that great either.

-What's what: Aryal (immortal harpy/Dragos's sentinel) and Quentin (wyr panther/one of Dragos's new sentinels/Pia's friend) hate each other. Their mutual hatred of each other turns into violence. As punishment they're banished, forced to work together, and given an ultimatum — they make peace or they lose their sentinel position. Naturally, sexy times ensue.

-The plot mainly focused on the hate-to-love romance between Quentin and Aryal, everything else took a back seat. Like their assignment to protect some elven land (Numenlaur) of some sort. When they arrived in Numenlaur there was a mysterious bad guy but instead of focusing on that they spent most of their time fighting and lusting after each other, and then falling in love. Yea, the Numenlaur arc/the bad guy mostly seemed like an afterthought/forgettable background to Quentin and Aryal's relationship. Which would have been fine if the romance had been amazing. Sadly, it wasn't.

-I loved Aryal, she had a lot more attitude and presence than other female characters in the series. She wasn't a Mary Sue who was all powerful and beloved by all, she had a dominant and bitchy personality, worked hard, and wasn't coddled by all the alpha men around her. Aryal was definitely the best thing about *Kinked*, even though she fell in love, she never lost her personality — she's definitely my favourite *Elder Races* heroine.

-Quentin didn't leave much of an impression on me in earlier books, and after reading this I still found him utterly unremarkable. I honestly didn't know what Aryal saw in him.

-I did initially enjoy Quentin and Aryal's banter and chemistry, they were very entertaining together. I liked that Aryal and Quentin genuinely loathed each other and would have happily killed the other. Some of their banter was hilarious. Unfortunately, as soon as they fell in 'love' I lost interest in them as a couple. Also, I was put off by Quentin coming across as more concerned about himself than Aryal, every time they were fighting for their lives, it seemed like he cared more for his own safety than Aryal's... And whenever Aryal was hurt, Quentin was so meh about it. Yea, I really would have liked a more passionate and caring hero.

-I wasn't convinced of Quentin's love for Aryal at all — he said he loved her but from his thoughts and actions it didn't ring true. Especially when she was dying, he didn't even seem that bothered, he was more bothered about himself. Ugh.

-I was put off by Aryal/Quentin's violence towards each other, especially Quentin. He seemed far more violent towards Aryal, he started fights and provoked her whilst she was more reactionary and defensive.

All in all, this was a bit of a mixed bag — the plot was rather weak, but I did adore Aryal's character, the romance started off well but went down hill fast, and I didn't like Quentin at all.

Holly says

I was hesitant going into this novel because Aryal wasn't my favorite character in previous books (to be honest, I down right disliked her). I'm happy to say I worried for nothing. The book was phenomenal.

This book is darker and more gritty than the previous ones, but it didn't feel forced or unnecessary.

I would almost say I love this as much as Dragon Bound and Oracle's Moon (my favorites of the series to date).

Angela James says

I wasn't expecting to enjoy this book because I didn't like Aryal going into this book (I wonder how many people's reviews will start with this?) but this book shot right into my top three favorite in the series, along with Dragon Bound and Oracle Moon. This is one I'll definitely be re-reading.

What particularly worked for me was the progression of the relationship that the author took us through, but also that she didn't make the hero so uber-likeable that the heroine became some unlikeable bitch. She made them both flawed and difficult and how they come to fall in love totally works. I also appreciated the slightly...different take on their relationship she took (I'm not telling!) And, last, Aryal went from someone I didn't care for to someone I was totally invested in, and I think that's a very hard task when you have a difficult heroine.

Fans of this series should anticipate this one & pick it up right away, it's a great read and I'm looking forward to reading it again.

Edited to add: I loved the last scene in this book. Loved.

XxTainaxX says

I've got to say that I wasn't a very big fan of Aryal going into this story. She was very much a harpy like her Wyr form. Always on the attack and fierce. Her obsession with Quentin's crimes was frustrating. This book allows us to get to know her. While she is those things I've mentioned, she is also loyal and determined. She is compassionate and selfless. We really got a shot at seeing her from a different perspective and underneath the layers. Quentin was fighting demons of his own. One of which was an inconceivable attraction to the woman wanting to see him go down. I must admit that reading all that sexual frustration between them including the big fight they had was sexy as hell. They were sent on mission to work it all out and boy did they. There was still danger and the big plot continues to grow. A great addition to the series. Safety: No OW/OM/Sharing after they get together. There is a OW encounter in the beginning of the story that might not sit well. No condoms. Neither is a V. No rape. There is fighting so yes to physical abuse.

Mariana Zapata says

I'm not going to lie, I think a huge part of me didn't want to like this book (before I actually started reading it, of course). But Thea Harrison's writing gives me a lady boner... okay, Dragos and a couple of the other males in her novellas do the trick but you get my point.

Because when I saw that this was Aryal's book...

Blah.

I wouldn't be surprised if that was everyone's reaction at first. And then I started reading it and here I am. I loved it. Ms. Harrison managed to turn a character that I was not a fan of into one that I really admired and grew to respect along the way. I'm now a part of Aryal's fan club.

And then there's dirty Quentin. I think my ovaries went for a walk a couple of times. When he called her a dumb ass, I gave him one of the many keys to my heart. Their relationship totally worked for me.

Anyway, I thought this was fantastic and I can't wait for another ER novel or novella, I'm not picky, I don't care. Anything. (But I'd really like a grown up baby white dragon at some point, I'm just going to throw that out there).

Stacie says

3 1/2 Stars!

It took me until about the 50% mark to really get into this one. But once I did, I enjoyed it. Happy reading!

Lisa Kay says

★★★★½ (This is a review of the audiobook.) Sophie Eastlake's narration is growing on me. She gets a little monotone sometimes, but she is improving with this series.

Okay. I liked this installment of the *Elder Races* series. Enjoyed it, in fact. However, I sure waffled on it a bit before I got there.

Some people are going to love these two Sentinels to Dragos, Lord of the Wyr. I mean, they *really* hated each other at the beginning. To the point where I thought they were quite mean to one another, in both thought and deed. Therefore, it is quite ironic when they start liking the things they hated about each other, find a common ground, and get together. But it isn't a quick route to that HEA. Both extremes of their relationship - their physical fights and sexual tension - are both explosive. I didn't enjoy some of the physicality when Quentin & Aryal were fighting. But for their personalities, it definitely works.

Things I loved most: 1) How deeply Quentin & Aryal ending up caring for one another and their willingness

to show each other their hearts, thought thick & thin. 2)As always, TH writes great dialogue. 3) Dragos, Pia, & Peanut become part of the story! 4) The assignment come road trip to the Elven land of Numenlaur. I love a good road trip storyline and Numenlaur is well developed. (view spoiler)
