



Defy Me

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The gripping fifth installment in the New York Times, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestselling Shatter Me series. Will Juliette™'s broken heart make her vulnerable to the strengthening darkness within her?

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Juliette's short tenure as the supreme commander of North America has been an utter disaster. When the children of the other world leaders show up on her doorstep, she wants nothing more than to turn to Warner for support and guidance. But he shatters her heart when he reveals that he's been keeping secrets about her family and her identity from her—secrets that change everything.

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Juliette is devastated, and the darkness that's always dwelled within her threatens to consume her. An explosive encounter with unexpected visitors might be enough to push her over the edge.

This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, [click here](#).

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I devoured this so fast I didn't even have time to mark it as "currently reading" on Goodreads. but HOOOLLY SHITTTTTTTTT this plot twist had me literally running around my house and screaming!!!!

I'm gonna have to reread this to gather my thoughts for an actual review but here's my first reactions on release day:

â€œNAZEERA CAN HAVE THE BLOOD IN MY VEINS AND THE BREATH FROM MY LUNGS I LOVE HER SO MUCH!!!!

â€œI didn't anticipate I would like Nazeera and Kenji but..... I was into it.

â€œDelalieu deserved better, especially after that whole speech

â€œI literally choked when the plot twist occurred I took a 30 minute break I'm SOOOOOO SHOCKED BUT IT'S GENIUS

â€œEmmaline made me sob. I love her so, so, so, so, so much.

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â€the reuniting scene..... was underwhelming. in general, i think this book missed many opportunities to flesh out the description and i wish we could have had a better sense of place/time/characters through that detailing, but it all felt internal monologue and dialogue-heavy. i felt the same about restore me with the info dumps but this one was more pronounced because it was so abbreviated.

â€the entire plane ride scene..... LOVE

â€however, im rllly not a fan of them getting engaged in this book. it was anticlimactic and melodramatic. i'm definitely just being selfish tho bc my expectations were so high. also juliette is 17 and warnette has only been a thing for like 4 weeks???? hmmm

â€her name is juliette not ella and his name is warner, not aaron. final answer.

â€i know i'm saying a lot of negatives but like..... wow. this book just punched me in the gut over and over. so many good lines and moments. however, i feel like there wasn't a scene in this book that i ~loved~. restore me and ignite me and unravel me all had iconic warnette scenes but this one just.... didn't?

â€i LOVED kenji's chapters in this!!

â€warner "killing" anderson..... ICONIQUE

â€winston saying the f word, that's all

â€i cannot wait to get to know nouria and her resistance.

â€warner's birthday um im CRYING

â€LOOK AT NUMBER TEN DOWN BELOW AND TELL ME I'M NOT A GENIUS!!!! HELL YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

August 2018

8/3/2018

Um the synopsis? I already knew all of this but I'm still bald. if anyone finds some lungs hmu because I need air

8/1/2018

THE TITLE AAHHH!! I was honestly nervous it was gonna be named something dumb like Remember Me or Find Me, but I LOOOVE this title!!! It's sort of like a taunt, like "ooh, try me bitch." I can't wait for Juliette to snap in this book and I love the title and I love the book and sihujflakgf I'm so excite. I hope it's a million pages long. Theories video will probably come out as soon as this has a synopsis and snippet! :)

March 2018

SNAP SNAP I NEED IT YESTERDAY

Ok I have questions (first of all how dare you) but really, here's what I've compiled after reading Restore Me:

1. was warner's memory also erased? because if nazeera recognized juliette, why wouldn't he? If he knew emmaline as wellâ€if they knew each other for a year longer than he knew ellaâ€then wouldn't he have at least recognized emmaline when he tortured her?
2. will she go by ella in future books?

