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# From Reader Review NOT A BOOK: The Tornado for online ebook

Renégade ♥ says

So I found out this morning that "The Tornado" was plagiarized from a work called "In the Land of Gods and Monsters" by author Wynter S. Komen.

Can I just say that I'm seriously pissed and tired of hearing about this crap like every other week?

It's disgusting, unethical, shameful behaviour. It's incredibly disrespectful towards both authors and readers. And for what? To make a buck off of someone else's efforts and pull a fast one over the clueless audience?

Eff you, Missy Blue.

And that's about the nicest thing I have to say where you're concerned right now.

Here's some of what the author, Wynter S. Komen, has to say about the situation:

Some of you may have heard this by now, but I'm going to give you the deets here. Last night a fan fic member [...] informed me that my story, *In the Land of Gods and Monsters*, had been lifted and published by a person named Missy Blue and retitled *The Tornado*. This work is published under Amazon Kindle and she is making money off of it.

Additionally another fanfic friend, informed me that there is ANOTHER author by the name of DC Ruins who published a book called *Dances With Monsters*... two guesses where that story came from.

Dumbfounded, I had to see it for myself, and sure enough - there it was. I can't tell you the emotions that went through me when I saw it. Disbelief, shock, rage, and pure unadulterated HURT. Obviously, I'm a writer. I know that plagiarism is a thing that people do, but I never in a million years could have thought it would happen to me. And I hope it never happens to any of you, if you're writers, because the pain it causes is unreal. I am devastated and heartbroken.

Let me clarify, it has nothing to do with the financial benefit that both authors are obviously reaping. I am currently working on my first original novel. I am working hard to become a published author myself, because writing is my dream and my passion and the **THING** I was meant to do. I want to be able to make money off of writing and support myself with it, so I can, in effect, have my dream job.

But it's not about that, the money. For me, it's about the art, and moreover, the feelings. I came to fanfic almost three years ago and started posting stories over two and a half years ago. The story in question, *Gods and Monsters*, was written at the start of one of the most horrible and trying times of my life. It was therapy for me. I poured my heart into that story, I worked hard to create a character (Sammi) that people could feel for and relate to and root for. I worked hard to craft a revealing tale of romance and healing and hope, because that is what I needed at that time in my own life. That story was one that came from my soul, and to have it taken from me like that without a care in the world disgusts me and breaks my heart.

**To Missy Blue and DC Ruins...SHAME ON YOU.**

**Shame on you for being thieves. Shame on you for not giving a f\*ck about another person's feelings or work. And most of all, shame on you for having the AUDACITY to call yourself an artist. You're NOT an artist. You're a thief.**

**Learn to write. Go to school. See if you can develop your OWN talent and use that to line your bank account. But don't steal from real artists. This might be fanfiction, but those stories are MINE. And you know it. SHAME ON YOU.**

[...]

**Please, let's come together and let people know the real story.**

[...]

**I'll be leaving "In the Land of Gods and Monsters" up on this site in its entirety, so people can see the original version:**

**<https://m.fanfiction.net/s/9099258/1/...>**

**It's already been stolen so there's no point in worrying about that anymore. I love this story and I want to keep loving it. I don't want this AWFUL and SHAMEFUL situation to detract from what this story meant and means to me, so up it stays in all its imperfect glory.**

To read more, go to:

**<https://www.fanfiction.net/s/9213630/...>**

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And for those of you who have read and loved this book, she does have an email address (see link) that she can be reached at if you're so inclined and you want to send some love, support, what have you.

I don't know the author and I haven't read her book.

But I wanted to read it and planned to in future.

So it pisses me off that it was stolen (which takes some serious gall) and that I'm hearing about plagiarism *yet again*.

Hence, sharing this with all of you.

Oh and one more thing? DC Ruins?

If you did what she says you did?

Have a nice day.

