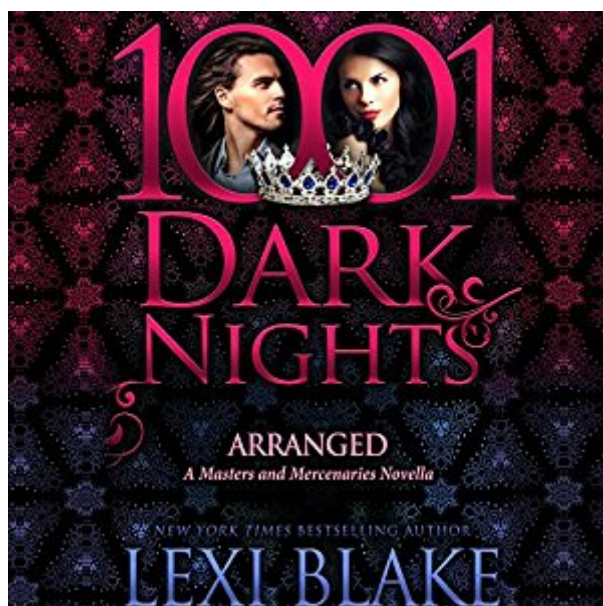


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Synopsis

Kash Kamdar is the king of a peaceful but powerful island nation. As Loa Mali's sovereign, he is always in control, the final authority. Until his mother uses an ancient law to force her son into marriage. His prospective queen is a buttoned-up intellectual, nothing like Kash's usual party girl. Still, from the moment of their forced engagement, he can't stop thinking about her. Dayita Samar comes from one of Loa Mali's most respected families. The Oxford-educated scientist has dedicated her life to her country's future. But under her staid and calm exterior, Day hides a few sexy secrets of her own. She is willing to marry her king, but also agrees that they can circumvent the law. Just because they're married doesn't mean they have to change their lives. It certainly doesn't mean they have to fall in love. After one wild weekend in Dallas, Kash discovers his bride-to-be is more than she seems. Engulfed in a changing world, Kash finds exciting new possibilities for himself. Could Day help him find respite from the crushing responsibility he's carried all his life? This fairy tale could have a happy ending, if only they can escape Kash's past....

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Customer Reviews

Fifteen years ago, two brilliant and attractive students are drawn to each other while studying at Oxford. Both are native to the wealthy island of Loa Mali. Kashmir (Kash) Kamdar is royalty – he is the spare to the heir of Loa Mali. The young woman he is drawn to – perhaps even bit in love with – is a commoner, Dayita (Day) Samar. Kash finds Day's strong personality attractive, even alluring – he likes the way she takes control. Just as Kash is making his feelings towards Day known to her, fate intervenes and the two are abruptly and seemingly forever

separated. Fast forward to present time, Kash is now the ruling monarch of Loa Mali. His sudden rise to power fifteen years ago, coupled with insecurities, resentments and guilt have led him to live a life nothing short of debauchery. Kash has a worldwide reputation as a playboy extraordinaire – this dude even has a YouTube channel featuring his sex tapes. His mother, Queen Yasmine, has had enough, and uses her power as reigning queen to arrange a marriage for Kash. Utilizing the services of McKay-Taggart, the Queen literally has an outraged Kash dragged out of bed (where he's been – entertaining – three ladies), and hauled back to Loa Mali for the wedding. Once back at Loa Mali palace, Kash is stunned to discover that his mother's pick to be his bride is none other than his Oxford love, Dayita Samar. Dayita Samar returned to Loa Mali ten years ago, and she is now the head of Loa Mali's education department. Unlike Kash, Day is self-assured – she knows who she is, what her goals and needs are and how to get them. One of her needs is to dominate, and Day, using utmost discretion, has indulged her need for dominance in some of the most exclusive BDSM clubs in the world. But now facing an arranged marriage that will see her become queen of Loa Mali, will Day be forced to give up the BDSM part of her life, or is there another way to fulfill her needs? With Kash now as her husband, perhaps Day can revive the feelings she and Kash were just beginning to explore fifteen years ago. Can Day bring out the submissive in Kash, without destroying their chance for a happy marriage? Arranged is book 13.5 in Lexi Blake's wildly popular Masters and Mercenaries series, as well as being the latest offering from the good people at 1001 Dark Nights. It is a stand alone novella, and you do not have to be familiar with the Masters and Mercenaries series to enjoy this story. One of the fine talents of author Blake is her ability to introduce (or reintroduce) her secondary characters to readers while maintaining an even pace to the story. The McKay-Taggart presence plays a prominent role without diminishing or interrupting Arranged's main plot, which is the angst-filled relationship between Kash and Day. The D/s relationship with a female Domme is usually not my cup of tea, but I found myself curious as to how the author would write this scenario, given the rigid circumstances of the plot. Kudos to Lexi Blake, who manages to orchestrate a very fine, believable dance between Kash and Day – it works without feeling forced or unnatural. What minor issue I had with Arranged was that Kash seemed to be completely ignorant of the fact that Day had been back, living on Loa Mali (his island kingdom) for ten years, unaware of her somewhat prominent presence in the Malian nation. I'm chalking that one up to Kash's major case of manwhore in oblivion syndrome. Another one-click winner from Lexi Blake. Four Stars

Honestly, it took me awhile to come up with the words to review Lexi Blake's *Arranged*. There were elements of this love story that I adored and yet there were other aspects of the story that caught me off guard and me canting my head to the side like "say what?" Over the course of this novella my emotions were in an uproar! I laughed, my jaw dropped and at the end, I was smiley and giddy and just plain overjoyed with the outcome! *Arranged* concerns an arranged marriage; that much should be obvious from the title. However, *Arranged* contains quite a few surprises that the author had in store for her readers, one of which I never saw coming! So many novels in the *Masters and Mercenaries* series have enslaved me and I was highly looking forward to reading Kash and Day's story, particularly since I happen to be a huge fan of romances concerning the subject matter. Lexi Blake did her thing with *Arranged* because it caught my attention and maintained my interest from start to finish. The plot is exceptionally intriguing! I loved the fact that Dayita (Day) and Kash were friends who went their separate ways only to rediscover each other years later when an unsuspecting Kash is introduced to the woman that he must wed in order to retain his throne. Talk about a complicated situation!! Frankly, the story line was enough to keep me enthralled, but the characters are what truly kept me engaged. Kash is handsome, charming, wealthy in the extreme and an alpha in every sense of the word! However, in my opinion Day is EVERYTHING that made this novel memorable. Not only is she gorgeous and elegant but she is highly intelligent, classy and dominant in a way that I was not prepared for! She is regal, sassy and spicy and I LOVED the clever dialogue that she brought to the table as she battled to earn Kash's respect and ultimately, his love. This woman was born to be a queen and it was a pleasure to watch her tame Kash, a formerly unapologetic womanizer who required a firm hand to make him fall into line. This novel contains some wildly erotic sex scenes, a dose of mystery and an ample amount of romance that will keep readers highly satisfied. I thoroughly enjoyed Kash and Day's deeply emotional, red-hot journey and I am looking forward to the next novel in this fantastic series! Overall: 4/5 rich, royal stars! Heat: 5/5 resplendent flames that will definitely hit the spot! *snickers*

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