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Book one in the Talson Temptations series.

Domineering, dangerous and downright huge, Roarke Talson owns Jamie for the next three years. It's 2109, and the government has found a way to deal with the national debt. Indentured service. She might have been duped into debt, but she's not stupid. Jamie made sure to put a no-sex clause in her contract. There's just one problem. She can't stop thinking about her boss. Sexy and commanding, he's the face of her ultimate fantasy, and a nightmare employer. She's met every challenge he's thrown at her and refuses to drop, no matter how hard he works her.

When Jamie does the wrong thing for the right reason, she assumes Talson will throw her in jail and not think twice. In an effort to escape, she ambushes him and flees, but not before taking a kiss and a bit more from the man.

She hadn't counted on him getting free so quickly, that he might be half alien, or that he'd hunt her down with more than vengeance on his mind.

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## From Reader Review Talson's Wait for online ebook

### **Mara says**

It was free, what can I say? :P

You read it, snort a lot, forget it as soon as finished. Not too bad for a 60 pages long erotic story. I wouldn't recommend it, least of all at full price (5\$).

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### **Sandra says**

The main difference between the 2 editions is all the hot smokin sex in #2. #1 is a good Scifi Rom story but #2 just takes it that bit further. Enjoyed it all over again ;)

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### **Pamela says**

I found this to be a rather enjoyable read. Jamie is a strong woman working off a family debt that she didn't incur. Her boss, Roarke Talson, throws all kinds of work at her that he doesn't really believe she's capable of doing, but she proves she can handle anything. He has an ulterior motive for the way he treats her though.

When Jamie is attacked on her way home one day, Roarke ends up helping her. His feelings for her begin to show ... a caring side that Jamie didn't know existed. Just as their feelings for each other become evident, Roarke is informed of a serious violation that Jamie committed which send her on the run and him chasing after her.

I liked the fact that this was a sci-fi story. I haven't read a lot of this type yet. And although I should be used to rushed endings, I wished it hadn't been rushed.

Still, I did enjoy it and would definitely be interested in reading more from this series.

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### **Dr. Bronwyn Ph.D of Smutology says**

I'm not sure why but this totally hit the mark for me. Well written with the right mix of possessive alpha male, feisty heroine and hot love scenes.

I love stories with a paranormal hook and this has that. We're talking about a future where those in serious debt pay by becoming indentured servants. This could have easily become creepy and a story based on an abuse of power (after all as an indentured servant Jamie was basically a slave....and not because of her sexual preferences if you know what I mean) but it really doesn't. He treats her well and while he works her hard clearly feels proud at her success. This flows through all aspects of this story.

For a free read, it doesn't get better for me.

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### **Dawn Sullivan says**

Wow I totally melted. Smoking HOT!!!!!! This book was short but it had everything you could possibly want in a erotic romance. Roarke was the perfect male. Jamie is so loyal and such a strong woman. Together they make a great match. I loved how Marie gave us just enough info about their backgrounds. This book was well written. Gosh this book had me sighing and fanning myself. This is my first book of Marie Harte and it def wont be the last. I am def a fan. This book is a must read.

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### **Amber Daulton says**

In the first novella in the Talson's Temptation series, the year is 2109, and the humans of Earth had made contact with the Otra aliens years earlier. The Otra are now living and working on the planet, but there's prejudice between the two groups.

Indentured human servant Jamie Kendrick works for a prosperous, by-the-book shipping company, and though she's a model employee, she decides to smuggle a man off the planet in one of the company's crates. If she's caught, that means she could die or end up as a sex slave in a camp. Though she's worried that Roarke, her arrogant, dictator of a boss, will catch her, she's insanely attracted to him. Unfortunately, she put a no-sex clause in her contract, which prohibits her boss from seducing her.

Part-Otra Roarke Talson runs his family's shipping business with an iron hand, but when he discovers Jamie's illegal activities, he's not angry. He's relieved. He's craves her body and has wanted her to break her contract for the past year. Now he's finally free to claim the woman he's fallen in love with, but he has to hunt Jamie down first.

Jamie and Roarke are awesome. She's smart and sassy, and though she's had a rough life, she's still a positive person. Roarke isn't the gruff, harsh man he pretends to be; he's honorable, protective, and downright sexy. They complement each other very well.

The story is fast paced with hot sex scenes and a good plot. I enjoyed the universe building and look forward to reading more stories in the series.

5 Stars

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### **Lyndi W. says**

My only problem with this story is the abrupt ending. And I believe this is an issue with the other Marie Harte books I've read. Instead of a nice little epilogue to explain the HEA, the entire story suddenly ends mid-sex scene with a parting line that usually deserves italics. It's a good place to end the story... *if there was an epilogue*. It's more like the end of a chapter. Even just a handful of paragraphs to show us which direction the HEA takes. Pregnancy? Space travel? Gimme something!

