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Perfect for the fans of *Shatter Me* who are desperately awaiting the release of *Unravel Me*, this novella-length digital original will bridge the gap between these two novels from the perspective of the villain we all love to hate, Warner, the ruthless leader of Sector 45.

In Tahereh Mafi's *Shatter Me*, Juliette escaped from The Reestablishment by seducing Warner—and then putting a bullet in his shoulder. But as she'll learn in *Destroy Me*, Warner is not that easy to get rid of. . .

Back at the base and recovering from his near-fatal wound, Warner must do everything in his power to keep his soldiers in check and suppress any mention of a rebellion in the sector. Still as obsessed with Juliette as ever, his first priority is to find her, bring her back, and dispose of Adam and Kenji, the two traitors who helped her escape. But when Warner's father, The Supreme Commander of The Reestablishment, arrives to correct his son's mistakes, it's clear that he has much different plans for Juliette. Plans Warner simply cannot allow.

Set after *Shatter Me* and before its forthcoming sequel, *Unravel Me*, *Destroy Me* is a novella told from the perspective of Warner, the ruthless leader of Sector 45.

Destroy Me Details

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Soumi says

Update : 03/10/2012, my psycho lover has blow me away, making my lips trembling and anchoring a dull ache in my heart. Of Warner.....I love you. Review to come

Update : 6/26/2012 : I'm disappointed on the cover, I really had high expectation to see Warner on the cover :/

What???????? Perspective of Warner..Fuck yeah. I want this right now...my psycho lover Warner, here I come.

Christine Riccio says

DAMNIT WARNER. couldn't put this novella down... THAT NEVER HAPPENS WITH NOVELLAS.

Regan says

I honestly i thought i was with Adam all the way. But reading this has completely changed my perspective on everything, i am so TORN. I cannot wait to read unravel me now..

Also the new perspective was refreshing an allowed more insight on what was happened. I almost cried twice when i found out various truths while reading this..

C.G. Drews says

This is actually so so important to the series?! And I'm mAD. I should've read it years ago! But I always feel like novella are "oh you can read it or not it doesn't matter"...but this one is a "YOU GOTTA READ IT AND UNDERSTAND WARNER." So I hereby say: I think Shatter Me should've been dual narrated between Warner and Juliette! heh. It would've made him seem like slightly a less creepy controlling sadistic cauliflower patch.

Although tbh his obsession with Juliette is *still creepy*. When a girl says no, guess what?? SHE MEANS NO. Go sit down Warner.

But I do feel sorry for him and he is scared (and reminds me a little of Cardan from The Cruel Prince?!) and ajfdklasd that he tries to protect things like smol children and then feeds lost dogs pastries and just...**a novella of quality content tbh**. I just think the disconnect between Warner's inner-self vs what he presents to the world needed to be better crafted. It makes *sense* what he's doing and how Juliette would see him. But I think we needed more hints in Shatter Me.

ANYWAY. WARNER IS SOFT™.

Virginia Ronan ♥ Herondale ♥ says

Warning: Do not read if you didn't read "Shatter Me" and don't want to be spoiled?! *lol*

I'm not quite sure if an additional short story to a series can really spoil you, but I thought I might warn you just in case! ;-P

But then again the only people who will read this will be people who loved the series so umm.... We're good?! *lol*

Anywayyyyyyy!

First of all: I already liked Warner in "Shatter me" and to read his POV in "Destroy me" only caused me to love him even more! XD

I L.O.V.E. Warner and I want to hug him and heal his broken heart! Gosh! That poor boy! That lovely ruined and lonely little thing! To read what he thinks, what he feels and to know that Juliette's written words and actions destroyed him... It was just too much to bear! T_T

I hated to read how much he struggled and how broken he truly is and I really really really hope that Juliette will give him a chance to win her heart. >_< His love for her is so intense that it actually hurt and I don't even know how he's able to get up each and every day. I mean, hell she shot him and considering his feelings this must have hurt at least as much as the wound! =(

Well anyway! I liked his relationship with Delalieu and I hated his father! With a fierce passion! *grrr* That scene where he almost choked his own son? Gosh how much I despise him! Can anyone get rid of this man in the next few books? *hires Celaena*

Since I'm a sucker for quotes I'm going to end this review with the ones I liked the most:

The things I said to her.

