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Christy says

I can't believe I missed reading this on my initial rounds way back when. Hercules and Rory are great together and I liked their story. The ending was definitely a little over-the-top, but I'm not complaining. It all worked well together.

Julie scott says

Never Say Never [Aberdeen Pack 3]

This was as great as the first two and I totally can't wait to read the next one in this series and I will be reading it soon wtg Stormy GlennI'm hooked..

Riayl says

I really liked the first book in this series. The second book was pretty good, too. But this one... Hercules was kind of a jerk and Rory just let it go and I'm left feeling very frustrated by it all. *sigh* Maybe I'm not getting enough fiber?... (Wait, wrong condition. *grin*) I will, of course, read the next one, because I'm addicted, and hopefully it will be better, like the first two. (Or I will have gotten over my need to be disappointed with everything I read and be happy.)

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

I haven't read the first two books in this series but I did enjoy this one very much. So much so, that I'm going to go back and read books 1 and 2.

In this story, Rory, the younger brother of the pack beta, has visions of the future, though no one but the inner circle is aware of this. Rory has his sights set on Hercules, a pack enforcer, who doesn't seem to return his affection. That's only on the surface, however. In reality, Hercules burns for Rory's body and soul and the two ultimately get together. The ups and downs along the way make for an entertaining adventure. Definitely want to see more of this Aberdeen pack.

Teresa says

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Summary:

Many people say that they have paranormal abilities, but few discuss the day-to-day difficulties they can cause. Rory's glimpses into the future have allowed him to save lives, but the problems they cause were innumerable. Imagine loosing control when they manifest could allow unscrupulous individuals to use them for their own interests. Rory was lucky to be a part of the Aberdeen Pack, but even though the other members of the inner circle know about them they themselves don't truly understand him. At first, Rory danced because it gave him some measure of control over his mind until he met Hercules, an enforcer or the pack, and his dance took on a new meaning! Hercules has no time for emotional entanglements, but he can't take his eyes off of Rory. The Aberdeen Pack remains under siege as an unknown source threatens the very lives they have built. This story was filling with action, emotional turmoil, and enough action to keep any reader waiting to see what would happen next!

Teresa says

Fairly typical Stormy Glen with a little less sex than usual. I think it would have been better had I read the previous books; some if the back story was confusing but it wasn't completely unreadable.

Megan says

Yay Rory and Herc! I was sooo hoping that Rory would get one of the brothers!

This story was awesome! I loved that we got to experience Rory, though it would have been nice to have been let in on Rory's specialness in the book before this one? It was almost piled on too much to wonder why we didn't know about it sooner, but it didn't detract from the book at all.

The one thing that bugged me was what Herc said to Rory after he saw him dance the first time. It was kinda covered later and Herc kinda said he was sorry but only in a half-a\$\$ed kinda way. It hurt Rory's feelings

and was just kinda pushed aside. Of course I understand more important things ended up happening but still..

I also wish we could have heard more about how Herc feels he's more an Omega than an Enforcer/Elite Warrior. I'm hoping that's kinda developed a bit more in a future book. I mean I understand that he's a big, big guy and can take down just about anyone but I like his softer side and again you brought me to tears when Herc felt like he was losing Rory.

Another great read even though I wanted to smack Ares around most of the time!

Hc says

I thought it rocked. Has turmoil, mystery, psychic visions, rescue, and sex.

As usual, most of the time the reason 'mates' (remember this is by choice not fate in this series) fight their instincts and each other are over stupid things. This starts that way, seeing as Hercules thinks he is so way below Rory.

Once Hercules realizes he isn't going to give Rory up, Rory of course is already on the defense. I really enjoyed the byplay of them coming to terms with each other at this point. And on the plus, I didn't feel overwhelmed by sex sex sex. It probably could have been a little more in there in fact.

