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While America Singer's heart was torn between Aspen and Prince Maxon, her friend Marlee knew exactly what she wanted—and paid the price.

Revisit the captivating world of Kiera Cass's #1 New York Times bestselling Selection series in this digital original novella. Told from Marlee's point of view, this all-new 64-page story returns to the fateful Halloween when Marlee and Carter were discovered, and reveals how that night—and Prince Maxon—changed their lives forever.

The Favorite also features a teaser to The Siren!

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From Reader Review The Favorite for online ebook

Jennifer says

The Favorite is a novella (#2.6) in Kiera Cass's young adult, dystopia series titled [The Selection](#). This short-story was a refreshing addition from Marlee's point of view. The characters in this series are great, but sometimes it's nice to read a new perspective...and see a new love story. If you have read the series then you know that Marlee falls in love with a guard: Carter and when discovered, they are caned as punishment. But Marlee's POV provides insight into a beautiful bond between two people that gets them through the hard times. I found the novella rather choppy and it didn't flow well in my opinion but the content was good. Three stars.

Maggie says

“Even though the thing he was strapped to was in the way, he craned his neck so he could see me. I focused on him. I wasn’t alone. We had each other. The pain would last temporarily, but on the other side of it I had Carter forever. My love, forever.”

Marlee's scene in *The Elite* was a shocking one but an emotional one. I think I cried, I don't remember exactly. I never knew Marlee would end up falling for someone else other than Maxon. Sure sometimes she was awkward and shy around him and I guess that was hinting, I was just too dumb to figure it out. Or maybe that's just how and who she is.

Carter and Marlee were adorable together! I'm not gonna say much, but their story is emotional but cute at the same time. It's sad, but the way they were positive and sure and had hopes they would be together was adorable. I loved how America was there for Marlee and how Maxon left them casteless, letting them choose and letting them live and be happy. I was glad they were able to be together and even though they were taken to a place where riches weren't found, food wasn't blessed, and the best clothes weren't given, they were both happy together and no sad emotions were shown or felt.

I loved how strong Marlee was and how she acted as she was getting punished, along with Carter. Even though their lives changed forever and they wouldn't expect anything but death and brutality, nothing that was given to them was expected. Oh and when America became Queen and gave them their spot back, I found it cute and sweet how America and Maxon were with them and everything was actually back to normal.

Kyla Harris (ourbookworlds) says

Such a fun read for Saturday! I love the Selection world and it was fun reading this short story. Way cute, as always.

Carmen de la Rosa says

¡¡¡Me encanto esto!!!

Fue increíble ver cosas de la cabeza de Marlee y cuánto está enamorada de Carter.
¡Maxon es increíble! ¿Cómo podría alguien ser tan bueno?

Era exactamente lo que esperaba que fuera; no solo una repetición de lo que ya se dijo en los otros libros, sino realmente la historia desde otra perspectiva con información que no teníamos.

Además ¡Marlee y Carter son tan lindos!

Yoda says

Reading Marlees story was without a doubt my favorite (Hahah, favorite get it?). She is such a lovely character I would love to read more about her! Her story is so sweet and adorable, I loved it!

Jane says

When I saw it I was like:

To Kiera Cass I was like:

To the fans:

To Society In General:

You know what I felt like happened between the publisher and Kiera Cass?

This:

P: *Sighs* Kiera, another book/novella?

K: Yup.

P: You know I luh de chedda but my conscience is creeping in and i feel like we shouldn't be milking these 9 year old girls of their money anymore.

K:But...they're already calling me the next Cassandra Clare! And heck, she wrote a book bout a voicemail
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2...>

P: Girl, with the way you're going, you will go above and beyond.

K:....

P:....

K...

P: FINE! One more book/ novella. Okay. One more. Try not to make things too messy and just finish the damn thing.

K:

And so, a 'saga' of a billion books and counting begins.

Isa Cantos (Crónicas de una Merodeadora) says

Esta historia corta casi me mata de todos los *feels* que me produjo. Miren, Marlee no era de mis personajes favoritos en *The Selection* y, a pesar de lo que le sucede llegado cierto punto de la historia, no me importó mucho en su momento.

Sin embargo, leer toda su historia desde **sus** ojos es una experiencia totalmente diferente. Sobre todo porque no es una historia lineal, sino que va dando saltos del presente/futuro al pasado. Creo que mi problema con Marlee es que no conocí su historia de amor prohibida con Carter de primera mano en los libros de *The Selection*, así que todo fue muy "se enamoró de un guardia y ahora los tienen que azotar, volver Ochos y echar del Palacio". ¡Pero todo cambia cuando lees *The Favorite*! Con esta historia corta ya conocemos cómo fue el primer encuentro de Marlee con Carter, cómo coqueteaban a escondidas, cómo se robaban sonrisas, roces, guiños... cómo se enamoraron perdidamente el uno del otro.