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## Roksana says

**Original star 5 stars! Sadly I needed to drop the rating to 1 star due to the copyright of this book that was originally published by another author in 2013! I hope the original author will be able to reclaim her rights for this book!**

**I want more "Heroes" like Tornado Prince!**

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## Kirsten says

### 3 stars

By no means does my rating reflect the book.

This was just a perfect example of "it's not you, it's me".

The characters didn't annoy me, there was a decent plot, and the romantic relationship moved at a realistic pace, but unfortunately it didn't hold my attention.

It was a sweet story and the heroine's past was one of the most tragic I've read, so I regret saying that I was a little bored by the book in general. It picked up a little towards the end, but it wasn't enough for my personal taste.

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## UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

**Updated! Sadly I've learned that The Tornado is a plagiarized story.** I'm dropping my rating because even though it's a fabulous story, Missy Blue didn't write it but has been profiting from another author's work.

Thank you, Jenny and Kristen, for the information.

Read the ORIGINAL author's statement here: <https://m.fanfiction.net/s/9099258/39/>

~~**5 "Not until I'm worthy of you" stars!!**~~

My Goodreads friends had been raving about this MMA romance - and I do mean raving - so I decided to give it a try. Oh, my goodness...this story surpassed all my wildest expectations! Poignant and romantic and exciting and sexy, *The Tornado* is all that, and more!

### Blurb...

A once gifted ballet dancer chained to the demons of her past, Jewel is broken and can no longer dance, her dream torn away from her. Determined to not lie down and die, she takes up the fight, disguising herself as a man, and dares to enter... The Tornado's testosterone-fueled boxing gym.

An ex-Marine turned MMA fighter, living in the shadow of his tragic past, Asher “The Tornado” Prince only wants to keep his head in the game, turning any man who enters the ring into dust. His temper is hotter than a branding iron, keeping everyone at arm’s length for good reason. He is all tattooed muscle, blood, sweat, and anyone who dares to cross his path, he’ll leave them in tears.

But one night is all it takes. One look is all it takes. Two broken souls find love in the unlikelyst of places.

Jewel wants out of her dark world, and she faces the fight of her life to get there. But she won’t do it alone. When Asher discovers that the skinny little kid who comes to his gym every night is a beautiful young woman, nobody will dare touch her again. They call him The Tornado, and Jewel finds out fast why he lives up to his hard-hitting, bone-crunching name. But when he proves to be the tornado to her demons, he also becomes the shelter to her storm.

And in the end, he will give up his dream, only so that he can... save hers.

Author Note: MATURE CONTENT 18+ Past descriptions of abuse, but nothing graphic. The Tornado is a new adult, mma fighter, sports romance novel. Asher is a possessive alpha-male but with a HEART OF GOLD (No alpha-hole). NO CHEATING. No annoying EX drama. NO CLIFFHANGER. STANDALONE. HEA. Full Length: 100k words. Written in first person and from both POV. Previously titled Dances with Monsters.

### **Keepin' it to the point...**

This is New Adult for people who - like me - don't like the New Adult genre. In fact, I didn't even realize that it's supposed to be NA! And guess what... New Adult or not, Asher and his Jewel made this, easily, one of my favorite reads of 2015!

THANK YOU, Suze, for the Kindle Lend!!

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### **Cristina says**

***UPDATE 2:** I have always wondered why an amazing author like Missy Blue didn't have a web page, FB page or even twitter (because I usually subscribe to authors I love) but figured that it was a pen name and I just hadn't figure out who the original author was. But it came as a shock to discover that the reason behind this anonymity is actually the fact that this novel has been stolen from another author and (with a few little modifications) published on Amazon.*

*I was a little skeptic at the beginning when I saw some disturbing comments on my review and that's why I contacted Wynter S. Komen and here is her answer:*

*"Hi Cristina,*

*The link to the story I published March 2013 is here: <https://www.fanfiction.net/s/9099258/...>*

*In my story, my female character has been the victim of a violent sexual crime the previous year. She travels to a new city with her family to rebuild her life. She's a very gifted dancer and lost her love of performing but loves to teach. In an attempt to rebuild her confidence around men and try to get over her PTSD and also*

