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Danni: Mortal

I remember nothing of my abduction two years ago. Sounds and scents trigger horrific flashes, but it's all a blur except for one man with brilliant green eyes. When the tatted six foot two Adonis shows up at my door, my knowledge of the world is shattered.

Bound to the immortal Scar by an ancient spell, we are on the run. Because Balen is the hunted.

And if he dies, so do I.

Balen: Scar Tracker

My code of honor was respected without question ... until I consumed the blood of a vampire in exchange for a mortal woman's freedom.

The Scars want me imprisoned. The Wraiths want me dead.

But the woman I can't forget needs me. And I'll risk everything to protect her.

Even if it means killing her.

Because in order for her to live—first she must die.

Full-length novel. Come meet the **Scars**.

***Scars:** Immortal warriors with capabilities derived from the senses: Trackers, Sounders, Healers, Tasters, Visionaries, and the rare Reflectors. They each have what is known as an **Ink**, a tattoo that can be called to life.*

*Stygian was originally titled JUMP.

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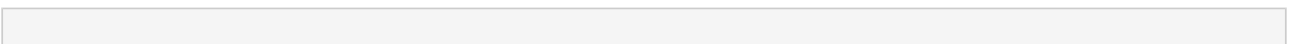
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Sabrina says

5 'Little One' Stars

Two years ago Danni was abducted and kept as a slave for a vampire. Being fed off of and kept in a cage next to a tortured man. He became her savior when he sacrificed himself to get her free, and she can't remember any of it. Now, all she remembers are the mesmerizing eyes of the man kept with her, and it haunts her every moment.

Balen is a Scar, put on this earth to protect humans, and to follow the laws of his kind. But he broke those laws when he drank the blood of a vampire to save a human woman. Now, he's on the run from those he once fought with that want him either dead or imprisoned. But he can't get Danni out of his mind, and before he accepts his death he needs to be with her one more time.

Take was the first book by Nashoda Rose that I read, and it's what started my fascination with her, aka my stalker-crazy-fagirling. I just love this whole new world she creates with the Wraiths and Scars, and how she makes it completely believable. I don't know why I waited so long to finally read *Stygian*, the first in the prequels to *Take*, but I deserve to be slapped for it. From the first sentence I was dragged into this book and I couldn't put it down until I got to the end. Even then, all I wanted to do was go back and re-read it over again.

"I don't do relationships."

"You do now."

Balen and Danni had this intense connection that was evident from when we first saw them in their captivity. Balen was so protective of her, and my heart hurt when he actually sacrificed himself to save her and give her a chance at living a normal life. From that moment on, I was in love with him and ready to swoon at his feet. He wasn't this in your face type of Alpha Hero but when he got all fierce protector, there was no denying that there was an Alpha hiding under all his patience and sweetness. I really liked that hidden depth to his character and it made him all the more sexy.

Danni was thrown into this world that she knew nothing about and was expected to survive. I admired that she was able to do that without freaking out every second of everyday. Her character was intriguing and the more I learned about her, the more I adored her. She was a strong heroine, that fought the whole book, and that's what made me like her so much.

Bottom line, this was an outstanding book that I will recommend for any paranormal readers. It's a unique story that will suck you in and bring you to this whole different world, and make you fall in love. Next up is Kilter's book and I can't wait to get his story! I'm definitely not waiting again.

Elizabeth says

“No more pain, little one. Never again. I swear to you. Never again.”-Balén

Stygian is book one in the Scars of the Wraiths Prequel set. Nashoda Rose has created a fantastical world of Scars, Wraiths, Witches, and a whole glossary of characters and terms to keep you engrossed and amazed!

As the book begins, we meet Balén and Danni. They are being held captive. They are being tortured by an evil vampire. Balén gives himself to the vampire in order to spare Danni.

Fast forward two years....

Danni doesn't remember anything except that she has experienced some kind of pain. She is an artist and she spends hours painting the same man over and over again. Although she isn't clear why this man is important to her, she is unable to let his face be erased.