Regardless of other reviews, My first impression is enjoyable and a 4

Tina says

Never Say Never by Stormy Glenn is third in the Aberdeen Pack series. This story can be read as a standalone however you will enjoy the subtleties having read the prior stories in the series. I enjoyed both Rory and Hercules in this story. In Rory we get a wolf that is different. He struggles with visions, not just the nature of the visions but hiding them from everyone other than his family and Alpha. He put himself out there to entice the wolf that snared his attention even at the cost of outing his secret. The courage to not only deal with what he sees but to go after his man is obvious and enjoyable to see. In Hercules we get a wolf whose size is seen as his strength. He along with his brothers is quite deadly. But while he understands that his job is one that must be done, he doesn't care for it. For such a large wolf Hercules has a tender soul. Rory is able to see that and allows Hercules to be softer without seeing it as a weakness.

Ms. Glenn gave us a well written story filled with drama and passion. She gave us two characters whose strength was not so obvious in the case of Rory but misconstrued in Hercules. Both men fought to become mates once they learned that all important component to a relationship...communication. This was a wonderful addition to the series. Ms. Glenn allowed Hercules and Rory to have their moment while moving the story arc along and I look forward to seeing where she will take us next.

Four Twinkling Stars

Serena Yates says

The third book in this series about the Aberdeen wolves, with the extraordinarily talented alpha and his growing pack, tells the story of the beta's younger brother, Rory. Just like Alpha Iben has his secret powers and Beta Djal has amazing strength, Rory has the ability to see the future in visions that are, unfortunately, often as confusing as they are painful. They also get him into major trouble with Hercules, one of the elite enforcers brought in to increase pack security. Because one thing is certain: the fight to establish themselves is far from over, and at least one more villain is ready to attack them, trying to make their lives miserable.

Rory doesn't have it easy as the younger brother of a strong beta, and a domineering older sister who both may want what's best for Rory, but leave him almost no room to decide for himself. His visions are usually driving him crazy, and the only way he can deal with the stress is by dancing. Only now that the new elite enforcers have arrived, one of the three brothers makes Rory want to dance just for him. Hercules's reaction is less than encouraging though, and Rory has never felt more rejected. As the story progress and they spend more time together when Hercules is sent to protect him, the enforcer's attempts to dominate Rory and to tell him what to do infuriate Rory to the point that he runs away. That is no way for adults to relate, and I quietly applauded Rory for standing up to the brute.

Hercules made me angry at first. He is so macho it isn't funny, and while I could see that he was very much in love with Rory, the way he ends up treating him (like a disobedient child) just made me angry. As I found out more about Hercules and the rough life he has lived, as well as his total focus on doing his duty, I began to understand his protectiveness a little better. Coming from where he used to be is difficult, and throwing himself into work is clearly his way to cope. I was also relieved to see that Rory fighting back and not taking any of Hercules's crap actually made the big brute think. And as he was working toward a real relationship with Rory, he actually began to grow on me. Turns out, all he needed was a little "guidance".

If you have enjoyed the first two books in this series (and yes, they are best read in order), if you like reading about men with very different talents who need to learn how to accept each other and compromise, and if you're looking for a read with action, tension, heated encounters between lovers, and some very hot bedroom activities, then you will probably like this novella.

Isha says

Great addition. Loved Rory and Hercules.

Susan says

Wow, Hercules was an utter and complete asshole. I have no idea what Rory saw in him. (And do not get me started on the name Hercules.... ewwww)

There is a fine line between being an overprotective alpha male and being an abuser. Hercules crossed that line in my opinion. I especially wanted to kill him when he wouldn't listen to Rory when he was trying to tell him something important. And when he forbade Rory to swear. And that every time he did, Hercules would spank Rory. I don't care that Rory ended up being turned on by it, Hercules did it without Rory's consent.

He also called Rory a whore when Rory was dancing a certain way. In his own home! And Rory cowered and said to himself he wouldn't dance anymore. I mean, if that's not abusive behavior then I don't know what is.... If Rory wanted to dance in his own home, why on earth wouldn't he be allowed to do that???

Ugh, what an awful book.

K says

I don't usually read books from the middle of a series, but this was part of the Scavenger Hunt categories and I wasn't that excited about it so didn't read the first two books but I don't think that really mattered.

Rory is a member of the inner circle of the Aberdeen Pack, alongside his brother - the pack's Beta - and is best friend of the Alpha, he also has visions of the pack's immediate future – something that if discovered will result in his death or imprisonment but the Council. He's attracted to Hercules, one of the three brothers brought into the pack as elite enforcers. Hercules is for all his macho posturing quite a gentle person, who doesn't believe that he's good enough for Rory. The pack is under attack from a band of wolves and there is a traitor inside the pack. It's down to the inner circle and enforcers to find the traitor and defeat the enemy, before what happens in Rory's vision comes to pass.