A tight breath.

The way I touched her.

My jaw tenses.

If it were nothing but sexual attraction I'm sure I would not suffer such unbearable humiliation. But I wanted so much more than her body.

Yesh, you wanted to love her and she shot you! Dang it! T_T

"I drop the bread back onto my plate. "My opinions," I say to him, quietly this time, "should not so easily break your own. Stand by your convictions. Form clear and logical arguments. Even if I disagree."

I adored him for that sentence alone! XD

"His hand closes around my throat.

The movement is so rough and violent I'm almost relieved. Some part of me always hopes he'll go through with it; that maybe this time he'll actually let me die. But he never does. It never lasts.

Torture is not torture when there's any hope of relief."

That moment killed me, I swear! >_<

"I did not bring her on base to exploit her ability. And I certainly did not expect to fall for her in the process. But these truths and my real motivations will be buried with me."

Jeez! Hopefully not!!!

"A look into her mind.

And though the anticipation is killing me, I'm also acutely aware of just how badly this might backfire. I'm suddenly not sure I ever want to know. And yet I do. I definitely do."

Warner is so torn it's almost painful! XD

"On the battlefield, I'm able to disconnect myself from the motions I've been taught to memorize. I've developed a reputation as a cold, unfeeling monster who fears nothing and cares for less.

But this is all very deceiving.

Because the truth is, I am nothing but a coward."

You're brave Warner! So brave! Don't let anyone tell you any different!!!

"But there are some things I do not forgive.

I don't consider myself a moral man. I do not philosophize about life or bother with the laws and principles that govern most people. I do not pretend to know the difference between right and wrong. But I do live by a certain kind of code. And sometimes, I think, you have to learn how to shoot first."

It was so sad that all his efforts had been in vain, but he's trying to be a good person and that counts for something! =)

"Love is a heartless bastard.

I'm driving myself insane."

Warner you truly destroyed me... in the best possible way!

And with that sentence

my review actually ends! ;-)

Lola says

3.5 stars

Possibly, the reason why I am not loving this as much as everyone else – even though I still enjoyed it – is because I've finished the Shatter Me trilogy weeks ago and only now decided to pick this #1.5 novella up.

It may not have been the most intelligent thing to do, but, in my defence, novellas are not my favorite types of reads and I prefer to leave them be, so they don't risk ruining characters or...some scenes for me. Like it happened somehow with Roar and Liv...

This was good though. Not perfect, but good enough.

I just couldn't stay away. After finishing book #3, I needed more.

I needed Warner Warner Warner. (See, this author is wearing off on me....*wink* * wink*)

And Warner is what I got.

But also a lot of Juliette. Which I did not want. Of course, I was ready to hear him explicitly tell us about how much he misses her and wants to find her again, but not to actually read bits of her notebook! I thought this was supposed to focus on Warner. Hmmm.

The writing is great, as always, and giving us the possibility to easily enter into the story and comprehend the characters.

However, I found Warner to be a little cheap. I mean, he narrated the story, so, technically, wasn't he supposed to open up and tell us *every single thing* that was onto his mind? Because he did keep some things secret. Which I found frustrating.

For instance:

My research had led me to her files by pure accident. Coincidence. I did not seek her out in search of a weapon; I never had. Far before I'd ever seen her on film, and far, far before I ever spoke a word to her, I had been researching something else. For something else.

My motives were my own.

Care to maybe *share* these motives in question with us? I know the actual answer to what he wanted with Juliette after all, since I indeed read the third book in which it is explained, but I think this is being very evasive and not really honest with us. Would I have been a reader who had just finished book #1 and craved for the second one, I think I would have liked to know what those motives are.

Warner's love for Juliette is, I believe, even more presently described and related to in this novella than in the last book, which I find surprising. Only for that fact alone, I would recommend reading this. Also, I quickly realized that the novella does make this (former – or not – depending) antihero, with every new chapter, endearing to us. It simply is impossible to still look at him and see a cold hearted and sadistic person after reading this.

Truth be told, I will never forget him. *Ever*.

Sofii? (A Book. A Thought.) says

Re-Read : (13/02/2018)

I love Warner so much !, I've possibly already mentioned in my old review down here, but I'll say it again. This book is so necessary if you're reading the Shatter Me trilogy, I think that will give you a new perspective of Warner and his personal story, you can't miss this one, of course it's a 5/5 Stars for me, always

Original Review: (26/06/2016)

“I almost forget that she still hates me, despite how hard I've fallen for her.
And I've fallen.
So hard.
I've hit the ground.”