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3. was the asylum in book one an asylum for people with powers?
4. did anderson have leila killed to punish warner or did she die of natural causes?
5. if ian's the only one without powers, then what's alia's power?
6. If nazeera has hidden powers, how can warner not sense them? Does he stay quiet about it out of respect? Does she turn them off around him?
7. They say that Juliette being with Warner was an experiment. To do what? To accomplish what? What's warner's role in it? Especially if they don't know he has powers? Did they know she'd overthrow Anderson? Then what's the result from that if they just want her dead now?
8. How did castle get a hold of Juliette's journal?
9. Was Juliette hallucinating the birds? Did she see Nazeera and think it was a bird? Were they real? Is the motif coming back somehow?
10. Okay this one's a bit conspiracy and outlandish, but hear me out: when Juliette gets shot with the "poisoned" bullet, she sees birds and how bright it is and everyone's pupils are dilated because it's so bright. what if that's what the real world looks like but everyone is just under some illusion that it's dark and dead and broken and everyone thinks she's seeing things but in reality she's just seeing what's actually beneath the illusion and that's why castle said the world isn't as bad as we thought it is, because it's actually super healthy but the entire world is being tricked is the entire world an illusion and Juliette saw a glimpse of the real world with her bullet? so the entire world is a programmed illusion either in people's brains or someone with powers or some technological invention and she was somehow shot with something that let her see beyond that?
11. if Juliette went back to the asylum to be tested and experimented on again after her parents gave her up, then why did she sit there for almost a year before warner found her?
12. "Juliette failed their tests a month ago" what tests???
13. If warner knows the supreme commander of Oceania has no children, who did he think he was with when he was 5? HIS MEMORIES WERE TOTALLY ERASED
14. Juliette says there's stacks of notebooks on the desk in her room. is there writing in there from her/emma/her parents??
15. i'm just saying, warner might be a robot. they mentioned it 4 times in restore me.
16. during his panic attack scene, warner says, "this has only happened one other time before" when?
17. Walking through the sector, Juliette talks about missing her old life and it's so weird to think, does she miss her old life with her adoptive parents, or are there memories somehow lingering from life before then with her supreme parents?
18. How did Kenji discover his power? He said in unravel me it came to him when he needed it.
19. did castle know about her parents and lie to warner? i s2g castle is working with the enemy or something he was so sketchy in RM
20. If Castle knows her biological parents are going to try to get her back, why doesn't he know their true identity? How can he know they're still alive if he doesn't know who they are?
21. other questions about the poison bullet: Will it have a lasting effect? Did it trigger something in her brain? What if it's slow-moving and it undoes the mental block in her brain and she regains her memories? Did it cause her to hallucinate her friends dying at the end of the book?

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there's probably a lot more i didn't write down but it's 8 days in and ya girl is already stressed :)
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Defy Me Release Date

Iâ€™M DEAD.

This was SO MUCH BETTER THAN I WAS EXPECTING IT AND I WAS EXPECTING TO BE FANTASTIC THIS WAS EVERYTHING.

This just made it to the third best book in the series for me (Ignite me, Unravel me and Defy me).

Warnette is life. Although the ship name is not the best.

I have one word to describe this book:

EVERYTHING.

And now I have to wait 1 year for the next and final book of this series.

scorching hot tea was served

we have decided to stan forever

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After the last book I was so scared to read this one, seriously! Juliette and Warner had gone through such a mess in the first three books, and then the last book was like, nooooooooooooo! And then this, tear my freaking heart apart with the back flash scenes, already. I was balling like a baby!

I loved Juliette in this, loved Warner in this, really loved Kenji in this! Those are my three little children! Nazeera was awesome too, and her character ARC really opened up and shined here!Â

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_____ I swear, every time I answer a book tag on my blog this series gets mentioned

AND

every single time I do it, I get a sudden urge to read this book! >_<

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I really don't know how I'm supposed to wait until April 2019.
I need this in my life and soon! T_T

Sometimes the long wait for a book is just cruel. *sighs* ...more

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First of all, what was the point of this book?

Really though. What was the purpose? Did we really need a whole 352-page novel for what happened here? I don't think we did. The entire first 25% of the novel could have been removed and it would not have impacted the story in any way.

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Seriously, this book was filled with so many twists and revelations, and not in a good way. These twists were of the 'wtf is going on, wtf does this even mean' variety. Like they were added for shock value and not because the story needed it or because they made much sense.

It feels like Tahereh Mafi is just pulling stuff out of her a** at this point and trying to overload us with surprises and twists so we don't realize that this book didn't need to be written.

And this is coming from someone who absolutely loves Tahereh Mafi.

Still, I suppose I was entertained for a few hours of my life. The characters didn't all suck in this one. Well, Kenji, Juliette (now known as Ella, although she will forever be Juliette to me), and Warner didn't. Everyone else from the original trilogy was pretty irrelevant. Also, Nazeera ok, I guess?