"I had to know who he was like my lungs needed their next breath. But it was tearing me apart. Every time I looked at him, another piece of me broke off."-Danni

Dannie has detached herself from her friends. She cares for nothing but the solace of being alone!

"Space and solitude had become my two best friends."

Suddenly everything shifts for Danni when Balén reappears in her life. She doesn't quite know who he is and yet she knows exactly what he means to her.

"This man. It was him. He was the key and, yes, the lock. Because he could lock me to him just with his eyes."-Danni

Balén is madly in love with Danni. He gave up his life and betrayed his race in order to protect her. He returns to see her one last time before he is to turn himself in for the crimes that he has committed. In addition to his sins, Danni is human. Therefore, they have no future together. Still he cannot help but come to her one more time.

"I'd denied it for two horrible years, but having her in my arms . . . Jesus, the need to have her was like an inferno that was impossible to extinguish. It was so overpowering that it was unnatural. It wasn't normal, and yet, at this moment, nothing mattered except kissing her."-Balén

Danni recognizes Balén as the man that helped protect her. She feels safe when they are together. They share a night of passion and everything slams into her like a mack truck!

"We'd both suffered. I knew this like I knew my own name. He'd protected me. That was how I felt whenever I looked at his picture— protected, sheltered in his embrace as if he'd done something to end the suffering."-Danni

As Dannie struggles to remember, Balen's fate is being decided by the council. Will he be sent to death? Will he be exiled? Will he ever see Danni again?

"Don't be jealous, little one. Even if I can't have you, I'll always be yours."-Balen

As the story continues to develop, the supporting characters stake their claim on Balen's fate. As the truth is revealed, Danni struggles to accept the magic and power that exists in this world. Danni and Balen are connected. As he is pulled apart, Danni suffers.

"Holding me. Connected to me. She was part of me. And I knew I couldn't leave. Not yet. I needed to hold her."-Balen

Stygian is a tender and passionate read and yet full of action and suspense. Although it is a bit daunting to sort out the individual character's role and how they contribute to the plot, the story is so inviting that you are willing and able to just "enjoy the ride". The connection between Bale and Danni is so strong and beautiful that you are on the edge of your seat rooting for them to get their HEA! Balen is your typical Alpha Male who is intense about his protection of his "little one". At times, Danni gave me a bit of a headache with her insecurities and overall inability to give herself over to Balen completely. The journey wasn't always easy but the end result was full of satisfaction!

"Love me like I know you can. If you love me, I can survive what I have done. Just tell me, my love."-Balén

Overall, Stygian is an excellent read. Nashoda Rose is such a gifted author. She has created a mystical world that you cannot help but want to explore. Not only does Stygian leave you breathless, the promise of what is to come evokes the best kind of anticipation. Ms. Rose will continue to write and I will undoubtedly continue to load my kindle with her work. I will be anxiously waiting for what is to come!

"You're safe from everything in my arms. And I want your happy place to include me."-Balen

Pam says

5 hopeful torment stars

"I feel you all the fuckin' time, Danni. I can't get you out of me. But what I feel for you will destroy us both."

Danni may have survived her abduction without her memories, but the fear she feels everyday is real. Her mind is fighting against her own will to forget, and brings her eyes with such haunted anguish, she becomes obsessed. While she is *free*, she is very much still a prisoner of her own mind.

For two years Balen has tried to stay away, but the pull he feels for Danni is too strong to deny. He knew he had to see her one last time, to ease her pain before he is put to *Rest*. She was his main source of strength, motivation and life; ***Without this woman, I was nothing.*** Tired of running, from everyone and everything, he is finally ready to face the fate he chose for himself. He gives in to his need to be near her once again, to smell her sweet scent, look into her beautiful eyes and just be near the one who is worth dying for. Danni knows he would never hurt her, she may not remember him but deep down in her soul she knows this man; after all he is her *salvation*.

"We need this. If this is all we have then it's everything. I want to feel all of you, Balen."