Otherwise, it was fast and fresh. I liked the indentured servant idea. I guess Marie Harte is into dirty talk as much as I am because it was used here, as well as the last two books I've read from her. I'm totally not

complaining.

While part of me scoffs at "silly Elora's Cave" books (the part of me that enjoys long epic fantasies that make me want to reevaluate the person I want to be when I grow up and somehow change the world and carry a magical talisman while doing it... ahem), I've come to the conclusion that they are exactly what I need lately. I don't have the time or the attention span for serious novels or intense stories right now.

This was hot and amusing. I approve.

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### **Lady Raven RAVE! says**

Roarke and Jamie lives in a society if debts are owed, you go on the block for indentured services to someone who is willing to purchase it in order for you to work it off. That is what Roarke did with Jamie's debt and now she works for him. Before working for Roarke, Jamie included a clause in their contract that states no sex. With that clause in place, it is a little difficult for Jamie and Roarke. Roarke is half human and half Orta and really wants Jamie and if he initiates sex with her then she will be free to go, so he is hoping with some miracle that Jamie does something to break the contract. Jamie really wants Roarke as well and cannot stop thinking about him sexually but she does not want to break the contract as well.

This was a great read for me with a Sci Fi erotica twist to it. I have to say, the way the book started out, I wasn't sure if I wanted to continue reading and then it got really good. We have a sexy half human and Otra that really wants something he cannot have until he finally got it, Jamie was definitely feisty, and a bit of a bad girl sexually I think personally. I would love to read about his brothers, as this is book 1 in the series regarding the 4 brothers. Roarke's brothers are not half-human, they are full Orta so that should be interesting.

Storyline: FAIR

Intimacy: GOOD

Enjoyment: GOOD

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## **Sodapop13 says**

### **Quick enjoyable read!**

This is a quick read, an hour or so, which is perfect when you want to go to bed on time! Even though it is just novella length, it is crammed full of steam, strong characters, some action as well.

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## **Kelly says**

My alien (or half-alien) kink is alive and kicking! I love the vibe here. It was sexy and the fact that they'd worked in close contact with one another for a year made their sudden descent into lusty shenanigans believable. For the record, I approve of lusty shenanigans!

This book was a free Kindle download I picked up 06/19/12 for the Why Buy the Cow? reading challenge.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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## **Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says**

Quick Read  
3 STARS out of 5

Very Sexy  
Very Smutty  
Super Steamy  
Super Freak Read!!

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## **Angie says**

well I got what I came for...sex sex sex. this is a sci fi erotica and I got it for free so I didn't really know anything about it. Turns out it was set in the future where a persons debt was put into a contract and that contract was bought so the person could work it off...they were indentured slaves. Jaime was actually working off the debt of her parents and Roark was her boss. Both were attracted to eachother but Jaime's no sex clause prevented Roark from pursuing her without breaching her contract. in the end she messed up giving him his opening to go after her...literally...since she ran off. Being half alien and half human Roark was unaccepted by both halves, but it apparently gave him the stamina of a bull! Phew. Once the fun started it went to the end. Short story...fun and sexy.

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## **Amanda says**

Really short ebook - 61 pages on my Nook, but I loved it. I have a major weakness for boss-employee romances, and this one had that as well as a touch of sci-fi, and some hot hot sex! I also have a weakness for romances where the hero is pathetically in love with the heroine, and is desperate for her while also being strong and alpha-like (if that makes any sense!).

When thinking about it, I really do not think that this book could be any longer than it already is, unless Harte added in some more dramatic elements. This book is pretty straight-forward, no mystery person trying to kill anyone, no long drawn out secrets. It is about the characters and their specific situation. Everything really seemed to work well.

Harte definitely leaves it open for more books, with the mention of Talson's brothers mating habits - two men and one woman. ;)

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### **Heather Wiese says**

This one was pretty entertaining. It's set in the future when the government has decided for people to work off of their debts they can become indentured servants for a fixed amount of time.

Jaimie is under contract with Roarke, an shipping mogul (who may or may not be part alien). He basically bought her because he had an overwhelming attraction to her, even though her contract very clearly has a "no sex" clause (as long as the contract isn't broken). Jaimie isn't interested in being a sex slave, just honest work to pay off her horrible parents' debt and support her two younger sisters. Despite her professionalism, she can't help fantasizing about her boss (he's a hot hunk of man), but that's as far as it goes.

Then to save her sister's boyfriend and get him off planet (illegal), she hides him in a shipping container. Thinking Roarke will have her arrested, she runs. Roarke catches up with her, elated she has broken the contract and wanting to make the most of their time together. He's been waiting for just this chance...

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### **Cecilia says**

Short and spicy. Not a complicated plot or major characterization, but enough that it all held together. Enjoyable enough, but overpriced for the length.

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