

FATHER MINE
ZSADIST AND BELLA'S STORY
A Black Dagger Novella



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Readers met and fell in love with Zsadist and Bella in J. R. Ward's third New York Times bestselling novel in the Black Dagger Brotherhood series, *Lover Awakened*.

As a former blood slave, Zsadist bore the scars from a past filled with suffering and degradation until Bella came along and helped heal his emotional wounds. Now, though, with the birth of their child, the demons of his past have been resurrected, called forth by the innocent eyes of his beloved daughter, Nalla. Unless Bella and Nalla can bring him back with their love, he may be lost to them forever.

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Alex is The Romance Fox says

This was such a beautiful if rather short story.

Zsadista & Bella having found each other and now so much more with their baby Nalla.

Touching and uplifting. It's that feeling of total love and devotion that just gets me about this couple. I absolutely adore them and their baby.

FATHER LOVE.....

“Sorry to bother you,” Bella said over the wailing. “But she wants her daddy.”

“Hey, what are you doing, little one? You want more? You are just too much . . . you . . . oh, no . . . not the quivering lip . . . oh, no.” Nalla let out a giggle.

“Outrageous! You want more, and you know you’re going to get what you want because of The Lip. Jeez, you’ve got your father wrapped around your little finger, don’t you.

So glad that the author gave us this unforgettable extra to my favorite couple in this series.

So true!!!

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 Swoon Z Stars

First read 2014

Reread 4/2/2017

Spoilers

“You’re like your mahmen,” he whispered. “You make the world go away for me”-Z

OMG I can't take all the yumminess of Z. I've melted into a big puddle of goofy fangirl happy goo. To say this little bitty Novella was epic seems weak for the way it made me feel. This story was beautiful, moving, and totally nailed me in the feels. I loved every single minute of it. To read about Z and Bella having their

problems after Nalla was born and work through them coming out stronger on the other side.....OMG it was heartwarming. Z was having a lot of problems with his pasts and Nalla and I loved how he turned it around and became a amazing father. I also loved him and Bella who had been having their own issues being able to be alone as a couple since the baby was born come together. And when they did there was enough heat to melt my kindle. Great read! Perfect! I want more Z, Bella, and Nalla, and I wish this one was longer!

"Have you missed my kisses, darling mate? The ones I like to give you between your thighs?" "Yes," she choked out-Z and Bella

"Hey, what are you doing, little one? You want more? You are just too much . . . you . . . oh, no . . . not the quivering lip . . . oh, no." Nalla let out a giggle. "Outrageous! You want more, and you know you're going to get what you want because of The Lip. Jeez, you've got your father wrapped around your little finger, don't you." -Z and Bella

Amy (Foxy) says

4.5 Baby Daddy stars

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, Z!

Read this just in time for Father's Day(June 15, 2014). Z is a daddy now and not the most confident dad in the world. But as he faces his nightmares he becomes just what Nalla needs: '**...she needed him-and not just to protect her. She needed him to love her too.'**

A quick book that helped get me back in the mood for BDB after my disappointment with Phury's book.

SERIES:

To find out when The Shadows will be released and if there will be more books in the series click [here](#).

Novellas:

(#6.5)(#6.6)

90th book of 2014

Pam says

5 stars

One was his heart and the other a piece of himself, and they completed him by filling voids he didn't know he had.

I didn't think I could love Z more than I did in Lover Awakened, but Z finding his place as a father and as a hellren was even better. He is unbelievably strong as a male but so damn fragile at the same time. My heart went out to Bella, how hard it must have been to sit back and watch the two most important people in your life act like strangers. And Nalla, she was a sweetheart, how easy it was to fall in love with her.

I waited so long to read this novella, and it was no one's fault but my own since I was procrastinating with the other books prior to this one, and it did not disappoint.

Crystal~BIG book addict~ says

What a great, great novella to follow up my disappointment with Phury's book. Poor Z, you just want to give the guy a hug and tell him it will be okay.

Zsadist is having problems transitioning into fatherhood. Bella feels neglected and even Nalla is noticing her father's distance from her. He can't get past all of the evil The Mistress did to him. Can he get past his nightmares to become the husband and father that the women in his life need?

“I’m so sorry. I love you. Please forgive me. Can’t live without you.”

“You’re like your mahmen,” he whispered. “You make the world go away for me”

There was a lot of emotion packed into this novella. What a great way to spend an hour.

Beverly says

*** * * * 5 Z-antastic Stars * * * * ***

This little jewel tells the story of Zadist and Bella after Nalla is born.

Zadist has become completely wrapped up in taking care of Bella and **her** baby.

Her baby?

I know what your thinking, *it takes two to make a thing go right...*

Well, Z is having some issues coming to terms with Nalla and being a father. Don't worry we do not have another Phury situation, Z actually works through his issues and communicates with Bella.

All in all this is a great little novella and thankfully put me in the mood for the next book, because after Phury I was really dreading what would come next.