The laws of old, was able to buy them time together, but it never allowed them to relax into each others arms. Fighting an unbeatable battle, Balen's main focus is to find away to protect Danni when he no longer can...no matter what happens to him, he wants her to survive, to be the woman he knows her to be.

Stygian is the first of the three part prequel to the Scars of the Wraiths series, originally titled "JUMP" (Senses Series), this story has been revamped and re-written to be this bad-ass tale. I didn't a chance to read Jump, so I can't speak as to the differences between the two, however I can tell you about my experience while reading this tale. What I have come to expect from the author is to be able to deliver a heartbreaking story that is both dark and full of beauty. While I read Take first, this prequel can be read at any time, I was able to relate to some characters I have previously met and get introduced to new ones; all piquing my interest into wanting and needing more.

Balen and Danni, had a powerful connection from the very first moment they met, what they felt for each other was as sure and true. The entire time I spent rooting them on, wishing and looking for ways for it to all work out. I was equally pissed at the Deconry and the CWO, they are supposed to be the difference between good and evil, however the lines are blurred where the Wraiths are concerned.

What intrigued me the most was the bond, the drive and the sense of family amongst the Scars. Balen I loved, he was such a tormented-anguished-soul, but as sweet and loving as well. Danni, I felt for, her loss and confusion, but I have to admit that there were times that she pissed me off with her fear, willing her to fight just as much as Balen was for *hope*. This multi POV read was both sexy and thrilling, inviting us to live in their world. Recommended for dark paranormal lovers out there.

I can not wait for the next one, something tells me it's gonna be oh so good!

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Snow says

First of all, Nashoda, my feelings after reading this book...

No, wait let me try again...

and again...

so you see, **I am stunned and overwhelmed...**

I had fun reading this book, most of all, I was captivated by the story, by the action and by the characters...and there are a lot of characters to follow:

Balen and Danielle/Danni; Waleron and Delara; Keir and Anstice; Jedrik, Damien, Hack...Ryker, and Kilter (well, I have some special words for him LOL)

So the plot...

"I have to remember, damn it."

i can totally understand what **Danni** is going through while she's trying to come together with her memories or more better the lack of...

She's been kidnapped two years ago by some vile men/creatures and tortured for information, she met a man there who took course of the events in her favor by saving her and sacrificing himself...

Two years after, Danni is haunted by the images of black hair/green eyed man that she constantly paints...

I had to get this guy out of my head before he ruined my life. All I did was think about him, dream about him, and wonder if he existed.

and her memory flashbacks don't make it any easier either...

until, they meet again...

Balen is a Scar, a very special ancient kind that is sworn to protect humans by all means. So when he did just that, he never thought he'd be tormented to the very core...because of her.

I'd broken my loyalty. Betrayed my own blood for... HER.

that very pull between them

Jesus Christ, I loved the feel of her lips on mine.... She was a part of me, the goodness I lacked.... I was too selfish to let her go. The only word that roared through my head was MINE.

sets the two worlds into chaos as the things Danni never imagined of happening or existing take a sudden path of destruction, death, chase, fight, acknowledging along the way - that things are not what they seem, that she fell for Balen in the worst way possible as their relationship is forbidden and impossible

I'm terrified that when they finally take you away, I won't be able to go on. I'll fall so hard that I won't be able to get back up again.

and a lingering promise that Balen swore

"You'll never lose me. No matter what happens, I'll always be here, whether as I am now or as a breeze in the fuckin' wind. I won't ever leave you."

but their future is questionable as Balen is wanted for treason because of the means he used in order to save Danni's life that violated the Scar laws and is sentenced to Rest (a state of induced coma, somewhat like a limbo where you re-live all the bad things that ever happen in your long ancient life)

It was everything in that kiss, warmth, a promise, and even a goodbye.