*build her physical strength, she disguises herself as a guy and goes to a local gym. There, she meets the hero. He notes this "boy" - he runs the gym so he makes a point to know all his patrons - and tries to talk to "him" but to no avail. One night some guys at the gym pick on the boy, start a fight, and rip his shirt, revealing that "he" is a "she". Thus, he comes to her defense and they begin a friendship.*

*He teaches her some self-defense techniques and is there for her during an anxiety attack. She invites him over for dinner one night and he learns of her past. He surprises her with tickets to her favorite ballet and she accompanied him to an MMA tournament he's fighting in. He clashes with her family after reporters get a hold of her story and air her "dirty laundry" at the tournament (hero is something of a hometown celebrity). He shows up at the trial where she bravely testifies against her rapist. He surprises her at the end by buying her the dance studio she's always wanted - after surprising her at her very first performance in over a year.*

*In the end, they make plans to live together, and the story closes with her showing him a special dance to a special song he inspired her to create.*

*I hope this helps.*

*I've contacted Amazon and Goodreads about the plagiarism. The story is no longer up on Amazon but I'm not sure about this site.*

*I hope this has no negative connotations for your review/followers. It's none of YOUR fault. She stole from me and lied to you. This isn't about me solely; it affects everyone.*

*-Wynter"*

*After her message I went and checked out her link. This was my first time on [www.fanfiction.net](http://www.fanfiction.net) (although I have heard of it before) and after seeing with my own eyes that the story there matched pretty much of the text from this novel (it's like that story was taken and improved...but there are very large portions that are copied word for word)I just couldn't believe it.*

*The publish date on that site is listed as Mar 14, 2013 so I asked my hubby (who is a computer programmer) if there is any way that Wynter S. Komen could have set a prior date for her work and written reviews also with that date. His answer was that it would be possible (a little far fetched but still) only with the "help" of the persons that run that web page and being that this is a very popular and somehow famous online community I don't see them stopping so low.*

*Amazon has also deleted any trace of this novel or this author from their database...and it would be interesting to see their position on this matter.*

*So my conclusion is (in lack of any contrary evidence from this author) that Missy Blue has stolen the story from Wynter S. Komen and that, even with the modified text, this book still qualifies as a plagiarism because beyond the similar story line there are large portions of text copied word for word.*

*I'm sad to see that some people take advantage so blatantly of something that has helped a lot of indie authors to self publish, but like with a lot of things that are meant for good there are still people who can find ways to use them for something evil.*

*In the light of this current situation I have modified my rating for this novel from 5 to 1 star, but I will still be*

*keeping my previous review at the end so it doesn't confuse people.*

*Wynter S. Komen I'm sorry that this has happened to you and I wish you all the best with your writing.*

***UPDATE:** I understand there are some allegations of plagiarism regarding this book. I have contacted the author that has raised this issue and I have also tried to contact the Missy Blue but I have found no means to do that. At this point my review still holds until I have sufficient evidence to back up these claims and modify what I have written about this book.*

***This is my original review and it was rated with 5 stars:***

Ladies :D (please don't tell my hubbie this but...) I think **I'm in love** with Asher "The Tornado" Prince :D

He ticks all my boxes ;)

Fighter - **Check**

Ex-Army - **Check**

Smoking Hot - **Check**

Sweet - **Check**

Strong - **Check**

Thoughtful - **Check**

Protective - **Check**

Not a manwhore - **Check**

And the list could go on :D

Besides the fact that this ***fighter babe*** has a big crush on the main male character I have to be honest that Missy Blue's debut novel was a winner for me. It was very well written, with a great and unique story and awesome characters.

Asher "The Tornado" Prince is an Ex-Marine turned MMA champion that runs a gym and after a bad run in with the press in the past he just wants to stay out of the limelight. But let's not forget the fact that he's hot as sin and you could live your life just staring at him :D

Jewel Mucciarone is a ballet dancer that is new in town and works three jobs so she can open her dream dance studio. She is figuratively and literally a survivor and she's trying to build her life again.



