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Stryker Magnus was born into a life no one would ever ask for. But working for Hell has its perks, such as immortality, and Stryker's far from evil. He's really just the delivery man.

Rafe Damas lives a lonely life, ignored by his father, his only remaining family. When Stryker and his brothers walk into his life he's in shock to learn the Hounds of Hell are real . . . and they are there for him.

But when Stryker goes from trying to take his soul to Hell to protecting him, Rafe starts to fall hard for the man.

Can Stryker save Rafe's soul? And when is the right time to tell the scared man that they are mates?

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Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

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This reads like a farce. Everything happens fast with little reaction (and what was there was over the t

Sharon says

Different kind of shifter series. I enjoyed the "hound" out of book one and look forward to more guy hotness and fated mates in the coming books.

Erin says

This one just didn't grab me. Replace "hell hound" with "werewolf" and it's pretty much the same as any other shifter story. The mythology is not really that different. You've also got "insta-love," which can get a little boring. If the books were shorter, I might have read more in the series, but if I am going to invest over an hour, I want to read something that is a little different or has a slow-build relationship.

Mnms says

This is one the those stories why I just don't get how one the guys is supposed to be a man. He's acting like a hysterical 12-year-old girl...

Gwengwel says

As usual the book by this writer lack of properly edit:

-They employed a retired Hound, Mac Henson, who was over a century old..

-"Yeah, we retire after five hundred years of service."

Something does not work here....

I have some others example but well, you get the idea.

Rafe personality do not match one I can associate with someone that lived the same life's as him. That he's curious about sex, no problem here, but he jump on butts plug, had a lack of apprehensions about anal penetration, seems to know how to seduce, how to talk sexy...I didn't buy it, that's not coherent, more since his only friends was a NUN!!! I don't add to that that's they start immediately to have sex, since it's the pattern of this writer.

The sex scene were the exact replica of all the other in the other books. Same words, same context, same kink, etc.

As for the rest...it's was ok.

Theresa says

I don't care for the first person POV writing style of the 2nd edition. I did like the first edition. I don't know if I'll continue with this series because of the writing style.

Zm says

So, sometimes I'm in the mood for M/M fluff.

As in likeable but generic characters, big brown/green/blue/insert-colour-here eyes, somebody saved from ruin, destined mates, new neighbours, gay-for-you, disapproving-family-but-love-conquers-all kinda stuff, cause a little insta-love never hurt anybody, right?

Wrong.

THIS WAS SO BAD I STOPPED RIGHT AFTER MEETING THE OTHER MC ON PG 16 (WHOSE NAME STARTS WITH AN R BUT I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER).

MC numero uno: Stryker. Hellhound! Can you say 'badass'? Cause apparently, he can't. Supposedly an 'alpha' and leader of his team of hellhounds, but when going to collect a soul, one of his teammates (who we aren't even introduced to, btw, though they are "super close" brothers) says:

"We're within a block, boss. I suggest we get cloaked."

And Stryker replies:

"Good call, Tristan. Do it guys."

Hold up.

Anyone else see a problem? Boss should know where they're going and how close they are, AND has done this enough times that HE should be giving the orders, and if he take this job so seriously, why are you using phrases like "Do it guys"?!

Maybe that's just a pet peeve, but also, (view spoiler) To me, that is NOT alpha.

That's when I stopped reading, cause

1. Zero character development beyond names and occupations (and just a name for the blonde R character, don't even know what he does except be blonde, have the purest soul to ever walk the earth, stand up for his abusive father, and whimper)
2. Zero background with regards to anything to do with setting
3. A plot that sounds interesting as Hell (ha, ha) but is rapidly going nowhere fast

ON TOP OF a pair of characters who should get awards for being stupid means I am done.

I feel so strongly about this that I even spent 15 minutes of my life which I will never get back writing this review so that you don't have to waste yours on this waste of space.

Jimmy Hanson says

Really the only reason I liked this novel and read it to the end was because I was curious about the spinning of the Hell Hounds and, when it happened, the promise of a menage between the two different packs and another. As for the primary relationship between Rafe and Stryker, I just couldn't feel it. There was an up and down rollercoaster of emotions without much focusing on any in particular. Then there are the abrupt advances of the sexual play that just rang as false. Rafe is a virgin who has hardly had any contact with anyone since he was a young child ... and yet as soon as he meets Stryker he's going to sexual play stores, picking out 'toys,' indulging in the kinks of spanking - and other things - as well as being more than willing to have all of this done in front of three strangers.