I leaned over and grabbed her hair, pulling her head back so I could reach her mouth. Then I kissed her, slow and hard, taking what she was giving me - all of her.

by nearly end Danni's very own existence will be tested in the matter of life and death, literally.

and it doesn't END there...either

off to read the second book...

p.s.

i need to emphasize that i especially liked **Waleron and Delara**, estranged lovers that held a huge grudge and were torn between the feelings and the fucking duty and obligations that made them do things none can forgive and forget and the anticipation and lingering charge of unexpressed emotions were so palpable that they became a nuisance to their being together...

unbelievable complicated relationship those two hold...

I hope they get their own book...*fingers crossed*

Dee Montoya says

*****5 Thrilling Stars*****

(BR with Melissa and Kelli)

What Can I say about this book?

That it's **F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C!!!!!!**

If you read *Take* you are probably already a fan of this unique series where Vampires are evil and the Scars are always hard at work fighting the evil creatures and protecting the human race.

Danni was kidnapped two years ago and even though she really doesn't remember anything about the incident her life hasn't been the same ever since. She's not the happy and outgoing girl she once was; now she's always by herself, hiding behind her work and avoiding all contact with the outside world. The only thing that is familiar to her anymore is the image of a beautiful and mysterious man that is always present in her paintings and in her dreams. His deep green eyes is the only thing that makes her feel safe in a world where she feels out of place.

Balen was there to suffer right next to Danni, he fought as much as he could but his powers were stripped from him and the only thing he was able to do in order to save her was to sacrifice everything he is and represents as a Scar. He paid the ultimate price to protect her from the evil Vampire and now he has no choice but to run and hide from her and his people.

The bond that was formed between Danni and Balen was simply unbreakable and it doesn't matter the distance or how much time passes by they just can't be away from each other, but the consequences to pay if they want to be together are too extreme and seem almost impossible to handle. Do they have what it takes to accept their harsh reality and fight everyone and even themselves in the name of love?

I already had a deep fascination for this series but this book just took my obsession to another level. I loved the multiple POV's and every character was even better and more interesting than the next. As the story

progressed I kept craving for every character to have their own book, I simply couldn't get enough. I love Nashoda Rose's writing style and world building, this story is brilliant. I highly recommend it!!!

Michelle says

4 Stars!

Reread 2/26

Loved it just as much as I did the first time I read it!

Danni and Balen are in cages. Both being held by a vampire. The vampire wants something from Balen and won't stop hurting Danni until he gets it.

Two years later Danni is back home painting and trying to get on with her life. She's perfectly fine being alone. She's closed herself off to her friends. She doesn't remember hardly anything about what happened to her. She dreams about a man. She paints a lot portraits of this man. She doesn't know who he is or why she feels so connected to him. Until one night this man shows up in her loft.

Balen broke the scars law when he saved Danni from the vampire. He's been on the run for two years. He's been fighting with himself to stay away from Danni. She's a human and he's a scar. But the bond between them is thick.

When the punishment has been decided for Balen something is made known about him and Danni. If they are separated Danni will die.

Will the council realize that Balen did what he did to protect Danni or will they send him to rest? Will Danni survive if Balen is put to rest or exiled from his race?

Other scars play an important part in this book. I loved how they all were fighting for Balen.

When tragedy strikes again the scars come together to fight to get back one of their own.

What happens after they return home? When it's time for Balen to accept his punishment will he do as he's told?

I loved Balen! He was a sexy alpha male that loved his woman and would die protecting her. I loved Danni mostly but she grated my nerves at times with her feelings toward Balen.

This book doesn't really leave you hanging but leaves you wanting more. It's a perfect setup for the next book about Kilter and Rayne! Now I'm off to read Tyrant!!

Awesome job NR!! Love your books!

S.M. West says

5 "Little One" STARS

Holy shit! I'm seriously in love with these male Scars, first there was Jax in Take and now Balen with the promise of Kilter! Seriously...

I might have to start a PNR Book Boyfriend shelf just for them!

I'm so-so on PNR and but love Nashoda Rose. And when I read Take, I was hooked into the world of Scars and Wraiths. This was a really great story with lots of action, great characters and loved getting the different POVs. But what I loved the most was the **visceral connection between Danni and Balen. Holy it was like a live wire just crackling through this story!**

Onto Tyrant for Kilter's story! Now he's one SOB that I want to know more about.

