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\*\*Jasmine\*\*

MMA champ, Cameron 'K.O.' Jackson, is the embodiment of every woman's dream man. He's smart, tall, dark, and handsome, with a bad boy twist. The only problem is, this Prince Charming doesn't talk. That's right. He acknowledges he can, he just...doesn't.

The night I met him, his beauty turned my brain to mush. Then, he kissed me, and my world tilted on its axis. He was a distraction, something I didn't need being twenty-two years old and pre-med. Besides, I had no business even thinking about a violent MMA fighter, so I walked away with no intention of seeing him again. Apparently, he had other plans.

He tracked me down, and I brushed all my objections aside, diving head first into a relationship because he intrigued me. As I get to know him, I learn he's not the psychotic killer I thought he was, but the more I'm with him, it seems the less I know. He's a conundrum – scary fighter and gentle giant; public figure, private man. Mystery surrounds him and no one is more curious than I am. Well, you know the saying – 'curiosity killed the cat'. Cameron's world is dangerous, and I'm about to learn firsthand. When it breaks down my door, will he be able to save me?

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## **From Reader Review Beyond The Cage for online ebook**

### **Maya says**

I have been reading this story way too longer than I planned on. I admit that my busy time schedule came in between, but still. Let's start with the beginning of the story. That one I loved and I found it to be quite interesting. Then I got to the middle and my interest slowly started to vanish. I felt like after the first sex scene that was all that there was, simply just too much sex! Yep, I indeed said the unthinkable, there was too much sex. Sorry but it's the truth... In the end I simply wanted to finish the story once and for all. I didn't care much how it ends, just that it does. I know it sounds harsh but I wanted more from the story, more depth, more action (although there was some but the issue was, for me personally, too quickly resolved), more of everything (just not the sex). Sometime you love the story and sometimes you don't and for me it's the latter. Shit happens, right?

More on

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### **Maria (chicks4books) says**

Let me start by saying I was provided an arc copy in exchange for an honest review.

Jasmine is a senior in college that shares an apartment with her BFF Chelsea. Jasmine's last boyfriend turned out to be a dud. Chelsea takes her to MMA fight, even though that's not Jasmine's cup of tea, and that event will forever change her life.

Cameron is a smoking hot MMA Fighter with a perfect record. He is the mysterious fighter that keeps to himself until he locks eyes on Jasmine.

The way these 2 communicate is amazing and hot but will it be enough?

The author does a great job building the communication between these two characters. I love that the female character is biracial with curves. There were times where I started to get a little frustrated with how they communicated but then thought about how awesome that would be to have someone like that.

This was an amazing read about staying true to your own-self and not allowing anyone to sway you from your goals, trusting in someone completely, strong friendships and love. It is definitely worth reading.

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

Who can resist a sexy, protective man...

Who doesn't speak? If Cameron (aka 'K.O.') being an MMA fighter didn't peak my interest than the idea that he had chosen not to speak had me jumping right in. And not speaking certainly didn't stop Cam from achieving great success in the ring or prevent him from picking up any woman he wanted. He soon found out that Jasmine wasn't a ring bunny and he was going to work harder than ever just to get his foot in the door. Even if she could read him without one word passing his lips...

***"He may be a killer but he's an incredible kisser."***

A touch stalker (of course only in a good way) and one hundred percent male, Cam's moves outside of the ring had Jasmine intrigued. Me too! Why he wasn't talking was the unspoken mystery that threaded all the way to the end of this feisty and sassy romance. There was instant sexual chemistry that set a hot and sexy tone for their relationship that burned hotly from start to finish.

***"It could just be the hair-pulling, ass-smacking, "getting the shit fucked out of me" thing."***

I'm not usually a big fan of instant *anything* but the fireworks between these two felt just right as they communicated in ways that needed few words. There was the hint of mystery and definitely some interesting shenanigans between them and some unexpected adversaries that rounded out the story in just the right way. While the solved mystery felt a bit lacking it didn't stop me from enjoying their sexy and sassy courtship that had just the right amount of spice. ~ Diane, 4 stars

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### **Talltree says**

[h had one cheating ex who showed up a time or two to make trouble. H mainly hooked up with groupies in past few years, no more details about his past. One groupie - whom H had banged once before he met h- stalks H a bit, turns out the villain paid her to do that to create trouble. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Courtney Green says**

It could've been way better...it was epically Cringeworthy and the ending was flat, I mean even the epilogue sucked.

