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Named for her late father's most prized possession, Aston McNeil shares a deep connection with the classic car she inherited upon his recent death. When she learns her reckless stepbrother lost the car as collateral to Houston's most feared loan shark, she fights the urge to throttle him and vows to do whatever it takes to get the car back.

Mechanic and mob enforcer Ben Beciraj can't believe his eyes when Houston socialite Aston McNeil storms into his chop shop and demands the return of the car he's just repossessed. He counters with a deal he never expects the fiery blonde heiress to accept—one week at his beck and call for the keys to her late father's favorite toy.

But Ben's plans to have a little fun with a girl way out of his league are shot to hell after one taste of sweet, beguiling Aston. When her stepbrother's shady dealings are revealed, Ben will do anything to protect her from the seedy underworld he inhabits—even if it means crossing the only family he's ever known.

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Sofia says

1.5 stars. This wasn't really interesting to me. I also couldn't relate to Aston. She wasn't annoying, but she wasn't great either. The characters weren't hardcore criminals in my mind either.

Katya says

4.0 Stars!!!

Okay, this is the start of a couple...the author's style is to start the story and thread it through the rest of the series. I loved it. I love Aston....what a bold, sassy woman. This series is based on the Albanian crime family in Houston.

Lani ?? the Destroyer ?? says

Short, sweet and hot. Look forward to continuing Ben and Aston's story

Avril says

Ben, you sexy son of a bitch! We didn't have enough time, not nearly enough time together for me to love you the way I wanna love you. Sexy son of a bitch!

Shannon Gorilla McGee Winston says

Debt Collection is a new series that is a spin-off of R.R.'s Fighting Connolly's and Her Russian Protector series'. This novella features Ben Beciraj--nephew to the Albanian mob boss, Besian Beciraj. Ben was first introduced in The Fighting Connolly's book, In Jack's Arms. At least I THINK that's when Ben first showed up, if he was mentioned in earlier books, I have forgotten. Anyway, Collateral is Ben and Aston's story. Aston is living a polar opposite lifestyle than Ben. She's an heiress and set to eventually be CEO of her late-father's company. But when the one possession that she holds so dear is stolen, Aston heads to dangerous, scary territory to get it back. Enter Ben: Car booster, mob enforcer, mechanic and the son of a mob boss and a prostitute. Obviously sparks fly and those sparks are hot--This is Roxie Rivera, here, it's smokin'! Since it's Roxie Rivera, not only is it smokin', it's also full of suspense and cartel/mafia intrigue. If you've already read R.R.'s other stuff, this will be a quick, steamy and fun read; if you haven't, there's the possibility that you could become confused or annoyed a little bit about the name dropping--Sergei, Nikolai Kalasnikov, Lalo Contreras, Guzman, etc. It's all one big on-going drama in Houston. And it's awesome.

There were a few typos that I noticed, but I was so darn happy to be reading this that I didn't care. I'm ready

for Marley and Besian's story, too. Bring it on, Roxie Rivera!

Leigh says

So I have this addiction and its Roxie Rivera's bad boys, I just can't get enough of them. In this her new spin off series to her sexy Russians we get the Albanian bad boys lead by Besian (I will admit that I did do a happy dance at the end of Ben and Astons story that his book is coming this summer). Collateral is the story of Ben Beciraj mob enforcer and mechanic at a chop shop where Aston a very wealthy woman comes looking for her stolen car. I loved the story and as with all of Roxie's books the sex was hot and I'm looking forward to more.

Jennifer Finn says

I really enjoyed this book I just wish it was longer because it felt a bit rushed and I would love to read a book about Marley and Besian. Aston McNeil loved her father and was devastated when he died from cancer. She was named after his beloved car that he called baby. She finds out baby is in a chop shop owned and operated by the Albanian mob. Aston goes there with her best friend determined to get her car back. She meets Ben Beciraj who tells her that her stepbrother borrowed a lot of money from the Albanian mob and used baby as collateral. Her stepbrother never made any payments so they repo'd the car. She is furious because she hates her stepbrother and it's not his car to make deals with. Ben makes her a deal if she'll give him 7 days and 7 nights then he will give her the car back.

Hollie says

The perfect quickie - short.....but gratifying

~4.5 stars~

This read was fast paced, exciting, sexy and fun. I was impressed how the writer managed to provide so much story and character depth in such a short read. It was only 140 pages but managed to feel like so much more, in a good way. I will definitely check out more of this writers work in the future!