It just ... I don't know. Was way more of a turn OFF instead of a turn ON.

Katherine says

I am disappointed. Hellhounds should be awesome, right? Not whiners who act like children. Example, "Rafe you hurt my feelings. I'm not your mate anymore. Go away" And Rafe, don't even get me started. I will say this MIGHT have worked better as a m/f romance. The "men" weren't believable. The only reason I gave it two stars is, Castillo the Angel. His story might be interesting.

A??ela W. says

This was a pretty good read. Stryker Magnus is born into a life no one would ever ask for working for hell. Rafe Damas lives a lonely life, ignored by his father. When Stryker and his brothers walk into his life, he's in shock to learn the hounds of Hell are real and they are there for him. These two begin to fall in love when Stryker goes from taking his soul to protecting Rafe. I really liked both of these character's. I have read a lot of Ms. Flynn's paranormal reads so I knew going in that i was going to like this one. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

SiKReviews says

One night a guy and a bunch of big dogs appear out of nowhere and then you proceed to learn how much of an ass your dad really is. Oh, and by the way, this guy is a Hound of Hell and I am his mate. This is Rafe.

You get an assignment from your boss to collect a soul only to find out this soul is clean. When this guy senses you and and speaks, you hear his voice and realize that he is your mate. You will now do anything to keep him safe. This is Stryker.

I love how big bad alphas, like Stryker, turn to mush when they find their mate. They will do anything and everything their mate needs and wants. Stryker becomes irrational and overbearing, and that does turn me on. I can't help it. I know why he is like that and that just make it hotter. I don't want to spoil any more of the plot than what the blurb already states, so you will just have to go buy and read the book for more.

It doesn't matter what name this author uses, she is a wonderful storyteller and I enjoy everything she writes. I give this book 4 Hearts.

Arzu says

3,5 stars

Merith says

I had a hard time keeping a serious face while reading this. It wasn't meant to be humorous, was it?

Pia Veleno says

I'm sorry to say I tried several times to get into this story, but I could not finish it. I didn't care about the characters enough to blunder through the awful formatting. I bought this in the PRC format, and yet it was messier than running a PDF through Calibre. This was my first Noble Romance purchase, and very well could be my last. Dialogue ran together with multiple voices in a single paragraph, or sometimes separating one person's words into multiple paragraphs, often times confusing who was talking. Paragraphs had no indents or spacing. I had to reread several sections trying to figure out who was saying what to who. Shame on you Nobel Romance.

As for the story itself, it had potential. The blurb caught my attention, and I like to start reading new authors with these shorter length stories.

One thing that I didn't like, but didn't fault the author for, is the trend for all shifters to have Insta-Love(TM) causing them to know their mate on site/smell/hearing and following that with pure faith. The non-shifter, Rafe, accepted this as the way it was fairly easily too. Shifter fans will probably love this, I understand it's popular. Just not my thing.

Despite my preference for avoiding Insta-Love(TM) I kept reading because the Hounds of Hell seemed interesting. They had fun set up - not evil, but neutral. I liked the brother hound, Tristan, and their power of ghosting out to be invisible and pass through walls/doors.

Overall, however, I simply couldn't fall in love with the two main characters. Rafe was inconsistent (for example, this shy, scared, sheltered boy spent \$300 in a sex shop on his first trip into the real world. It could've been a cute scene, but I found it hard to believe so early in the story.) Stryker was too chatty and otherwise unremarkable despite being the leader of the Hound pack. Together I didn't believe that they were falling for each other. I didn't see it or feel it.

adrienne says

typical joyee flynn serial romance. nothing fantastic, nothing so bad it can't be finished. what is typical joyee flynn? imagine a shorter harlequin romance but with no t&a (see, i was going to write no surprise pregnancies, but... yeah.).

out of sheer laziness, i will be using this as my template for all books by :

joyee flynn

sunny day

lynn hagen

stormy glenn

scarlett hyacinth

carol lynne

gabrielle evans

unless otherwise noted. i'd apologize, but i'm not sorry. i figure it's about as much time as they put into their books. dammit! well, i made it all the way to the end being rather moderate in my assessment. that's a win