I (yes I) CANT BELIEVE I'm saying this but there was way way too much sex, it was repeating and VANILLA with minor 'erotic flair' (note this is sarcastic, I literally yawned during half the scenes)

Not enough romance and the dude buys her:

1. A F-ing EXPENSIVE CAR a 'Maserati Quattroporte' (rolls eyes, that's where I lost respect for both characters more than I already did.)
2. A Dog 'Norwegian Elkhound (who seems to be disappear & neglected out of the starting gate)
3. Gives her money allowance (a large monthly sum, and she has no issue with spending it)

4. He Pays All of her bills
5. He Paid in Full all her student loans
6. Buys her tons of clothes
7. Takes her to ridiculous Fancy Places
8. Buys her a expensive Jewelry etc.

**WITHIN A MONTH!!!**

A Willing Sugar Daddy To The Max (gags).

The Reason He's Mute? was completely just tossed in and made him look like a douche, because there literally was no REAL explanation. And he talks near the end but, I fell out of love and respect for him by then.

I found the main female rather annoying, bitchy, cliched to hell, spoiled rather quickly, and OMG she hates cage fighters and closed her eyes during the fights (THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL WITH HIM?) I LOVE my cage fighters and the girl was annoyingly pussified even at the 'cliched kidnapping' part of the book. And because of all that I wanted to stop at 6 different parts of the book but I wanted to give this book a benefit of the doubt yada yada...boy was I wrong. Should've? stuck with my gut.

Not reading anymore from this author.

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### **MJ's Book Blog and Reviews says**

Review by: Jennifer  
(5 stars)

Alana Sapphire has yet to put out a book that I have not loved!! I enjoyed this story sooo freaking much I read it practically in one sitting.

Jasmine is dragged along to a MMA fight, she doesn't really want to be there and doesn't see the attraction, until she locks eyes with Cameron, and from that moment the story takes off. I loved it. I loved everything about this, I so want to give more spoilers but I will be good.

I will say the sexy times were so freaking HOT. The right amount of drama and lets face it.. hot fighter guy, nothing else is needed. I give this 5 stars.

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### **Lisa says**

As a fan of all of this author's books, I have no idea why this story took me by surprise. Yes, I've come to

expect "the sexy" when it comes to Ms. Sapphire's books, and we definitely get plenty of that here, but at the heart of this book is a love story between an unlikely pair who's hearts and instant chemistry call to each other, and it can't be denied.

How can an undefeated MMA champion also be the gentle giant that IS Cameron "K.O." Jackson? And then we have the heroine, Jasmine. Physically, she is different from so many heroines I've read lately, but perhaps that's why Cameron sets his sights on the pre-med student immediately, and stops at nothing to get his girl.

The book starts off with a quote by Confucius, "A superior man is modest in speech, but exceeds in his actions." This is the recurring theme throughout the entire book, and it made for a gorgeous and compelling romance!

Some readers may be bothered with the "Daddy" reference, but it only happened a couple of times, and honestly, I was so swept up with the story, that I never thought anything of it. This book was sexy, funny (some of the sassy one-liners had me laughing out loud), action, suspense, angst...in other words, this stand-alone HAD IT ALL!

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♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

*Amazed I pushed myself all the way to the finish line. Not sure that was a good thing considered the low rating but still . . .*

Usually I try to find something positive that I liked about a story but tbh there was nothing about this that I liked.

The ending was sweet but everything that lead to that moment was so annoying/wrong/unbelievable that it couldn't be magically fixed by finally giving us actual *spoken* dialogue between both MCs. It was too little too late.

**Why this was a fail for me:**

I never could buy into the love/romance between the MCs.

The h, Jasmine was beyond annoying. She's a pre-med student but she sounds like a rambling idiot. She tries to come off as smart and independent but she came off as weak, materialistic and needy. I couldn't stand her one sided conversations with Cameron. She basically interpreted his silence and "meaningful" stares any way she wanted. It didn't make any sense.

The H, Cameron aka K.O. sounded like an interesting character but again missed his mark. Was it just me or did his actions seem more sexual predator than infatuated lover? He literally sees her once and wants her. She puts up a weak "fight" to resist him but pretty quickly, ends up naked with him. From there things pretty much are just sex, sex and you guess it! More sex.

This had zero conversations or moments where their "special" connection shines through. It literally was all about sex.

The fact that he doesn't speak one word, when he can, he just chooses not to, for 99% of their "relationship" made me think this was a case of insta-lust and not love. I felt that his excess money spending and gift giving was his way of paying for easy access to Jasmine's body. And lets face it, she didn't really put up ~~much~~ any fight to reject the expensive clothes, the paying of her bills and the freakin car. It just all seems so creepily extravagant for practically two strangers who have barely started dating, we're talking 1-2 months of going out a few times and basically just meeting up for sex.

