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Just as compelling the second time I've read this The Hero meets because of the hero's venial little sister who stole and crashed the Hero's car when she woke up in his house after a wild party She's engaged to the neighborhood prig and didn't think he'd understand her predicament She asks older sis to bail her out. Hero has just bought a publishing company with a ailing skin magazine that he doesn't want to shut down because of jobs He thinks nudes of the prim and proper news anchor heroine would generate a lot of publicity Heroine grimly goes through with the photo shoot with a female photographer but doesn't sign the contract for an anchor position She knows the photos will be published, but she doesn't want to drag down the news station Hero is impressed with her ethics and doesn't publish the photos But he's still in hot pursuit of the heroine, so he blackmails her with the photos into an engagement of convenience She will accompany him to NYC so he can sell the skin magazine to a tycoon who is married to an OW of his And so it goes The heroine has a spine of steel in this one She does not listen to her traitorous body and that is wonderful to behold The hero again shows his ruthlessness when he takes advantage of amnesia to achieve his goals but it backfires spectacularly on him The hero throws everything he's got at the heroine until he finally waves the white flag of surrender He says those three words I love you coupled with marriage and finally he has his HEA This is an intense read with lots of twists and turns Be prepared to be outraged by the hero Be prepared to hate the little sister and admire the heroine, while wondering why she puts up with these people. It Occurred To Him That

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He Could Use Her Emma Had Always Played The Role Of Dependable Older Sister, So It Was Not Surprising That After Smashing Up Drake Harwood S Brand New Ferrari, Camilla, Unable To Pay, Expected Emma To Bail Her Out But The Shrewd And Attractive Entrepreneur Saw A Way Of Capitalizing On Her Predicament He Exacted A Highly Unusual, And Very Personal Payment That Cost Emma Her Career As A London TV Newscaster To Say Nothing Of Her Pride Emma Was Prepared To Fight Fire With Fire Never Thinking That, For Her, Drake Harwood Was As Lethal As Dynamite Re Fire With Fire Every once in a while PJ strays from her usual retiring, shy, insecurely neurotic h s and writes one that actually has a backbone and stands up for themselves While the H in this one is just about an average HP Alphas, the h is truly one of PJ s best. The story starts with the h, who is on the verge of a big television presenter contract, getting a call from her utterly spoiled and horrible little sister The sister is due to be married to a conservative, rich upper class man and she is calling because she went to a party, got drunk, passed out and then stole the homeowner s Ferrari and wrecked it and the man is understandably upset and wants the damages paid for. The sister wants the h to talk to the man and fix everything for her The h is not happy about this and starts to refuse, but then the sister s fiance would dump her and her elderly father really doesn t need the aggravation If they can t get the sister married off, they will be stuck with her and her drama, probably forever The opportunity to marry horrible sis off is too good to miss. So the h goes to the man s office It turns out he has a big conglomerate and one of the new sections is the dubious girly magazines he just bought He knows who the h is and that she is going to be a big TV personality He will waive the repair bill if she will pose nude for his magazine The h argues with him, but she doesn t have the money to fix the car and I guess a bank loan was out of the question She winds up agreeing to the photo shoot, with a female photographer and after she brushes off the man s pass in a fury of indignation, she realizes that the potential embarrassment to her employer s after she starts her show is going to be a problem The H will wait until her popularity is high and then publish the photos and create a huge scandal. Well the h isn t one to take things on the chin, and she has a conscience and she is also a very nice person

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A Prisoner of Birth

She doesn't accept the TV offer, she resigns instead, and sets out to find a quiet secretarial job. The H has the pictures, but they are practically worthless because she won't ever be famous. He likes the pictures though and he wants to feast on that vision in real life. So he decides that he wants an affair with her, but she loathes him and he knows it. She isn't shy about hiding it and does a good job on the icy disdain. Since the photos are worthless, he blackmails the h into a fake engagement to hold off the wife of an older man who he wants to sell his magazines to. The h will go to the U.S with him, stay with him at the other guy's home and distract his former lover from spoiling the deal when she makes passes at the H in front of her husband. The h goes and fun times are had where the H tries to seduce her, the OW clings to the H like a leech, and is absolutely comic in her attempts to snub the h and snag the H and the h feels the tingle when he kisses her but sternly asserts that while physically he is attractive, in every other way he is a slimy slug. The H has his feelings and his ego wrecked a lot by the h's assertive refusals, and he never says anything really mean, but the H's frustrated surliness moments and eerie faces complete with white tension lines around the mouth are numerous and pretty funny. This h is holding her own in fine style. Until she hits her head and gets temporary amnesia. I love amnesia, it is such a great HP staple and hardly anyone uses it any more. But since everyone now is eager to rip their clothes off and jump into bed or use the wall, I guess temporary amnesia as a seduction tool is really not needed so much. The h now thinks their engagement is real and that she and the H have an actual relationship. The Best Ever sex happens and then the OW ruins the rosy afterglow the next morning by helping the h remember the real circumstances of the situation and the H is not amused. He is even less amused when the h tells him off again. After getting home from the successful conclusion of the business deal, she dumps him like a bag of used manure and takes a quiet job in Oxford. Extreme H manipulation tactics are required now. This time the hideous sister has to pretend she is going to abort her fictitious pregnancy to get the h to show up with the H for dinner. The H takes the opportunity to bully the h into an affair, but she is not going there, and the H gets his ego smashed a bit. Until the h drinks too much at dinner, and winds up in bed with the H again. She has an out this time too though she