Oh Warner ! . I'm officially in love with this character !. This has been, Hard, Raw and Real ... So many feelings ...

I think this novella is one of the best I've read. This well thought out and recited, so that you can see the soul of the character, it's like, breaks his armor and we see Warner for what he really is, how he has arrived where it is and why.

This reading has come to my heart and I think it has been written by the author in a very intelligent way, no doubt , we understand many things that Warner has said and done in Shatter Me. And all those things made me love this character even more !.

“I’ve come to believe that the most dangerous man in the world is the one who feels no remorse. The one who never apologizes and therefore seeks no forgiveness. Because in the end it is our emotions that make us weak, not our actions.”

I have marveled reading the Warner's feelings toward Juliette! . It's just beautiful !. It is so real and sincere, the manifestation of his dreams, desires and darkest thoughts, has been brilliant; I really hope that at some point of the following book Juliette achieves to know all there in the head and in the heart of Warner, because, really girls!, who would resist !.

“She is a soft, deadly creature. Kind and timid and terrifying. She's completely out of control and has no idea what she's capable of. And even though she hates me, I can't help but be fascinated by her. I'm enchanted by her pretend-innocence; jealous, even, of the power she wields so unwittingly. I want so much to be a part of her world. I want to know what it's like to be in her mind, to feel what she feels. It seems a tremendous weight to carry.
And now she's out there, somewhere, unleashed on society.
What a beautiful disaster.”

Officially I hate Warner's father , he has so much power over his son and knows exactly how to make him suffer and he achieved disarm him so easily only with words. I think he may have a greater role in the plot

during the next book and that makes me very nervous.

So I'm excited to start with Unravel Me ... I'm looking for a lot in this next book, I hope it to reach my expectations.:)

“This girl is destroying me.”

Mariah of the Night Court says

WARNER MY LOVE.

*****Contains Spoilers*****

I HAVE NEVER READ A NOVELLA SO QUICKLY AND INTENSELY LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE.

The whole entire 109 pages were from Warner's point of view and made me love him more than I already do. And he thinks about Juliette a ton, which may sound a bit obsessive, but it still makes me all happy inside. The ways in which he thinks about her though are so, like, I can't even put it into words. Even though Juliette hates him, I still ship her and Warner together.

“That this girl would know exactly how to shatter me.”

Warner becomes such a misunderstood character as you slowly learn why he is the way he is, and the main reason for that is because of his father. He's been abused all his childhood for never being good enough and constantly put down for showing even a bit of empathy towards someone. His father taught him to never empathize with anyone and to take what you want and destroy anything that gets in the way. Warner's father even started to choke him while he was recovering from his bullet wound in the hospital bed, and then continued scolding him for being a stupid and weak ruler. What a fucked up asshole.

Throughout this entire novella, I just wanted to reach in and pull Warner in for a hug. He's hates his life and how he's the one who built it out of fear, just as his father taught him. I was seriously going to cry for him.

“People seldom realize that they tell lies with their lips and truths with their eyes all the time.”

I loved how the real reason why Warner shot Flecher was explained. Warner knew his guard was abusing his wife and three small children. His wife even took a beating so hard that she miscarried her child. I'm glad that Warner killed that guard because of that knowledge. But, when his father found out, he told him that traitorous guards bring about traitorous families and that they should be killed as well. And they were, at his father's hand. A mother and her three small children, barely reaching the age of ten. My heart broke along with Warner's.

When Warner searched Juliette's room and found her notebook, I just kind of stilled and stopped breathing because I knew that when he read it, I was never going to look at the future Warner and Juliette scenes the same way again. He most likely felt the same way but 100x more. And then he sat at the edge of her bed, opened the notebook, and began to read.

"I've come to believe that the most dangerous man in the world is the one who feels no remorse. The one who never apologizes and therefore seeks no forgiveness. Because in the end it is our emotions that make us weak, not our actions."

He read Juliette's deepest, most personal thoughts she wrote down while she stayed in the asylum. It was so sad how she described her life alone without anyone to find comfort with and how she was constantly being pushed away by the ones she was closest to. Her own family didn't want anything to do with her. She hated her life.