I'm sorry and maybe it's just me but all I kept thinking was gold digger and that pretty much killed any chance of romance for me. It didn't help that the whole story is told through Jasmine's POV and I found her ridiculous and irritating. Cameron's POV would definitely have helped if only to provide the reader proof that he wasn't just some rich guy that wanted a live in booty call.

#### **Memorable Moments (for all the wrong reasons):**

##### **#1 Their first time together.**

Maybe it was just the writing style but there was nothing erotic or stimulating about reading that sex scene. It was more crude than sensual and left me feeling the opposite of what the author intended. Without chemistry these scenes just left me cold and it didn't get better. With all the sex in this read, that's saying something.

##### **#2 The OTT gifts**

I thought it was OTT when Cameron buys all these clothes and shoes for her after only knowing her a few weeks but when Jasmine casually mentions he is "taking care of her" like a boyfriend should and accepts an ALLOWANCE from him, her mind set was gag inducing.

I mean, this is what boyfriends do, right? They take care of you. Come to think of it, he's always spending money on me. In the last month, he's had my car serviced and detailed, plus I've had weekly mani/pedis, hair appointments, and shopping trips. He even paid my bills. I guess the only difference is now he'll be giving the money directly to me.

If that doesn't say kept woman, I don't know what will.

On top of all that, she also accepts a freakin Maserati as a gift from him and later finds out that with help from her dad, Cameron paid off all of her student loans. Which considering she's a pre-med student, would be extensive. This made her completely unrelated for me and the mention of her dad being okay with this "gift" and helping Cameron with it had me considering the fact the apple doesn't fall far from the tree in this family.

##### **And last but not least #3 The reason behind Cameron's silence**

You learn early on that Cameron isn't mute, he can talk, he just chooses not to. I seriously loathed reading this book but pushed myself to finish because I wanted to know what was behind the silence. When the big reveal happens, disappointment is an understatement.

The one and only time I agreed with Jasmine, Cameron's reason for his years of silence were anti-climatic and proved finishing this was a complete waste of my time. If this is a sample of this authors writing, I'll hard pass anything else from her.

#### **SAFETY**

(view spoiler)

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## **Jean says**

3.5 Stars

Okay, so anyone who knows me knows I love my fighters. And fighters with issues that need saving are even more my thing! When I read the blurb for this book and saw that Cameron did not speak, I was on it!

So, one thing I must say I did not like is the insta-attraction/love. Kissing like crazy only 5 minutes after meeting.....I don't know. But it did work for them. They were insanely hot for each other! And, if you are looking for a book with lots of sex, well, here ya go! TONS of sex!! TONS!!! And with Cameron not talking, it made for some interesting scenarios. He used his body language and his eyes to reflect his feelings, and Jasmine was so good at interpreting his meaning. She basically had conversations with herself between the two of them, answering her own questions with what she knew he was thinking or feeling.

This was a good book, and I really couldn't put it down. I wanted Cameron to finally say something! And I wanted it to be epic! I wanted his first words to Jasmine to rock my world and hers. To say I was disappointed with the reason for why Cameron was not talking is an understatement. Even Jasmine thinks in her mind that it was "anti-climatic". So, I just wish the reasoning for his silence had some more meaning.

The storyline was good though and I did fly through this book.

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## **Books Laid Bare says**

"A superior man is modest in speech, but exceeds in his actions." I love this!!!!

This quote is just perfect for Cameron, he lets his actions speak volumes, both inside the ring where his opponents rightly fear him and outside where a certain Jasmine, absorbs his every thought.

I thought their initial meeting was very sweet if a teeny bit clichéd but cool your heels ladies, it didn't temper my enthusiasm, if anything it piqued it.

Having a night out with her friend at fight night Jasmine meets Cameron and despite the fact that she just couldn't keep her eyes off him and the fact that when they are left alone they share a unanticipated kiss, she is soon back peddling and refusing to get caught up in the whole circus that surrounds him.

Every the silent type, I think from that meeting I got a measure of the man Cameron would turn out to be, because he took what she said when she walked way and said, absolutely nothing!

I do love the strong silent type...he was going to keep not only Jasmine but me as the reader on my toes and I just couldn't wait.

I thought it was sweet that he followed her home, some might not have thought so but it I just found it genuine and really engaging.

When they eventually find their way to a relationship I have to say that I was rooting for them, all the way! It was never going to smooth sailing there are external influences that are more than able to create mountains out of molehills and to do everything they can to ensure that what they have doesn't go the distance but Cameron doesn't lose, he is a champ and this is one fight that he is no intension of defeating him and luckily for him Jasmine has the same determination, they are perfect together.