Creo que lo que más me llegó de *The Favorite* fue el amor que se sentía a través de las páginas. A pesar de ser un relato corto, llegamos a percibir los sentimientos de Carter hacia Marlee y el gran lazo que se forma entre ellos. Y, además, gracias a esta historia también vemos la infinita bondad de Maxon al ayudarlos en sus peores momentos... tanto en los inmediatamente posteriores a los azotes, como meses después cuando él ya es el Rey de Illéa.

Fuzaila ~ is on hiatus says

I didn't expect a book from Marlee's pov. It was sweet and refreshing just as I hoped

Even if the romance seemed a bit too unrealistic. Or let's say the book tries too hard to be perfect. Everything is just spot on and right.

I must also say that whoever Kiera Cass writes as, she sounds just like America. Maybe I have got too used to her tone, but Marlee, Eadlyn, Amberlee - their voices just sounded same to me. Furthermore the characterization in this book felt a bit flat.

Well, for a novella, I must say it was enjoyable enough.

Roma says

Oh, yeah! I can't for this one.

Team Marlee!!! :)

Marla says

I liked Marlee and I liked Carter. I was upset what happened to them in the regular series. I'm glad this gives the view from Marlee's side of things. You get to see a few behind-the-scenes that were not in the regular series. I was glad they could be together but never understood the whipping. I would have just fired him and sent them away. They weren't doing anything in front of the cameras so the general public didn't know.

ambsreads says

It was interesting to see Marlee's perspective of events, add this to the fact she was one of my favourites characters in The Selection and I wasn't mad by this novella at all.

Trina (Between Chapters) says

I read this in the Happily Ever After bind up. By far, this was my favorite novella of the series. I had wondered what exactly led up to that pivotal scene with Marlee and she's also just a great character to read from. I also enjoyed how we saw a few different scenes throughout the series from her viewpoint.

Miranda Reads says

The Favorite?

More like *The Money Grab*.

Just before the doors closed, he gave me a wink and a crooked smile, and I was left there, grinning like an idiot

Marlee (along with a gaggle of other girls) is in a pseudo The Bachelor competition for Prince Maxon. That's right. This kingdom picks its new queen by a **televised reality TV show**.

Marlee is the people's favorite - which carries a lot of weight. And despite being the favorite, Marlee has a

pretty big secret - one that even her best friend and fellow contestant (America) doesn't know. **Marlee's got a man on the side**

We already know from the main Selection stories that Marlee:

- A) Falls in love with a guard
- B) Gets caught in compromising situations with the guard
- C) Was sentenced to death (but escaped)

And in this side-story, we see A, B and C all over again, only with much more drama and **with horribly cheesy lines** like this:

I'd rather have my last memory be of his death than suffer knowing that his last memory was of mine.

Honestly, how did this kingdom last as long as it did? It's just **one dumb decision after another**:

Marlee

I had found my soul mate. I knew it. And there was too much love in my heart to leave room for regret.

You are **honestly telling me** that you were so in love with your soulmate that you absolutely had to sneak around with him even though you knew **both of you would die if you got caught**.

Are. You. Freaking. Kidding. Me.

Gurl. **What is wrong with your hormones?** How hard could it have been to wait a couple of months? To bow out of the competition? Anything to ensure that you both wouldn't DIE?

Instead, you just had to risk both of your lives for a **little nookie in a castle alcove**.

America

So, America sees what happens during Marlee's and What's-His-Face's sentence...and **continues her affair with Aspen**. What the what?

Did she not just see the beatings? The death sentences? Why? Just why.

The Entire Kingdom

So Marlee and What's-His-Face are publicly beaten in front of the entire nation. And Maxon has this "clever idea" to hide them in plain sight - as **servants in the castle under fake names**.

The very same castle that housed Marlee for the last six months and televised her rise and downfall. **And it works.**

This makes no sense.

Marlee's face was so prominent (as the people's favorite) that surely the gossiping servants recognized her.

Everyone is so cast-oriented that I cannot believe that they would be fine with two traitor "Eights" in the servants' quarters.

Which leads me to believe that **everyone in the castle must be completely dumb.**

I am SO done with all the YA books *having* to write novellas.

Audiobook Comments

Read by Arielle DeLisle - no complaints there!

Elena Salvatore says

WARNING: You should **NOT** read this novella before you read The One.
You will be spoiled for the ending.

Chelsey the crazy cat lady says

LOVED The Favourite and I love King Maxon even more now. I love how he went out of his way to care for Carter and Marlee and what America and Maxon did for them at the end, so sweet.