There were so many similarities with how Warner and Juliette were brought up throughout their lives and how they were constantly met with emotional and physical abuse. Warner was hated by his family because he wasn't feared enough and Juliette was hated by her family because she was too feared. It broke my heart how much they really share with each other. They were never good enough.

*"I almost forget that she still hates me, despite how hard I've fallen for her.
And I've fallen.
So hard.
I've hit the ground."*

Now that I have a full understanding of Warner, I will never look at him the same way again. I'm glad of it though, because deep down, he is a selfless and empathetic person. These hidden qualities just need to be tempted to surface. It's going to be interesting to see how he develops in the next two books and I'm looking forward to it.

*"My mind is a warehouse of carefully organized human emotions.
I lock away the things that do not serve me."*

Booknut says

Everyone! Quick! IT'S A BOOK FULL OF WARNER AWESOMENESS!!

This book is amazing. Poor Warner - he's feelings for Juliette are so beautiful (and often screwed up, but who doesn't love a good-looking and witty psychopath, eh?!). He's all like:

And I'm like:

And I still am. Yeah, Adam is a winner (no arguing there) but Warner has my heart! As does Kenji, the brilliant and foul-mouthed lad he is :D

So let us have a moment to appreciate the genius that is Tahereh Mafi...

Can't wait for Unravel Me!!!!

Lucille says

Update 06-19-15: Tahereh Mafi has just announced that *Shatter Me* is going to be a tv show! OHMYGOD. I have so many feels! We are finally going to see a physical manifestation of Warner! WHY ISN'T EVERYONE ELSE FREAKING OUT?!

It would be a huge mistake if they don't cast Hunter Parrish because he looks perfect as Warner!

SHE WILL CHOOSE ME.

October 16, 2012! I watched Tahereh Mafi's video of this saying that *Destroy Me* is written EXCLUSIVELY from Warner's point of view!

Tahereh Mafi, you've already shattered me with your first book, and now you're destroying me (in a very good way) as well!

Update 6-25-12: The publication date was moved to October 2nd! Oh yeah!

AFTER READING: I don't know why it took me so long to read this, but omg! TEAM WARNER! If Juliette ends up with Adam, I would cry.

Favorite quotations:

1. I watched the unassuming outline of this girl I could not see and did not know, and I felt an unbelievable amount of respect for her. I admired her, envied her composure--her steadiness in the face of all she'd been forced to endure. *I don't know that I understood what it was, exactly, I was feeling at the time, but I knew I wanted her all to myself.*

2. Her face keeps cropping up, her journal taunting me from its place in my pocket. And I begin to realize that some small part of me doesn't want to wish away the thoughts of her. Some part of me enjoys the torture.

This girl is destroying me.

3. I don't consider myself a moral man. I do not philosophize about life or bother with the laws and principles that govern most people. I do not pretend to know the difference between right and wrong. But I do live by a certain kind of code. And sometimes, I think you have to learn to shoot first.

Seamus Fletcher was murdering his family. And I shot him in the forehead because I thought it'd be kinder than ripping him to pieces by hand.

4. I almost forget that she still hates me, despite how hard I've fallen for her.
And I've fallen.
So hard.

Ninoska Goris says

English - Español

In Shatter Me Juliette seduced and then wounded Warner with his own weapon to escape and help Adam, but Warner is still obsessed with her.

For people who do not like spoilers, I suggest to leave this supplementary book to the end because it gives way too much information. It is written from Warner's point of view and for me it is as wonderful as I thought.

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En Shatter Me Juliette sedujo y luego hirió con su propia arma a Warner para escapar y ayudar a Adam, pero Warner aun esta obsesionado con ella.

Para las personas a las que no les gustan los spoilers les sugiero que dejen este libro complementario para el final porque da demasiada información. Esta escrito desde el punto de vista de Warner y para mi es tan maravilloso como pensaba.

♥Christina says

4.25 SHE WILL CHOOSE ME. ★'s

“Watching her talk to someone else made me crazy. I was jealous. Ridiculous. I wanted her to know me; I wanted her to talk to me. And I felt it then: this strange, inexplicable sense that she might be the only person in the world I could really care about.”