When Asher discovers that the skinny little kid who comes to his gym every night and who he calls Loner is actually the beautiful Jewel (that comes to his gym disguised as a boy) he can't seem to stay away from her.

They have a long journey ahead of them because of their pasts (especially Jewel's) but in the end it's all worth it.

*"They called him The Tornado. But he's proving to be the shelter to my storm."*

I'm going to end my review here with telling you that this book is a HEA but don't worry, this novel has none of the instalove crap and no other women/men on the side. It is one of the most beautiful stories I have read lately and I totally recommend it.

And Asher...I just have to come clean...

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### **Kitten Mercer says**

November 15, 2015:

No rating for authors who plagiarize. Awful, just awful. Kudos to the original writer of this book!

April 20, 2015:

*"Asher Prince was the tornado to my demons, but he was the shelter to my storm."*

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### **SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says**

[No (hide spoiler)]

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### **Snow says**

#### **5 "painfully beautiful" stars**

I'll write it when i collect myself from the heart gripping hold.

## **April 25th - added review**

*Wanna see what it takes to heal from the remnants of the horrific past?*

*Wanna see the way to learn about your own strength and use it to make yourself a better human, a worthy human?*

*Wanna see how one grows to beat the odds?*

*Wanna meet the winner?*

*Wanna feel the fear of giving yourself another chance to love again?*

*Wanna taste the sense of true freedom of being loved, cherished and treasured?*

*Than this is the perfect book for you...*

*This is the story of the second chance... in everything*

**This is the story of a man willing and determined to surpass his own limits to provide and secure and bring back the faith in love and intimacy to a woman that survived the horrible experience in her past by making her regain the trust, the belief, throughout the friendship, patience, persistence and finally love!**

*Ultimately, yes, this is the story about love.*

*The love we all dream of.*

*The love that is worth dying for.*

*The love as it's supposed to be...*

*The real thing...*

**Actually, I feel so unworthy in finding the right words, pics or gifs to present it in the way that this story deserves, so I'm just gonna SHOW you through the BORROWED words and sentences that made me feel, cry, sigh, swoon and dream...**

and yes, this means you'll have a lot to read ...LOL

Asher "The Tornado" Prince

***"When you came into my life, I didn't know what this was. I hesitated. Didn't have a clue. Then you called me a friend. I get it now. You're a friend that's made me laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and makes me want to live just a little bit better. So whatever's keeping you silent from me, I'll wait. Because I think you're strong enough to beat it. I just—if you're going through something, I can help you. And if I can't, I'll do whatever it takes to become someone who can. I'm as fucked up as they come,"***

Jewel/Juliet

***"You always seem to know exactly what to say to make me feel a little bit better."***

Asher

***"I just want you to know, I'm waiting. Whenever you're ready, I'll be there."***

*"I've wanted to kiss you since the moment I saw you, Jewel."*

*"Jewel. When you beg me, like you did last night, I promise, I'm gonna make it a night you'll never forget. But I want to take this slow with you. I don't want you to regret anything."*

*"Do you trust me?" he panted.*

*"Yes, with my life," I heard myself saying, with no control. I did. I did trust Asher, wholeheartedly.*

*"Then trouble me," he said, hoarsely. "Make your burden, my burden. I want to carry it with you"*

*"I want to be the man who sends you off to sleep feeling safe and loved, Jewel. Wake up feeling safe and loved. But I can't do that unless you let me know where the hurt is," he said, brushing his hand down the side of my face. "So that I can fix you."*

*"I'm unfixable," I said, breathless.*

*He shook his head, and his eyes blazed into mine. "They call me The Tornado. But for you, Jewel, I want to be the shelter to your storm."*

*"I will never hurt you," he whispered against my mouth. "I just want to touch you. That's all."*

*"I'm here with you because I want to be. Period. I don't want anyone else. I never want anyone else. You're it for me, dammit."*