Karla says

3.5 stars

Quick read and fast paced I enjoyed it when I started reading this I didn't know it was a spinoff of the series (her Russian protector) and (fighting Connolly's). I love it since in this series is about the Albanian crew and of course we hear from the Guzman cartel and mention of the hot Russians. As with any novella I found myself wanting more but I know with the continuance of this series it won't be the last of Ben and Aston's story the MC of this novella. I'm looking forward to besian and marley's story and of course devil and zec's.

KBeautiful1 says

Ben Beciraj and Aston McNeil, two people different lives are about to embark down a road that neither will never forget.

Just a regular day in the chop shop for Albanian mob enforcer Ben when out of nowhere a whirlwind of a woman comes to his place of business demanding that he return the car that he now has. Who would have thought that would ever happen but it did and what transpired next Ben could have never imagined. Aston, wealthy heiress comes to a part of town and into the lair of the Albanian mob with her best friend Marley accompanying her, she demands for Ben to return her car which her step brother Calvin had lost due to a loan he defaulted on.

Ben takes one look at Aston and thinks she has guts coming into his place but decides to scare her what he didn't bank on was although she was afraid, Aston was determined to get the car back that was given to her from her dad, who had died months earlier. So she wasn't leaving without it. Ben thought she was wired up, not trusting anyone who isn't apart of his family demands to see if she is wired, to his surprise she takes off her clothes showing him that she is not undercover. Ben interrogates her farther and realizes she doesn't know a thing about what her step brother has been up to, she is in the dark about his dealings. So Ben decides to help her and she offers to pay off her step brother's loan to get her car back. As they go to the secret spot where cars are taken and later to be sold, they come upon all of the cars have been taken and now a rival gang has pulled up determined to take them both out.

Ben finds out that Aston isn't your sheltered heiress, she is a get into the trenches woman. Ben's protective nature kicks in for her and for once he cares about someone else other than the family. Once Ben finds out they have been set up and someone within the family has betrayed them, the race is on not only to protect Aston but to exact the type of punishment that comes to those who dare to cross the Albanians. During all of this Ben realizes for once how his lifestyle will prevent him from being in a meaningful and forever relationship, time spent with Aston makes his heart yearn and long for her but once you're in the family it is forever and how can he be with Aston when this is his fate.

Two people from different backgrounds fight to be together, Ben and Aston race to save each other but will it be enough for these two to be together and the next question is can they ever be together?

A great, great story written by author Roxie Rivera and there will be a part 2 for Ben and Aston which I am super excited about. I am definitely rooting for these two Woot! Woot!

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

Tate says

I so loooove this series!!!

and all the spin off of the spin offs ;)

such hot men these BAD BAD BOYS!!!!

image:

Ismahane says

I loved this new spinoff series off of the "Her Russian Protector" series. it's all about the Albanian crew in this series, and it was wild and thrilling!! Can't wait for the next chapter in Ben and Aston's story. and Besian and Marley's story too, I've been waiting for that one since their brief interaction in Jack's Arms!

***Dee's Reading Time Matters says**

Ben, Albanian enforcer whose boss was Besian was placed in a awkward position by heiress Aston whose demented stepbrother had secretly defaulted on her late father's 1963 Aston Martin vehicle which Aston named Baby. Ben was willing to give her back her classic ride if she gave herself to him for a week. Because the car had sentimental value she said yes but know this she was very attracted to the enforcer/booster and mechanic and vice-versa!

Oh, I just loved how Roxie Rivera connects her series! You have Nikolai from Russian Protectors and even the mentioning of Sergei's woman buying his debt as well as a Connolly's family member acknowledged with Abby from that series.

What I really like about the H/h in "Collateral" was that although one was loaded legally and the other a thief- illegally, Rivera showed how much alike they were... their pasts were flawed due to strange circumstance. etc.

Alina Neac?u says

""I still owe you six days and six nights as collateral."
Grinning, he slid his hand down the curve of my spine to settle on my backside. He gave me a playful swat.
"Yes, you do."
"After that, we'll have to renegotiate our contract."
He let loose an exaggerated groan. "I don't know about that. Besian tells me you're tough."
"I think you're man enough to handle a tough woman."
He laughed and dipped his head to kiss me. "Yes, I am."""

Julia says

Super short novella that really didn't bother to develop the characters but instead gave us large swathes of quick backstory and weird out of nowhere bullet points of past abuse. So not worth the read and not very

believable.

Also, the fact that they didn't bother to find out whether the car someone put up as collateral was theirs to put up and didn't ever contact her when the money was due seems like a big lapse.