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was pretty hammered when the physical occurred The H can see where this is going, so he does the patented PJ sorta but not really HP H begging that is really an imperative order He loves the h and she WILL marry him The h is stunned, cause she is unwillingly loving him back, but this a sorta rotten person that she really doesn't approve of So the H does some really fast talking, he loves the h for her morals and her principles and for turning the TV job down and she is great in bed and she is really nice and he has been missing her horribly and he had to blackmail her sister to get her to see him and he really, really loves her He made up the engagement thingy to start their relationship afresh, cause blackmail is sooo the HP approved method of getting to an HEA, but she wouldn't even LIKE him and that made him sad after he got over his rage for having a woman actually NOT LIKE him Which he thought maybe she was ill, or had a brain tumor or something, cause women ALWAYS fall all over themselves for him However, the h did not so maybe there was something wrong with her, but then he figured out she just had class and morals and now he loves her forever. The h is okay with that, and since she loves him back and the sex is good, she will marry him and HEA A nice little day excursion to HPlandia and maybe one of the best PJ h's ever tho the H needed a little work, he did a good sorta grovel beg, even if it was a bit arrogant and the word sorry was never mentioned. Wow, Penny Jordan sure packed a wallop in this one Everything from conveniently selective and temporary amnesia to blackmail, to nudie pictures, to fake fiances, to psychotic OW, to slimy, parasitic sisters, to quaint English vicarages, to New York muggings.ooooommmppphhl am losing my breath just enumerating all the tropes in this fantastically campy, hilarious, deliciously trashy adventure It was a really fun read, nothing deep or angsty, just a light and engaging farce Not sure I will remember it next week but it sure was a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours in the morning I love blackmail themed romances They may not be politically correct, but what woman doesn't want to be pursued with such determination To have a wonderful, handsome man desire and love you so much that he'll do almost anything to have you In real life I wouldn't condone this behavior, but this is fantasy so I'll play along. Drake's manipulations had me cracking up, especially near the end because I knew it was all done in the

name of true wuv for Emma and in order to get close to her Despite his questionable behavior, I could tell Drake held a high opinion of Emma by the statements he made and through his other actions Emma, in turn, also grew to like, respect and love Drake So it was easy to see how a marriage and professional relationship between these two had a good chance of succeeding. I honestly didn't expect much based on the summary, but was pleasantly surprised at how enjoyable this book turned out to be. Well I'm telling you now Emma, that a man like Drake Harwood wouldn't look twice at you, if you weren't my sister He wants me all right I'm sure of it, and he's come down here today to let me know it He doesn't want to get married, everyone knows that, and I expect he thinks that now that I'm married What a sister The two of you can indulge in an affair without anyone being the wiser You might have a pretty face Camilla, she told her sister shortly, but you've got an empty brain and a cold heart I don't envy you I feel sorry for you What a great slap down Heroine was great and because of the selfish sister, she submitted his manipulation and went with him to NY in order to save him from equally selfish and cruel ex and wanna be OW She resisted the H's seduction barely, then she appropriately had amnesia Why are you looking at me like that His question caught her off guard, and she answered it honestly Because I want to touch you and yet part of me says I mustn't Ignore it His breath fanned her skin as he bent over her, tracing the line of her jaw with tiny teasing kisses Ignore it Emma, he muttered hoarsely against her skin Ignore it and make love with me H is so Machiavellian that could taught new things to Machiavelli, he benefited from her amnesia and made love to her pre ejaculatory No morals at all If he gave her an orgasm, I may have loved him, lol Second time of course she also climaxed Then gaining her memory, some break up time and angst and sex and finally confessing their love to each other, HEA. I really liked the h here, she was strong willed and independent and someone I could totally relate to The problem for me was the H though He was selfish sneaky sleazy manipulative and somehow I couldn't really see him as romance novel protagonist He first blackmails the h into posing nude for his newly acquired girlie mag, only to be frustrated when she refuses a job offer from his television company he was hoping she'd take up the job and become a public figure of

sorts so that people would take of an interest when her pictures are finally published Then he crashes her sister s wedding party and blackmails her into posing as his fianc e in a bid to discourage a super bitchy and much married ex lover while winning her husband over and getting him to buy the wretched aforementioned magazine Together they go to New York, where the h is continuously subjected to the verbal insults of her hostess the ex lover and finally ends up getting temporary amnesia as a result of a mugging incident The H further takes advantage of this situation and uses the fact that she s forgotten that he s only her make believe fianc , to make love to her And finally, after the h has returned to the UK and has no option but to invite the H for a dinner party at her sister s behest he goes right ahead and kidnaps her and takes her back to his home in London to force seduce her After all this, when he finally professes his love for her, I have a hard time believing it Throughout the story, I didn t get the impression that the H was truly in love with the h But he definitely lusted after her and probably tried to give that lust a respectable spin by calling it love So while there was chemistry and angst, emotions were sorely lacking in this story As far as PJ reads go, this one was quite entertaining but somehow didn t really satisfy me Not a good romance. I sometimes struggle with Penny Jordan and the heroines that she creates But this was a truly enjoyable read I thought the heroine had great integrity and class and I actually really ended up liking the hero The author gave you glimpses to his feelings so that you knew he was in the I ll do anything I have to, to get my babe mode For that reason, I could forgive him all his uber alpha moments I liked the chemistry, and though the sister sent me over the edge of few times, I could deal with it given it was her actions that moved the story along I highly recommend..if you are looking for an entertaining read. This was pretty good, keeping in mind that it s an older Penny Jordan I liked the characters, and PJ does a good job of giving you subtle glimpses of the hero s state of mind so that he doesn t come across as a 100% jerk The two main sex scenes are questionably consensual, and IMO make the hero look pretty bad especially the first one view spoiler he takes her virginity while she has amnesia and a concussion still and believes that they are in love and engaged, and then the second time they have sex, she s pretty tipsy hide

spoiler Well I am missing a few pages for sure I will have to try to find another copy of it So far it was really good Hope the end is good also.