*"I only want you when you only want me, no other reason. I'll wait as long as it takes," I replied simply. "Even if it's when I turn seventy and I can't even get it up. You copy? Even when fucking Viagra won't work on it."*

Jewel

*"You risked everything for me, Asher. You risked the tournament...for me."*

Asher

*"I'd do anything to protect you—anything."*

Jewel

*"I only care about you, Asher. You are my whole world. I want you. I want all of you. Be with me tonight."*

*"Jewel," I said lowly.*

*"No, Asher. Don't. Don't fight me on this. I need to be with you. You said once that I no longer needed to be afraid, now that I got you. Show me. Because I am afraid."*

*"You are the only one who can fix me."*

Asher

*"Jewel," I murmured, seeing her eyes were squeezed shut tightly. "Don't do that. Open your eyes and look at me."*

*She did, and met my gaze. "It's me," I whispered and leaned down to kiss her. Her lips accepted the kiss but didn't move with me. "You're with me. Just kiss me."*

The man broke me here...swoon

Asher

*"I wanted and needed to show her, remind her, what sex with someone she trusted and cared about, and who trusted and cared about her, could feel like.*

**One note from me** – the story had the most detailed steamy and sexy described love making I've ever read...and yet it was more than that...just more...

Jewel

*"I don't feel so afraid anymore," she whispered.*

*"You're my girl," I whispered back.*

*"I'm your girl."*

Asher

*I'm here for you. You, Jewel. You. You are my world. If you break, I break. If you die, I die."*

*"Told you I'd be here for you, told you I'd protect you... Always,"*

*"You've got to understand one thing about me, Nutcracker..." He tilted his head down, and swept his lips over mine, the heat of his breath sending shivers down my spine as he whispered, "that...I love you," and then he kissed me.*

Jewel

*"I am indebted to you. You are my everything. You saved me Asher. You saved me. I don't wish for anything anymore. Not when I have you protecting me, loving me. You were the gift to my healing. I don't need or want for more."*

*A man that I loved with every fiber of my soul, a man who had healed me from my horrific past, and a man who had given me so much love. Too much love.*

*Asher Prince was the tornado to my demons, but he was the shelter to my storm.*

there's so MUCH more to the story, a whole lot MORE, the storyline full of paced drama, events that only bring out the detailed characterisation of our hero and heroine...and I didn't do it any justice!  
**READ IT! :D**

Phenomenally beautiful love story.

All of this brings to my mind the song by Bryan Adams

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=zggSgIT0yd0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zggSgIT0yd0)

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**Elizabeth says**

**4.5 Fighting Stars**

**"As long as I'm alive— I won't let you hurt yourself. Not on my watch."-Asher**

The Tornado was quite a surprise! This is my first Missy Blue book and I assure you it will not be my last. What I thought would be another standard fighting love story turned out to be so much more!

### **Jewel**

Jewel is a beautiful damaged heroine. As the story begins, she finds herself working three jobs and trying to train at a local gym. She is the baby of a large family. Jewel has been through some trauma which has left her broken. And then she meets him.

### **Asher**

Asher is a former marine who now is an MMA fighter. He is a part owner of a local gym and still fights in the circuit. When Jewel begins to train in his gym, he is completely taken by her!

**"Juliet...I knew then, I was heading for my first knock out."-Asher**

Asher and Juliet do not have your typical insta love/lust relationship. They start as friends. Asher is smart and realizes very quickly that Jewel is hiding something deep and dark. I loved that Asher didn't push Jewel. He just gave her the space that she needed to breathe. He was so observant and careful.

**"Whatever it was, whatever caused that pain to linger in her eyes, she never spoke of it. She never came off as anything other than laid back, except for when I caught her off guard."**

The time that Asher and Jewel spend together is so sweet and genuine. The characters had depth and there was just enough sexual tension between the two to keep me 100% engaged. Asher just made Jewel feel a peace like she hasn't felt in a long time.