I can't believe I did not read this before now! In all honesty, I usually don't enjoy these short filler story's all that much. They usually bore me, there for I usually just skip them unless, I want a quick read. I am so happy, I chose to read this. If I thought I was intrigued by Warner in Shatter Me, I have fallen so completely for him now. Just like I thought, there is just so much more to him then what meets the eye. He is not all malice and heartlessness, it's what he was taught and molded into. But if given the chance, people might just surprise you. I loved that we got a chance to be inside Warner's head. It's always refreshing when we get insight into another character's mind and a look into their soul. I love complex character so much. I love Warner so much :D

Me...

“This girl is destroying me. A girl who has spent the last year in an insane asylum. A girl who would try to shoot me dead for kissing her. A girl who ran off with another man just to get away from me. Of course this

is the girl I would fall for. I close a hand over my mouth. I am losing my mind."

This cover is so lovely!

🦊 Jessi ♥? H. Vojsk says

*"Sometimes I wish I could step outside of myself for a while.
I want to leave this worn body behind, but my chains are too many, my weights too heavy.
This life is all that's left of me.
And I know I won't be able to meet myself in the mirror for the rest of the day."*

Story ????????

This is a novella in Warner's point of view where we see what's going on in his mind after Juliette shot him. We get to meet Warner's dad who is the real monster in the family. We see Warner's true and deep feelings for Juliette.

Characters ??????????

There's not one character in this story more interesting than Warner. After the first book "Shatter me" it's obvious that Tahereh Mafi wants to make Warner the villain of the story. But he is so much more and I love that about him. He is my absolute favorite ♥? He is intelligent, strong and supportive. He's sad and hates the world he lives in. He sees that is wrong. That the reestablishment isn't doing a good job. He can't do anything about it. But still he tries to do little good things, kind things for people.

Writing style ??????????

I love Tahereh Mafi's writing style so much. Especially in this book where we see Juliette's notebook in the time when she was in the Asylum. Where we see Warner's thoughts and feelings so openly presented.

Saniya says

UPDATE! FUCKING AWESOME UPDATE!♥

<http://shelf-life.ew.com/2012/10/05/t...>

Official **BOOK TRAILER** and an excerpt of this book.^

Lets just say, I *died* after watching the trailer. Like seriously. <.<

My reaction: OMG OMG OMG! DYYIINNG, DYYYYIIINNG! EEEE! AAAHH! OMG! ♥__♥

Warner is good, not great, and **love** when the soldiers and all are there. It just looks so real. I want the freaking movie. :(

Me right now.^

Oh. Lord. I think I am in **Heaven**.

My mind is still processing what I have just read.

After reading this book, all I could think was,

"**Hell yeah!** Team Adam bitches, Warner is gonna blow you awaayy with this shit!"

Its like, I can't even write what I am feeling right now. So many emotions at once. All jumbled up. AAHH!

I was **always** Team Warner, from the beginning of 'Shatter Me', and I was expecting so much from this book. And I am so happy right now. Tahereh Mafi just proved how much amazing is she. The way she wrote Warner's POV, I can't even- *crys*-well not literally but still. Her writing was beyond epic in this one. This author just **NAILED** it. You deserve a standing ovation girl!

Talking about the book, Destroy Me shows the side of Warner, you have never seen before and everybody will be taken by surprise in the end. His feelings about Juliette are so intense. Lets just say, my mind was literally screaming and it just makes me Team Warner more. You feel sorry for him and in the end, I was like, "Go boy, get your girl from Adam! You deserve more here!"

Some scenes which I loved:

- (1) Him dreaming about Juliette.
- (2) When he is reading from her diary.
- (3) Dreaming about Juliette again.
- (4) Playing with the dog.

Best line:

"That this girl would know exactly how to shatter me."

^^

I **loved loved loved** this book, 5/5 stars. I am dying, literally, to read Unravel Me. Excited. Period.

Au revoir, My fellow Warner lovers! :D

Zemira (Kylo Ren fangirl) Warner says

...from the perspective of the villain we all love to hate, Warner.

But I don't hate Warner. I looove him.

I didn't thought I could possibly love Warner more but I was wrong. My God,he is such a sweetheart. That scene with the dog killed me. I recently saw Equilibrium and something similar happened over there.

I don't usually rate novellas/short stories but in this case I will make an exception.

Full review to come.