Shawna says

5++ stars - Vampire Romance

I read this story in the BDB Insider's Guide and it is such a beautiful story of what happens after the HEA. I (like so many other BDB series fans) love Zsadist and Bella and their against all odds love story. This is J.R. Ward at her best!

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

5 Stars

WARNING : Spoilers ahead if you haven't read Lover Awakened.

After I finished Z's book, I just had to jump into this novella. Typically I have a hard time jumping around in a series, but there was no way I could pass up more Zsadist and Bella.

The novella provided a fantastic look into their lives. The struggles of adjusting to their new family, Z's apprehension and fear of dirtying his beautifully pure daughter, all his demons coming back full force with the realization that she'll have questions about his appearance when she gets older.

We also see Bella's insecurities after giving birth. She is now a devoted mother, but unsure of her footing as she feels Z pulling away from both their daughter and her. She knows he loves her, but she's been through so much emotionally and physically. Does he see her differently now? As much as she's understanding of his issues, she now needs some reassurances herself.

"You are just as beautiful as the first time I saw you in the gym all those nights and days ago.
You stopped my heart then - just froze it in my chest. And you stop it now."

I loved watching these two work through their issues. They're so open and loving. So supportive of each other. Bella listens to Z's heartbreakingly confessions with understanding and a sympathetic heart, while Zsadist is able to understand that although he thought the distance was better for his shellan and Nalla, ultimately what they truly need is him. Just him, as he is. All his scars. All his fears. All his love.

"They were both his, these two. His and his alone, and he had to take care of them. One was his heart and the other a piece of himself, and they completed him by filling voids he didn't know he had."

Christy says

Their love had seemed like it would be enough to get them through everything. Maybe it wasn't.

??After marriage and a baby, life isn't always a happily ever after.

This was such a beautiful novella about Zsadist and Bella. A quick read, but a powerful read. I think I cried almost the whole time I was reading this... sad tears, happy tears... there will be tears.

'I love you... Please don't leave me.'

Z is one of my favorite brothers, and I love his shellan, Bella. A must read novella for all BDB lovers! The ending was **perfect!** Love it!!!

Whitney says

This is a must read if you loved Lover Awakened. Z and Bella are still my favorite couple to date. They have issues and struggles. It makes them more relatable, more realistic. To me, their story will never end. Ward could write three more books about them and I guarantee that they would be just as touching and beautifully written as the first.

Speaking of the writing, it was wonderful. I could quote the whole book. Every line was filled with emotion. It was perfect.

I'm so sorry. I love you. Please forgive me. Can't live without you.

I also loved seeing the shellans play a role in this book. Mary and Doc Jane were just as wonderful as Bella and Z. Seeing them help Z was heartwarming. I loved Jane's tough love.

Here's my deal. Wrath's appointed me as the Brotherhood's personal physician. You screw around with eating and feeding and sleeping such that it impairs your performance, I will bench your ass.

YOU TELL HIM JANE!

5 stars!

KatLynne says

Zsadist and Nalla

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

"...having a baby changed everything."

Time, space, feeling emotion...

Everything is affected....

We know Zsadist has demons from his past; will they impact on his role as a Father and a husband?

Bella and Zsadist are still dynamite together, with their passion and their fierce love of one another.

Is that enough to keep them together...???

To see this big strong man with so much fear and emotion was truly touching and very beautiful. I loved reconnecting with them and sharing in their new angst ridden drama.

Zsadist and Bella's story, Lover Awakened, was a 5 star read, for me, so to get a little Novella, a glimpse into their future with Nalla was a real treat.... *A cherry on the top of an already wonderfully epic love story.*

If you want the answer to my question then take a peak...(view spoiler)

♥ Br with Barb & Deanna ♥

***The beautiful babe is my very own Honey Bee in my hands ♥

They really do change everything

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

A beautiful novella about Z and Bella having difficulties in their marriage, and finally we see some closure for Z.

I cried about 3-4 times and absolutely loved the ending.

Simply amazing, not to be missed!

Anna says

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Lisa Jayne says

5 ZSADIST STARS.

"You are everything to me."

The heartbreak tale of Zsadist and the ghosts of his past continue in this novella that to be honest I completely devoured. I loved having an 'extra' glimpse into the family life of Zsadist, Bella and their newborn, Nalla.

Zsadist is my favourite of the black dagger brotherhood, and it goes without saying that I was more than a little excited when I found out this short story was next in the line up.

So what's it about ...

Well, like the title suggests this novella gives Brotherhood fans another delicious look-see into the lives of our favourite vampires. To set the scene, Zsadist and Bella have overcome the threat of pregnancy that has hung over their lives for months, here we get to experience the joy, sacrifice and pain of becoming parents and surviving the heartbreak reality of Zsadist's past.

Utterly heartbreak, with an intensity that can only come from a story about my favourite vamps, 'father mine' is an equally emotional and sensual story with a gorgeous ending ...

if like me your a brotherhood fan don't miss out on this short but compelling novella, you won't be disappointed.

5 HUGE STARS.
