

Book review: "Maneater"

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Maybe you go way back to grade school or before, or maybe you met on the job three years ago. She's got your passwords and you've got her favorite shoes in your closet. You've swapped homework, advice, and secrets. And when things are rough, your girls are in speed-dial and they'll come running.

In the new book "Maneater", featuring novellas by Mary B. Morrison and Noire, you'll see that men may come and men may go but if they cross a sistah, they'd best be running, too.

When a woman is planning her wedding, she has certain details in mind. Most of all, she wants to hear her husband-to-be tell her that she's beautiful. She does not want him to say she's fat. So when Maverick Maxamillion tells his fiancé, Seven, that she needs to lose some serious weight before their wedding, Seven is devastated. But in "Character of a Man" by Mary B. Morrison, "I do" turns quickly into "I don't".

Growing up on Chicago's South Side, Maverick had a rough life. His father was a violent man who beat his wife and threw his son out of the house early-on. But success is the best revenge and Maverick is very successful. He's a millionaire several times over and he gets what he wants, even if he has to pay for it. Hating his father, Maverick decides to buy some pay-back.

And while he's at it, he decides to buy a wife but it doesn't matter if it's Seven or her best friend, Zena. Before he gets married, though, Maverick needs to ditch the man he loves. Away at a women-only erotic paradise, can Seven see through his lies?

Dirty, Dastardly, and Depraved. Those are the nicknames of three football players who live up to those monikers. In "Sugar-Honey-Ice-Tee" by Noire, Blow, Nap, and Tomere have money and women, and they're playahs as well as players. They should know better than to play against sistahs.

Football's training season is no time to mess around, and everybody knew that Blow meant business. So when an up-and-comer came to the top of the roster, Blow and his boyz planned revenge.

They hit Charlie high and low, snapping his knee and ending his career. Neither Blow, nor Nap, nor Tomere feared any man, so they weren't worried about Charlie's friends. They didn't know about Charlie's girls.

Quick to read and perfect for vacation, "Maneater" is one of those books you can't put down because it's nasty, hott, and filled with things you wish you dared to do. Although I loved author Mary B. Morrison's contribution, I was disappointed to note that her story continues in another book, which appears to be a Morrison writing trait. Author Noire weighs in with a tale that has an ending you'll see coming a mile away, but getting there is worth the trip.

Be aware that "Maneater" has erotic scenes and "four-letter" words in it. But if you're in search for relaxing fun or a bookgroup book, this is one you'll eat up.

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