Juliette and Warner will forever be goals and I will forever ship them. I have no shame in admitting that their ship is the only thing motivating me to read book 6. That ship, and the fact that I want to see Kenji live happily ever after.

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Overall, this book felt pretty irrelevant if I'm honest. Maybe I'm just hating at this point, but I've fallen out of love with this series. Unravel Me and Ignite Me will forever be on my list of favorite YA novels though. Maybe I'll just pretend that the series ended at book three, it's what I did with The Mortal Instruments series and it's worked out fine for me.

If you loved *Restore Me*, you'll like this one too. If you didn't like *Restore Me*, or thought it was 'just ok' then maybe give this one a pass.

My final rating is 2.75/5 because despite being irrelevant and having a really weak plot, I was entertained. Also, I like Kenji. This book gets a star for him alone.

Also, are we all going to pretend that they didn't just slightly photoshop the cover of *Restore Me* and tried to fool us into thinking this one was new? The *Restore Me* and *Defy Me* covers are literally the same! At least the original trilogy had different colors!

TW: Parental abuse (both physical and emotional) and suicidal thoughts

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1.5 stars

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Book: okay

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I didn't sign up for this. I didn't sign up for a book to completely and utterly betray my reader soul.

But let's start from the beginning. Because I regret so much even thinking about reading Restore Me and Defy Me, but how could I know? Both books start so promising. I was enjoying myself for the first 20% of this book. Kenji has now his POV and I loved it so much. He's the freaking best. And now I realize I liked the novella because it was from his point of view. That whole scene with Nazeera? My favorite part in this book, and I was one of the people explicitly against seeing them together. The reason is that that scene is the only one that feels authentic, the rest is pure fanfiction.

My only two favorite parts, and just because Kenji is his usual cutest:

"Will you at least look at me when I'm talking to you?"
 "Can't."
 "What?" She sounds startled. "What do you mean you can't?"
 "Can't look at you."
 She hesitates. "Why not?"
 "Too pretty."

"Nothing is going on with me and Nazeera," I say. "Drop it."
 "All right," he says, picking at his pizza. "Makes sense. I mean she's not even that pretty."
 My plate falls out of my hand. Pizza hits the floor. I feel a sudden, unwelcome need to punch Ian in the face. "Are you?" "Are you out of your mind? Not even?" She's, like, the most beautiful woman I've ever seen in my life, and you're out here saying she's not even that pretty? Have ya?
 "See what I'm saying?" Ian cuts me off. He's looking at Winston.
 "Wow," Winston says, staring solemnly at the pizza on the ground. "Yeah, Kenji is definitely full of shit."
 I drag a hand across my face. "I hate you guys."

Keep these scenes in mind because it's practically the last you'll see of the real Kenji Kishimoto. And speaking of this, do you remember of good old Omega Point? Well, then forget about it. Because all of them, including Adam and James, have only like two pages. Continuing the trend from Restore Me.

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Because who gives a shit about them when Warner and Juliette—oh pardon, (view spoiler)[Aaron and Ella (hide spoiler)] are the only ones that can stop the Reestablishment. And when Ian, Winston and the others don't even know Juliette that well, because they're not friends.

The actual structure of this entire book is painful to read. Not only nothing happens till 70% in (at a point where you actually just want it to be over), and there is an unnecessary flashback every other chapter, but all the chapters also ended with the characters fainting, collapsing, being injected something, attacked. Every time it seemed like the plot was finally going somewhere, the characters' vision would fade to black. It was an endless annoying cycle. But there's more. Everyone (Warner, Juliette, Kenji) is locked up in the exact same spot for the majority of the book, so they all just monologued and overthought the same things over and over again. And I was supposed to enjoy that? This book was just a fill-in, nothing more. Tahereh's flowery words were there but they were empty this time.

It gets worse tho. (view spoiler)[Remember when I didn't like the plot twists in Restore Me. Ha ha you fool. Those were fine compared to what happens here.