Lo Bookfrantic says

In anticipation for book two of these amazing series book one is NOW FREE (for a limited time.)

Stygian (Scars of the Wraith, Book 1)

Have you met Balen? Have you met the Scars? Now is the time.

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Genre: Paranormal/Romance

My Rating: 5 amazing Stars

Do I recommend this?: Hell YES

Would I be re reading this again?: Most definitely YES!

POV: Multiple Characters POV

If you like paranormal, suspense, HOT steamy sex?! Well, then this book is for you. Everything about this book was amazing. I can't wait to read the next book in the series. I honestly recommend reading TAKE prior to reading this series because you will be able to understand & enjoy this book better. TAKE is not part of this series though is a standalone but is based on the history of the Scars on of this book.

This book had me hooked from page one. We met Balen and Danni and the evil Vampire. I don't want to give away much details because this is not released yet. However I do want you to know why I loved this book so much.

The author makes you fall in love with every character in this book. This first book is about Balen and Danni but we meet other characters and I can't help but want to know their stories too. I felt so much while reading this book. I was scared, excited, sad, had anxiety, felt pretty HOT and bothered LOL but loved every single feeling. But mostly I was HOT a lot Lol

Balen made a sacrifice to save Danni from the evil Vampire even if that meant to break his own kind's

rules and trust. Balen is a Scar (Scars are supposed to protect the human kind). Danni is a human and as a human she would of become the Vampire's slave if Balen wouldn't have made the deal with the devil .

My Balen

Danni was recueded with no memory of what had happened but she wanted to remember what had happened. She wanted to know the guy she keeps on dreaming and drawing about. Hot sexy m*fucker with beautiful green eyes. (Heck I wanted him too lol)

My Danni

The chemistry between these two was freaking HOT, like seriously I needed a fan to cool off. LOL

There was so much action on this story I freaking LOVED it. Balen returned to see Danni after he had been hiding out. He knew he had betrayed his kind and he had to pay for his betrayal but he couldn't stay away from her. Danni wanted to love Balen but was too scared to lose him. The Scars and Wrath wanted to protect Balen so shit got real pretty fast.

Delara is a freaking HOT female Scar that I LOVED so much. I love a strong female who can speak their mind and bitch slap people haha. We met the Icy powerful Wrath "Waleron". Him and Delara have history and I can't wait to know what is in store for them.

We meet the HOT boys team of the Scars they all have stories as well but I am sure their stories will be coming too.

I pictured them all something like this..hmmm... yeah all big, hot and dangerous!!

But we definitely got to know the asshole Kilter. I mean freaking annoying cold asshole I couldn't help liking him of course. He helped Danni snap out of her meltdown when Balen was taken by the wraths. (I had a mini meltdown with her lol) So I guess he helped Danni and me snap out of our misery and get strong to fight for Balen's freedom. I cried and I freaked out and I got so excited for all the events that I was totally not expecting. Overall the ending was fantastic, absolutely perfect. I loved it.

Omg did I said I loved it?!!! YES, the epilogue at the end?! Seriously?! Eekkk...I need the next book NOW lol

Eda** # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says

**** 4 “tiger” STARS ****

*“You’ll never lose me. No matter what happens, I’ll always be here, whether as I am now or as a breeze in the f*ckin’ wind. I won’t ever leave you.”*

I am in Paranormal bliss...

Can't wait for the rest of the stories!!!

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.25 Stars

I'd fight for you, Danni. Right to the fuckin' end. I'd never stop. No matter what shit was put up against us, I'd keep fighting.

