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Is it Dominor's time for romance in the prophecy of the *Sons of Destiny*?

Kidnapped and shackled for his powers as a male mage, Dominor never expected that he would be sold into slavery. Unfortunately, his powers make him a hot prospect in Natallia, a world dominated by female mages. Lady Serina Avadan hopes to restore the balance between women and men, but needs Dominor's assistance. Will Dominor find love despite his enslavement?

THE MASTER is Jean Johnson's third book in this series featuring eight brothers who have been exiled from their own home due to a prophesied curse. The *Sons of Destiny* series is probably best read in order as the characters from the prior books reappear quite frequently. However, it can be read as a stand alone although readers may miss some of the nuances of the various personalities and the sheer depth of this fascinating magical world Ms. Johnson has created.

Serina is the stereotypical scatterbrained and eccentric scientist in many ways. However, her friendships and desire to do the right thing humanize her and make her quite likeable. As always, Jean Johnson writes a story with a female character who is strong but not too brash. Dominor's caring attitude towards Serina is quite touching as is his flexibility in the relationship. Dominor is definitely all Alpha male but he recognizes Serina's strengths as well. The miscommunications between them work because of the way Jean Johnson develops her characters; I could easily imagine just the scenario she describes happening.

THE MASTER has a slightly different flavor than the two previous books. The magic is a bit more meticulously describe, due to Serina's gift with magical equations and her work on the project that she hopes will heal Natallia. Also, THE MASTER is a bit more sensual and explicit as the key to restoring balance involves Tantric sex magic. Fans of the *Sons of Destiny* will still appreciate this story and the tidbits about Rydan.

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Rating: 4 clovers