Amnesia is in my opinion the worst plot device EVER. There's a reason why soap operas use it all the time, because it's easy to throw it in there to add drama and justify everything. It's CHEAP, but it's even cheaper if you use it to deconstruct the basis of the entire series to sell more books. Or if you mess with it to explain how Warner and Juliette have always been soulmates and have always fell in love even after their parents deleted their memories multiple times. What is this shit, The Good Place??? After that revelation, nothing is the same anymore. Juliette is now Ella (because we love to change the main character's name in the second-last book) and Aaron and her are now cringey spineless cliched idiots. They remember their past and that's it, other characters replace them. They are unrecognizable. Like, Warner suddenly is afraid of being seen naked and still worries about his back scars (I thought we were past that phase?). Juliette keeps going on about how she can't live without him and blah blah blah. At that point, Kenji and Warner's conversations also sounded cringey.

There's this part near the ending when Warner decides it's a good idea to ask Juliette to marry him, but then Kenji interrupts because in his opinion he needs to prepare more and buy a ring. First of all, what the fuck is that? Where did it even come from? Second, why all the drama and pages about this stupid marriage where Kenji convinces Warner to wait, and then Warner asks her later the same? What was the freaking point?? And I swear the actual proposal was the cringiest thing I've ever read in my entire life.

Juliette suddenly turns into the savior of the world too.

I blink. Stare at Castle. "You told her about me?"

"He didn't have to. Things don't stay secret for very long around here," Nouria says.

"No matter what The Reestablishment has you believe, we're all finding ways to pass messages to each other. All the resistance groups across the globe know the truth about you by now. And they

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love you more for it.â€•
I donâ€™t know what to say.

SAME. Now there are more groups? And they talk? From when?
â€œAnd they love you more for it.â€• LOL, hilarious.

Last but not least, Castle and Anderson.

I wanted Castle to shut up so badly in this one. The Restore Me trend goes on, and heâ€™s the omniscient god of this second trilogy. He knows everything about everything and everyone but he doesnâ€™t talk. Other characters reveal stuff and heâ€™s there nodding along. Then he decides the best thing to do is shoot the plane Warner, Kenji, Juliette and Nazeera are on, because he somehow knows that Nazeera, who can fly and save everyone, is with them. And Iâ€™m here laughing about how convenient this is. Because Kenji and Juliette were supposed to leave on the plane without Nazeera and Warner if they didnâ€™t show up in time. But what if Nazeera wasnâ€™t on the plane, you idiot? Near the ending of the book he and his daughter casually mention that his daughter was the one to shoot her with poison when they still were in Sector 45 and then heâ€™s like:

â€œLetâ€™s get settled before we keep talking,â€• he says. â€œThis is a long conversation, and itâ€™s an important one.â€•

â€œLetâ€™s have it now,â€• Aaron says.

â€œYes,â€• Kenji says angrily. â€œNow.â€•

â€œShe tried to murder me,â€• I say, finally finding my voice. â€œWhy would you bring me here? What are you trying to do?â€•

â€œYouâ€™ve had a long, difficult journey,â€• Castle says. â€œI want you to have a chance to get settled. Take a shower and eat some food. And then, I promiseâ€”weâ€™ll give you all the answers you want.â€•

You donâ€™t think she wants to know before she settles? Maybe because she needs to be sure that she wonâ€™t get murdered during that shower? Bitch please.

Anderson is a different kettle of fish. Heâ€™s alive! â€¡wow, what a surprise, I never would have guessed. He always turns out to be alive, probably because no one ever bothers to check if heâ€™s actually dead. Heâ€™s practically immortal, but he keeps being bested by Juliette and Warner and getting various serious injuries like a dumbass. He just stays there and waits to be shot, but not before warning them to not do it because of consequences. Inexistent consequences, if you ask me. (hide spoiler)]

Some months ago I said that the cover for Defy Me looked way too similar to the one for Restore Me, and that it looked like they were out of ideas so they recycled the old cover. Well, I get it now. Because

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the cover and the content match. They are both thrown out there, recycled and empty. I should have known.

Do I still love this series? Yes, but only the first three books. I will pretend these new books never existed. ...more

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Defy Me Epub

It's a mess.

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I love the characters so much and they have been with me all these years but Defy Me was just a very long novella. There wasn't a consistent plot at all just exposition after exposition and character development.

Now, I adore character driven books but this one was a filler. It would've been better if Tahereh just called this book a novella, but I guess the release of Shadow Me sort of ruined the novella part. It's a mess.