This book was **everything** I love about PNR. Having read and loved Take, I was super excited to get my hands on more of the Scars. But where Take read more like a standalone and had the romance be the predominant element, Stygian had a lot more PNR elements that I couldn't get enough of. Having read Take first, I couldn't help thinking that I was missing a lot of the backbone of the story behind the Scars. Don't get me wrong, there was plenty of back story and world building in that book. But it still took me a while to wrap my mind around everything. There was even a glossary of terms in the beginning. I really think that Nashoda should have began this series with this book, because it managed to do what Take couldn't. It totally and completely sucked you into the world building element of the story. It truly fed you every bit of detail piece by piece where you'll never feel lost (no glossary required). If anything, I'd recommend starting with this book first before you read Take, for no other reason than this book will absolutely hook you on this series.

Danni spent horrific days in captivity at the hands of a sadistic monster that got off on her pain, but she doesn't remember it. Bits and pieces will randomly slam into her mind, but she can't put them together. All she knows is that she was taken, and then she wasn't. The nightmarish flashbacks torture her even more because she doesn't know if they're real or not.

But nothing haunts her more than a pair of captivating green eyes and the ruthlessly handsome face that's attached to it. So much so, that she's been obsessively painting the man for the two years after her captivity not knowing if he's a memory or just a figment of her imagination.

Inside, I was a tornado of emotions- tearing, pushing and pulling in every direction. I couldn't figure out what the hell was wrong with me.

Balen is a Scar that sold his soul to the devil in order to stop Danni's pain. Having to watch her torture day in and day out while being completely powerless to help her ate away at him until finally he made a decision that would very well cost him his life. If the vampire blood he consumed won't kill him, the Deaconry and The Wraiths will since it goes against their every rule. But he'd do it again if he had the choice. What he can't seem to do now, is get the woman out of his mind. Inexplicably drawn to her, he gravitates to her like a magnet even though his presence is dangerous to them both.

I loved getting more history on The Scars here. You truly get a grasp for their world, especially with additional POVs with a few integral secondary characters. Adding additional POVs to a story on top of the MCs can be tricky, since sometimes they may just complicate things. Fortunately, Nashoda Rose pulls this off seamlessly. I really felt like the secondary POVs only **added** to the story without ever being confusing.

I absolutely LOVED Danni and Balen not only together but as individual characters. Danni has this tough shell, but inside there's this incredibly endearing vulnerability to her. It was also such a refreshing change to get a hero like Balen. While he manages to have this air of ruthlessness to him, he's so soft and caring with Danni. You can truly feel the connection between them, and not just on the sexual level. Though let me tell you, that sexual level was hot as hell!

I was completely enraptured with this story. It sucked me in from the very beginning and I couldn't seem to put it down until the end. Between the romance for Danni and Balen, there was so much else going on.

My only quibble is that I couldn't help but feel there was supposed to be a book before them, one for Anstice and Keir. There was a lot of reference to what happened between them, as well as what happened between Anstice and Balen. Now while it does get explained in more detail towards the end, I feel like maybe it should have been addressed earlier in the book.

Aside from that, there was really nothing else that I didn't love. I was practically salivating for any and all additional details between Waleron and Delara. Man oh man does their story sound like it's bound to be a juicy one. I was already captivated by them in this book and they were just secondary characters.

Stygian was action packed, steamy, and filled with intricate world building. Not many authors can pull off switching between contemporary and PNR, but Nashoda definitely pulls it off and pulls it off well. PNR is my first love, and to say that I'm picky about it would definitely be a gross understatement. While I wasn't quite sold on the series after Take (I just loved that story as a whole), this one absolutely sealed the deal for me.

Then of course there was the teaser for Kilter's book. Now if there's anything that this author does extremely well, that's write one hell of a sexy asshole. Kilter? Sweet baby jebus, I'm not even sure if my ovaries will survive him. But what a way to go! The set up for his book sounds absolutely amazing!

Nashoda is incapable of writing a book that I don't completely devour, and this was no exception. If you're a fan of steamy PNR, then you definitely don't want to miss this book. I'd suggest starting with Stygian first and then reading Take. You'd enjoy it a heck of a lot more ;)

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Aisling Zena says

4 stars

I was contemplating writing a proper review of this but I just can't be arsed to be honest.