**"You always seem to know exactly what to say to make me feel a little bit better."-Jewel**

**"I want to be the man who sends you off to sleep feeling safe and loved, Jewel. Wake up feeling safe and loved. But I can't do that unless you let me know where the hurt is, so that I can fix you."-Asher**

As soon as the truth is revealed, Asher doesn't allow Jewel to cower away in a corner. He is so patient with her. While maintaining his "alpha" persona, he guides her to trusting again. The story continues to build while both Asher and Jewel aspire to reach their personal goals. What is the best part of this read? NO STUPID DRAMA! I just cannot stand the silliness of petty drama. It diminishes the reading experience for me. I loved that Asher and Jewel were very real with one another. Such a breath of fresh air to read a work complete with honest characters that want the best for themselves and each other!

As the friendship continues to flourish, the passion blooms and explodes. I am a true fan of some good old fashioned "sizzle and pop" between characters. The connection between these two was different than most. It was slow and steady. Asher was all about the giving and not concerned one bit about the take! I was completely enamored with the intimacy between these two. Asher draws Jewel in to a safe place where she can be set free.

Overall, The Tornado was a fantastic read! I really appreciated the characterization, the ensemble, the tension, the history, and the relationship of the central characters. The story is told in dual POV and the text was rich with description. I felt like the writing style was natural and engrossing. I highly recommend this read to anyone who enjoys a tender friends to lovers story. A story of redemption and healing. The only thing that would have given this book the perfect 5 star rating would have been a longer epilogue. I absolutely adored the ending of this book but I wanted just one chapter more of Asher and Jewel. Still, I cannot help but rave about this book!

**"I'm here for you. You, Jewel. You. You are my world."-Asher**

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**Ivy Deluca says**

**UPDATE 11/14/15: This book was plagiarized from the real author Wynter Komen**

**<https://twitter.com/dearauthor/status...>**

**here it is on ff: <https://m.fanfiction.net/s/9099258/1/...>**

**Missy Blue, This is beyond lame.**

Asher “The Tornado” Prince is a former Marine, current MMA fighter who runs his partner’s gym in Pittsburgh. When a kid comes into his gym, looking to train and hiding under big baggy clothes, he wants to help. Except that kid isn’t a kid but a woman named Jewel Mucciarone, and she’s gone through some things. Very bad things, and she’s trying to put her life back together. And well, you know the drill, romance happens.

**The Good, The Bad and Everything In Between**

- ***Kickass blurb caught my eye*** : In the midst of so many misleading blurbs, and attempts to disguise serials and “trilogies” and other stuff in romances, I adored this:

Author Note: MATURE CONTENT 18+ Past descriptions of abuse, but nothing graphic. The Tornado is a new adult, mma fighter, sports romance novel. Asher is a **possessive alpha-male but with a HEART OF GOLD (No alpha-hole). NO CHEATING. NO CLIFFHANGER. STANDALONE. HEA. No annoying EX drama.** Book length: 100k words. Written in first person and from both POV.

It’s no BS, straight to the point and I couldn’t resist.

- ***Favorite trope of mine*** : Besides the blurb, the trope of “heroine dressing up as a boy” is a favorite of mine and not seen very often in contemporary romances. Now, it’s resolved very quickly, so Asher doesn’t look like an idiot for not seeing that she’s a girl. That said, I wouldn’t have minded seeing it last a little longer to play with the gender bending a little.

- ***Long live Asher, the ideal alpha hero*** : NO LIE. The man is fantastic and the main selling point of this story. He’s patient, kind, completely and utterly into the heroine and he doesn’t even look or pay attention to any woman other than Jewel. He’s caring, thoughtful, and practically perfect in every way. It’s a little scary, but true. He’s great.

- ***Heartbreaking yet strong heroine*** : Jewel has been through something horrific, which I think most readers can guess, and when the story begins, she’s still in the midst of her journey to finding her new normal. The blurb is honest (it’s all in the past), there’s enough told that my imagination raced and my heart broke for what she suffered and the long term implications of that horrible event. But while she struggles, she doesn’t feel sorry for herself. While I absolutely enjoyed Asher’s protective instincts, I loved that by the end of the story, she is the one doing the saving.