Cameron was completely enigmatic and the fact that he was very reflective and verging on being almost verbally non communicative for much of the book only increased the attraction, sometimes you really don't need words to communicate what you are thinking and feeling and Cameron could very well have been the poster boy for that particular scenario... I loved him, really he was the perfect guy, only saying what needed to be said, not adding unnecessarily to a situation or complicating anything with unwarranted word, silence can be misconstrued but in his case there was no need to doubt his silence it was when he was forced to action that you needed to take heed.

As a standalone book, this is one that will be on the repeat visit list. I found the story held my attention, and kept my eyes travelling along each and every line, I was so proud of myself...I didn't skip one single word and that is no mean feat!

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### **Rosie J. says**

#### **4.5 Stars**

Initially, I wasn't sure about a story about a hero that chooses NOT to speak. It made for an interesting read. I loved it!

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### **Astha says**

4.3 star for the silence.

Again my love for fighters is back after Katy Evans book Remy this would be the book i would never forget. With a start which is always expected heroine goes to see the fight there she see the hero in the ring and her taught's would go running wild from anti men to i want him right now. So the start is the same.

Jasmine never expected to see a hot man in a place where she didn't what to go as she was more over anti-violence type .No body could ignore her because of her body so she was a hot girly. She was a confident girl with a little problem that was she did not fit in any category nor she was a black nor a white neither one could call her a blond or a black.

Well the hero of the story is a total mystery who says he can speak but never does anything more than motioning his head from side to side or showing the most cocky smile which would speak for him. He is a ideal man to prove the word "ACTIONS SPEAK MORE THAN WORDS".

This story has a very good romance ,suspense and a keep silent hero. The most confusing part was that the

hero did not speak so after every page i would think may be it will hold the answer for his silence but that was in the last and i was kind of to late by that time i taught he could not speak but could hear everything. Things i loved about the story was that the hero was sensitive,caring,a total kisses who had a love for kissing. One thing that was very suspencing was that when the hero was asked about his family he left and made it look like a mother problem .Which actually acted as a very good diversion from the mystery of of his silence.

If we look at it with a different perspective it would look like a man wanted nothing but sex and suddenly he show up at the door steps and returns your chocolate and tells he likes u.The heroine was a little careless as she did not even think one and started going out with s mysterious fighter but if we see the starting is very much lovely and u cannot remove the stupid grim from your face.One thing that can describe k.o is that he a killing machine.

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1.The silent hero who did not speak was not a actual spoiler but it makes a story a little frustrating as it is was a little difficult to understand what was going on in his mind.

2.As it a single pov it was kind of boring not to know what was going on in the heroes mind as he was the only quite character with nods and smiles.

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### **Erin says**

Just a 3 star for me..

I'm not really sure that me and this author click. I read one other book by her and ended up giving it 2 stars - it definitely wasn't my favorite. While I liked the concept of this story, I'm not a huge fan of the author's writing. I loved both of the MCs and I commend her for writing a story where the H mainly only has silent conversations with everyone around him. There wasn't much texting, writing on paper, or any sign language. This was a relationship built basically on the h hardly having any conversations with the H other than body language and grunts (and moans... ). That's got to be hard to write, but I think she did a good job. I don't think the story lacked because the H didn't speak.

My issue was the writing and for that reason I will probably not read another book by this author. In this case it's a "it's me, not you" kind of thing.

#### **Safety:**

Condoms: (view spoiler)

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### **Allyson Morris says**

This book was so good. I didn't know if I would like that one character didn't really talk until I watched them together. The way they started to read each other emotions so good!!

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## **Tpagirl says**

Beyond the Cage was a stand-alone by Alana Sapphire. This was my first book by the author.

Cameron “KO” Jackson was a mute MMA fighter. He earned the name KO with his 100% win - 100% knock out record. He could speak but he chose to be silent.

Jasmine Carter was a pre-med student who went to her first MMA fight with her best friend. She wasn’t impressed with the fighting - although she was intrigued by the gorgeous fighter.

The premise of the story was intriguing. But in the end, I liked the idea more than I liked the reality. I craved more from KO and I couldn’t feel the connection between Jasmine and KO when he was silent. It was told from a singular POV, Jasmine’s. She had an immature personality so it was grating at times. I think I would have liked it better had the POV been from KO - for me, it would have provided more feeling, insight and depth.

I enjoyed the ending. It’s strictly a matter of opinion, but I think I would have liked it better had some incidents occurred earlier in the book and the ending focused on some of the developments. Although it wasn’t my favorite book, it was well written with a creative premise and will appeal to many.

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