It was a good PNR with some original elements I enjoyed, though I constantly felt like I had missed the first book even when I got explanations further down the line.

And here's Tom Hiddleston and his snake hips to make up for my non-review.

warhawke says

Type: Book 1 of Scars of Wraiths Prequal

POV: First Person - Multiple

Rating:

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Danni was a human still haunted by her abduction two years before. She couldn't remember anything of it except for a man with a brilliant green eyes that she immortalized in numerous paintings.

Balen was a Scar; an immortal warrior whose job was to protect humans from their enemies. He held the key to unlock Danni's past and it became complicated when their future was bound to each other.

I read very little of paranormal books but when I do, I want them to be full of actions on and off the bed. Stygian successfully satisfied both of my needs.

When I first read Take (the first book in Scars of Wraiths series), I felt it was very little on the paranormal side and there were confusion with the world and the purposed of the different species. Stygian answered all of the questions I had.

The four Elemental Wraiths remained in the realm of, what I referred to as, a fantasy land. Because what you saw was not always what it was. The Wraiths were creative when it came to their home.

The readers were introduced to the different realms and the different species including their background origins and their purposes. There were a lot to take it but I enjoyed learning about it all. My only complain of this matter is, I wish there were more physical descriptions of the location especially on the other realms because I'd love to be immersed in the new unfamiliar environment.

I absolutely love the premise of a human and an immortal. When people come from two different worlds (in this case literally) things are bound to get intriguing. And I love how we got to learn about the worlds through their eyes.

Balen was definitely something. From the beginning he was such an enigma. He made me all hot and needy hahah! There's just something about his persona that's very attractive. Maybe it was what he did and his resistance. But also his "roughness" in the beginning. He softened towards the end but I still love him.

I like Danni too. I thought she was really brave getting into a world she didn't understand. I love seeing how she learned and embraced the new world even when it was too hard to handle.

I love that there were so many characters in the books and love the multiple POV. I always like when a story focuses on broader subject other than the two main characters. In this book we also got the side story of Waleron and Delara.

***"Who are you? What do you want with me?"
He grunted. "I want you not to be so fuckin' stupid next time. And the name's Kilter."***

One of my favorite character in Stygian is hands down the off-kilter, Kilter. I fell in love with him the

moment he uttered his first word. I could feel there's so much more to him than his abrasive personality.

My favorite scene in the whole book was the transformation scene. That was crazy and pretty intense. Love it. That's all I'm going to say about that part.

Overall, I really enjoyed the world of the Scars and the Wraiths, and really looking forward to the next book Tyrant which will be about my new favorite asshole, Kilter.

***Note #1:** Special thanks to Nashoda Rose for putting up with my Kindle-less situation (thus ARC-less) and provided me with the copy upon released. Thank you for being so understanding. You rock!*

***Note #2:** My private note for this book is so long, barely half fit in the box!*

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(Hope you enjoy your time between the pages with the Scars)

Jen says

I am so glad that I listened to a bunch of my GR buddies and took a chance on this book! I thoroughly enjoyed it, and it also reminded me why I have always loved paranormal romances. There is something wonderful about the intense love that is shared between the couple that the story is focused on. In this case, Balen and Danni have developed an unbreakable bond while they were both held captive and tortured. They were locked in separate cages; but were able to witness one another's torture while in the hands of a madman. Balen sacrifices a ton for Danni and him to be saved, unfortunately when they are out of captivity Danni has no recollection of what happened....but that doesn't stop her from having terrible nightmares, and more questions. Eventually, strange things start to happen, and life as Danni knows it will never be the same.

There is so much to this story, and the details are very important; but ones that you have to discover as the story unfolds. I thought it was a great concept, and a unique world. It is refreshing to come across a paranormal story that is different than all of the others out there! There is a bonus glossary in the beginning of the book that helps with the definitions of this intriguing world and the people in it. There are loads of secondary characters as well, and I can't wait to read more about this world that I have come to know.

If paranormal is something you are interested in as a reader, then I highly recommend this original story!!