- ***Slow burn*** : Once Jewel shares what happened to her, it made absolute sense that their love scenes take their time to unfold. The anticipation built nicely and when it finally happens, it fit within the context of the story being told. But...

- ***Awkward sexual references*** : While I appreciated the sex and there are very hot moments, there’s also several awkward phrases, references to scrotums and groins and such that didn’t fit. It was like listening to a really cool song and suddenly there’s a couple of questionable notes that make you flinch. It’s not horrible, but it was noticeable.

- ***The climax wasn’t my fave*** : Considering how great Asher and Jewel’s slow build and really focused on their romance, I was a bit disappointed with the climax. I felt that most of the dramatic or action packed moments seemed to involve Jewel being a damsel in distress. The “villain” didn’t factor in until the final 20% and even then, he barely existed, which failed to really justify his over the top actions and final comeuppance. Between that, and the shallow stereotypical characterizations of jealous, skanky women, I just thought it could have been better.

- ***But the epilogue made up for it*** : It was the perfect little bow on the top of this love story.

### **The Bottom Line**

Asher’s the shiznit. This is perfect for those who enjoy little to no relationship angst, MMA fighter romances and practically no WTF-ery. There’s good promise with this author and I’d be open to reading more from Ms. Blue.

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### **warhawke says**

**Type:** Standalone

**POV:** First Person - Dual

**Rating:**

Jewel Mucciarone was a ballet dancer with a big dream for the future, but a horrifying event from her past put a damper to that dream. Now in a new city, she slowly building back her confidence and determined to see her dream comes to life.

The path to that dream brought her to Asher “The Tornado” Price. Asher was an ex-Marines and a well known MMA fighter who came with a baggage from his past as well. He was determined to help her as she tried to get a better grip on her life. But external circumstance made the past harder to shake off.

The movie Warrior is my favorite fighter movie and the one that started my love affair with book fighters. The problem with this book is it was a rip-off from the movie.

***Didn't want the fame. Didn't want the glory. Didn't fucking deserve the glory.***

I'm not a Nazi when it comes to original ideas. Of course authors get inspiration from everywhere including movies and other books. However, this one was too much. From the hero's family and career background, physical appearance, mannerism, personal preferences, downright to his fight M.O.

As for the character, I did like Asher, but not enough to make me feel for him. This is mostly personal preference but he was too perfect. Yes, there is such thing as too perfect – it's unrealistic and uninteresting. Yes, there was the mention of his temper, but it never blew over. The lack of vulnerability in him that made me felt less connected with him.

He was too gentlemanly, too patient, too proper, just too much. I'm not asking for an asshole, just something that made him more human.

***I hated feeling like a victim; hated my anxiety, my depression. Hated that it had made me harm myself and feel like I couldn't deal with life at all.***

Jewel was a better character for me because she showed her vulnerabilities while still remained strong. Her progress was believable (except towards the end). I also liked that she put priority on her cat than anything else lol!

***"You know, Connor, if you're going to insist on calling me by my last name, the least you could do is pronounce it right."***

***Connor made a face. "Macaroni," he said. "What's so hard about that?"***



*"Macaroni is a type of pasta. It's Mooch-ee-rone,"*

Connor was definitely a favorite of mine. He was the funny, slightly irreverent one.

The story, it had potential, but lacking in intrigue. There was no secret/revelation for the readers to anticipate. She had secret but we could guess right from the beginning. This is the case of too much telling, not enough showing.

I know a lot of my GR friends love this book and gave it gleaming five stars. I kind of feel bad not loving it. It felt like when you don't like the movie adaptation of your favorite book. In my case, it's the other way around. Yes, I may be biased in that way, but as mentioned earlier, there were other things that didn't met the check mark.