I am a little hyper critical of wolf shifter stories, and ones which designate letters of the Greek alphabet to the hierarchy of the pack are starting off on the back foot. Okay, so this story didn't have the whole fated and reluctant mates thing, but I didn't feel any real connection between the two MC's and I felt generally indifferent to the story.

Phaney says

Grr. This'll be long, spoilerish, and ranty.

Is this supposed to be a romance? From the very start all their interactions can be summed up as Hercules belittling Rory, molesting him, beating him, and generally treating him like a child or an imbecile. All this with hardly any verbal exchanges.

The book begins with a huge info-dump. Not back-story or a recap of previous volumes, but information about the protagonists, nicely summed up. Not sure that is how I want to experience these people.

Meet Hercules, the superjerk. Being turned on by Rory is apparently justification enough to shred the man's confidence.

This thing is super repetitive, be it within the same paragraph or a chapter later. Just how many times do we have to be assured of Iben's power? I'd much rather just witness it. Telling once is fine, too. But by the third time I get bored and the fourth suggests that the author assumes I have the memory of a goldfish.

"His cock hardened to molten steel in a millisecond."

So... it went soft? It, uh, melted? Ew, by the way.

Mr Superjerk (view spoiler). What is wrong with this guy?

The next serious interaction they have consists of Hercules making rules for Rory like the latter is a little kid (including a no-swearing one). Seriously, WTF? That man never ever pauses long enough to listen to Rory.

(view spoiler)

I also wish to know how Rory's justified anger rates as a temper tantrum, but Hercules' irrational demands don't.

(view spoiler)

Hercules, man. Mr Jerkface. Spanking someone without their consent – particularly when he's saying no very clearly – is not something you can do and still be considered hero material. At best it means you're self-absorbed to the point of delusion, at worst it means you're an abusive asshole. Turn-on or not has nothing to do with this. It's a matter of respect. I really wanted Rory to report him to the council. But already knew he wouldn't. Dammit.

I guess it's all "okay" because Hercules knows this is what Rory really wants. Does the argument of "I know you want it" ring any bells? Argh, I wanted to kick this jerk. Still kinda do.

Le sigh. It'd been a while since I found myself cheering on a bad guy to kill one of the heroes.

(view spoiler)

"Rory didn't want anything bad to happen to Hercules. Despite everything, he still cared for the man. He just wanted nothing to do with him. Hercules had crossed a line that he couldn't come back from."

I was entirely on board with that. I just wished it would hold! As such I was quite a bit more bloodthirsty by then than Rory.

And yeah, Mr Jerkwad, a spanking – even if it is not firm enough to hurt physically (which doesn't sound like any real spanking to me) – does hurt. It hurts the recipient's dignity. It humiliates. (view spoiler)

"Unlike in the animal world or romance novels, mates were not given to them by fate. (...)"

Uh. Sorry, but the animal world does not work that way either.

Of course the moment they're mated it's all sunshine and roses between them. Mostly. Somewhat. At least enough for the last third or so of the book, when the officially bad stuff happens, to be bearable. The final sex scene ruins things again a little but ah, it is finally the end.

Okay, this wasn't a total bust because of that last third and because I did like Rory – even if his taste in men is abysmal. I just feel sad that he's now stuck with Herc-the-jerk.

L.E. says

This is the third book in the Aberdeen Pack series and I think it's a vast improvement from the previous two, but still nothing new. There's still the need to mate and form a mate bond between two guys who misunderstand every little thing the other one says or does... therefore, unnecessary angst. Still the same bad guys. Still the same uncontrollable lust at first sight towards each other. Still the same hot monkey sex whenever the guys could find enough time to pull their heads out of their asses.

Some reviews would say Hercules was a jerk, but it was Rory I wanted to strangle most of the time. I just didn't like his martyr-complex/passive-aggressive personality.

Overall, it was okay, but still nowhere near as good (imho) as the fourth book (Not-So-Simple Simon), which is my favorite. (view spoiler)