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You don't have to write a new trilogy to continue with the old one. You can write a duology or just a big ass book. I liked Restore Me and I was excited to see what was next but this book was just so Aaron and Juliette could make up.

My shipping heart is on board with Defy Me. I teared up, I laughed and I swear my heart melt inside my chest but that is just my reading experience talking.

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Protected.

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As it goes, one deep dark night, as the mist swallowed the silhouettes beneath the trees, as the owls hooted and the ghosts haunted the forest of the Readers, he whispered with his voice made of the cold cold wind, the famous words into my ear:

When the sun rises in the west and sets in the east, when the seas go dry and mountains blow in the wind like leaves, when your to-read shelf is empty and you have reviewed all the books you have read ... then will you give a Shatter Me book five stars and not before.

As you see, the sun and sea are fine thank you very much, so the prophecy has not yet been fulfilled—4.5 is not 5! But still, a miracle nevertheless...

Look, I have always loved the characters and relationships, and devoured the books of the series—but the plot has always had this too convenient feel to it, and the world was just senseless. To the point where even Oxford Dictionary agreed! I'm not kidding, here's proof of what it showed when you searched "senseless":

There you go; now you believe me. Of course, don't go searching it now as it's been removed after the greatness that was Defy Me.

As I predicted in my review of cover, it had that sharp and heartbreaking brutality I'd been hoping for—the cover gave out all the right vibes!

Full review to come! I'll be listing the contradictory plotlines and loose ends of the original three books and telling you why Defy Me was the saviour of the series :)

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door bell rings: ding
IT'S HERE!

I'm TERRIFIED, PETRIFIED, HORRIFIED, and STUPIFIED! A bunch of people are saying goodbye to the series, another bunch are saying this is better than Restore Me and I'm dying. Drowning!

Fingers crossed it's better than Restore Me (3.75 ~...~) and equal to my highest rated Shatter Me book, Unravel Me (4.25 ~...~).

I mean, the recently released novella Shadow Me (4.25 ~...~) was very promising and literally one of the best of the whole series!

Whatever, I'm hopeful and scared to be hopeful ðŸ˜~ -

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[14 Mar 2019]

I didn't actually want to review the cover but I've seen many people saying it's exactly like Restore Me and it's really not.

While I honestly adore Tahereh Mafi's other books/series, I'm really not the biggest fan of the Shatter Me books! don't get me wrong, I do enjoy reading the series.

However, I can't deny that some of the negative vibe around the cover is a little out of place. I love how Restore Me and Defy Me look together, it's all aesthetics :)

They're similar enough to belong together, but still quite different. Even though it might not be obvious if seen separately on screen.

Here are the two:

OK, that's honestly different. You're, of course, welcome to dislike it! that's your opinion. But don't say it's like they copied and pasted it. Srsly.

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Also Tahereh said that the paperback cover is a lot more silver than it looks on the screen. And silver and purple together have always been my weakness :)))

Here's a picture Tahereh Mafi shared of the two together, as the screen does mess it up a lot:

I specially love the eyelashes and how the whole design with its details promises a lot more sharp and heartbreaking brutalityâ€”which I hope it delivers! ...more

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I never thought I would actually be anticipating these books and now look at me? Craaaaving for more Juliette/Warner action (BECAUSE REVELATIONS!) and some of good ol' Kenji bae! ðŸ˜•

This trilogy was created to show us the future of the characters after the initial trilogy. Defy Me accomplishes this while simultaneously revealing the vast history behind this world that we didn't know existed. A past that even the characters did not know of up until the events of this book. When this past slowly unfurls its wings we also come to realise that Juliette and Warner's past is a lot more tragic than that of Romeo and Juliet.

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We see the world through Kenji, Warner, and Juliette's perspectives. Kenji's perspective is more coherent as he is in control of his faculties whereas Warner and Juliette are being tortured. Their chapters include narrations of the dreams they have while being either asleep, knocked unconscious, or drugged. Yeah, it gets pretty painful to read.

This book is definitely more emotionally painful to read than I thought it would, and I was prepared for quite a lot of pain. The bigger plan of the Supreme Commanders comes into view and seems to be a lot more than our characters can handle. Restore Me was already very intense and this book carries on with that level of intensity while, possibly, adding on to it.