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**Michelle [Helen Geek] says**

**UPDATE 11/14/2015 -- THIS WAS A PLAGERIZED Story .. STOLEN FROM A FANFIC**

**Read about it here: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>**

**I wasn't a huge fan, but I bought and read it. Someone else was awarded my dollars spent. This is theft. Taking the intellectual property of another is theft. If I could return this book, I would.**

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05/03/2015 -- 2 Stars

A DNF at 30%

Just not for me. I'm a girl that a story has to be logical and this just isn't -- at least for me it wasn't. If it had been a swashbuckling tale of old with pirates and "ahoy me mateys" I think it would have been a better sell. Why? (view spoiler)Yeah .. No.

I don't pull punches with a rating. I feel I'm fair and consistent to everyone. Saying that, normally, this would be a 1 Star read for me, but points for being a debut AND being on Scribd. The writing was good. No huge editing errors and the story flowed, it just didn't pull me [key .. character charisma] and it didn't make a whole lot of sense. Wrap that up with angst to the nth level and nope. Not for me.

Others like this just fine. I hope you do too.

Note: This book is on Scribd. If I had paid the \$3 for this debut book, I'd have taken away a star. Scribd is awesome by the way :)

Happy Reading!

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### **~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says**

Ripped off from fanfiction by Wynter Komen who will be editing and rereleasing her own version very soon. I will read and review that version . I loved this book and it hurts my heart to have to remove my review but I will save my love for the real author

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### **~\*~Princess Nhya~\*~ says**

**\*\*\*Revised as of 11/14/2015...**

**Original Title for this book is-**

***"In The Land of Gods and Monsters"***

***Just found out today that this wonderful work, this incredible story, was stolen. Stolen from Ms. Wynter S. Komen by "Missy Blue"***

***Shame on you for what you've done "Ms. Blue". I hope that you are punished to the full extent of the law when it comes to this particular crime... I refuse to change or take down this review/rating for this book, because it's a great work. I just want the original author(Ms. Komen) of this work, to know that my rating/review is ALL for her.***

***I'm so sorry that you've had to experience such a violation. That a work that you made from your heart, was abused in the worst way. And I'm hoping & rooting that "Ms. Blue" gets what's coming to her.***

***Ms. Wynter S. Komen, thank you for penning such a beautiful and inspiring story. I truly love this book. And may God bless you in all of your future endeavors.\*\*\****

~~~ A very rare, yet refreshing take on the Alpha Male. As of late, the norm for what an Alpha is, has gone hand in hand with a very domineering male. Someone who has or continues to have, a lot of women though he loves his one & only. Someone who just does the A-hole thing for most of the book & then BAM! He does something (in most cases) to redeem himself & we can't help but fall in love with him and all of his a&&hole glory.

I too, have fallen for this. There are more Alpha boyfriends with this calling card, that pulls at my heart strings more than I care to admit.

But the great thing about our lead Alpha here, is that he has ALL of these tendencies minus one. *The A-Hole Gene*. He seems to become even more fierce (if that's even possible) when it comes to his love, our heroine... *THIS* was beyond refreshing to see. Beyond beautiful. They have more than great chemistry. They have each others' back.

All of the problems that you witness here are from the outside, not within. Though our heroine is dealing with some harsh things. Learning to live in the aftermath of her nightmare, you don't see anguish really holding her back, or causing her to make dumb decisions. You see her stumbling yet trying to get back up and walk again. Live again. Live free again. You see & feel her fighting.

And you love how careful, cautious, patient, respectful & just beyond devoted our Hero is with her.

And he does not one thing, to tarnish the way you see him.  
From the beginning to the end, you will love him.

Everything that occurred here was fleshed out well. Had the right ingredients & was cooked to perfection.  
Then devoured.  
I love every aspect of this book.

I would definitely recommend this read.

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**Lana ✿❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️✿ says**

Another plagiarized book.

For shame considering the wide popularity of this title.

You can find the original work as a fanfic published in 2013 here:

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