I'm relieved that this book ended on a rather happy note, compared to the last one, it's not a cliffhanger but we know that so many more events have to take place. The last book was full of conflict between some of our favorite characters and this book involves resolving some of those conflicts.

The surprises that come along with these books are mind blowing. Some of the things that were revealed in this book were truly intriguing and, in a few ways, terrifying in the potential they hold.

I read this book a lot faster than I thought I would. It is a surprisingly fast read, everything happens very fast. On the same note it could be argued that not a lot happened, but there is so much emotion revolving around their past that the book feels very emotionally weighty while reading it.

Not much can be said about this book without spoiling it. The characters each have only one goal in this book and while trying to accomplish that goal many new factors are revealed that set up the plot for the

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next book, hinting at what might come.

I loved this book, just like the last one, and I can't wait for the next one. ...more

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takes deep breath ... AAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH

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I GOT WHAT I WANTED BITCH. THIS TITLE IS SO POWERFUL. DEFY ME. MISS JULIETTE FERRARS IS GONNA SNAP IN THIS BOOK AND I'M SO READY. LET'S GO LESBIANS!

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tahereh mafi is one incredible author. from her works, the only complaint i've always had was the overly flowery writing, since more often than not it was confusing and took me out of the story. however, and something i had already noticed in restore me, it was kept down to a minimum on this one. unfortunately, the author dropped something i didn't particularly like and opted for something that, in my opinion, is way worse: dumping information. i get it, there's a lot of things that we're only now finding out, but there are a lot of ways to get the reader to know about said things. tahereh chose the lazy way â€” having one single character drop all the information on the other characters, with the latter asking extremely convenient questions or just straight up repeating what was said, to make sure the reader knew exactly what the information was.

in the first few chapters, nazeera explains to everyone else who juliette is â€” only, it's from kenji's perspective. kenji's pov in this book was entirely pointless, and i think defy me would've benefited from a ton of other povs, including nazeera's. wouldn't it have been

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much more interesting to see nazeera find all that information herself, instead of seeing her give what is essentially a monologue to the other characters? it felt unnatural, and it made me disconnect with what she was saying. still from kenji's pov, you get pages and pages regarding his non-existent relationship with nazeera. and for what? juliette is missing. warner is missing. shit is going wild. why do we need scenes of these two making out and "omg you're so beautiful i've never seen anyone as beautiful as you" ?

so much from defy me were flashbacks " i think almost half of it were flashbacks, actually. to a certain extent i can understand how some scenes would be relevant, but never the amount we got. all the author needed to do was tell me about the things that happened ages ago (which she did) and that's it, i would've understood. it seems as though this book was too short, so they decided to add a bunch of irrelevant scenes that they thought people would like to see so that they could get away with selling this as the 5th book in the shatter me series.

i've mentioned this before, but i'll say it again since it remains relevant. where is warner from the first few books in the series? it was painful to be inside warner's head in this book, since he was two completely different people. at the beginning, away from juliette, or ella, he was the warner i fell in love with when shatter me was only a trilogy " smart, cold but caring. as soon as juliette showed up? "i love juliette, my princess, my queen, i will be the dirt you walk on if i have to" . it's so boring and annoying. she's all he thinks and cares about, and i hate that about him. some scenes were sweet, don't get me wrong, but it was just too much.

"aaron always fell in love with her. every time."

"i will love you for the rest of my life. my heart is yours. please don't ever give it back to me."

the last few chapters " trash. or should i say, fan service. you're telling me that these people, who now know the truth about almost everything and the danger they might be in, are just going to sit around cracking jokes and getting engaged? not on my watch. the last 30% - not even exaggerating " did not need to exist. there are people that are dying, kim. i mean, we got what? ten pages about warner going on and on about whether or not he should buy ella a ring? honestly, warner, ask me if i care. and there were also inconsistencies that were clearly ignored when editing. i mean, warner gets shot and then ella sees him "unharméd" . but wasn't he just shot? america, explain.

i was actually thinking of giving this 3 or 4 stars, but then everything went downhill. from tropes that i hate - dead means dead. deceased. puff. gone. " to chapters that didn't need to exist. i'm honestly glad that there's only one more book in the series.

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