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All Gloriana St. Clair wants is for life to be a little simpler. Why do crazy vampire hunters and their unstable offspring have to dog her every step and give her grief every time she turns around? Her best friend Flo is getting married and expects her to throw her a bachelorette party. A crazy Siren is constantly getting underfoot and turning her to stone. Glory still craves Cheetos, but her vamp tummy can't digest them. She is rather on the voluptuous side and has a hard time keeping men from looking at her double d's instead of her face. It seems like problems just keep mounting for her.

Not only does she have these things to contend with, but she is also having major issues with all of the men in her life as well. Blade, her lover and sire, has loved her for over four hundred years. Unfortunately, he has major control issues where Glory is concerned. She longs to be independent and have Blade realize that she is perfectly capable of taking care of herself. Then, there is man problem number two, Israel Caine, the rock star, known to his friends as Ray. Glory took Ray under her wing when he was turned vampire and Ray made no secret of the fact that he wanted Glory to teach him the ways of vampire love as well. Glory resisted him of course, because of her loyalty and love for Blade. Still, did he have to come back to Austin and take up with someone else? Glory wonders why she even cares, just a little bit, but she does. Now, the biggest man problem of all has reared its ugly head and its name is Valdez, or Rafe as he calls himself now. It seems that since Rafe's assignment as Glory's bodyguard is over, he has changed back to hunky human form and is making his intentions known of pursuing Glory as well. Valdez is proving really hard to resist too. Glory wonders how Blade is going to handle this latest development with her ex-bodyguard. It's hard enough dealing with one man, but three? Glory has her work cut out for her.

There is also the matter of a vengeful demoness from Valdez's past who decides to punish

Glory as a way to get back at Valdez for leaving her long ago. Glory doesn't know how much more she can take before she finally cracks. Still, this lady is tough, and has many friends that love her, and when Glory is in trouble, they come running to help.

Real Vampires Have More to Love by **Gerry Bartlett** is the sixth installment in a wonderfully, hilarious series centered on the adventures and misadventures of full-figured vampire, Gloriana St. Clair. Although this book could be read as a stand-alone book, it is highly recommended that someone new to reading the series start at the beginning, as there are characters that have recurring parts throughout the books. **Ms. Bartlett** hits her mark with this latest installment in the **Real Vampires** series and succeeds in spinning an entertaining tale which finds Glory in a heap of trouble as usual.

Glory is a very loveable character that longs for her lover and sire, Blade to see her as a strong, independent woman. Blade being the old-fashioned guy that he is, is having a really hard time doing that. He has always been a warrior and protector and finds that role hard to give up where Glory is concerned. Still, Blade truly loves Glory, and in his mind, he is only trying to act in her best interests. I like Blade very much and love the way that he is ready at the drop of a hat to protect Glory and does not hesitate to tell Glory how much he loves her. Their romantic chemistry is hot and when they get together they are downright combustible. It seems that no matter what temptations Glory faces from other men in her life, her heart always leads her back to Blade. If they could get past the issues that always seem to get in the way, they would probably have a great life together.

One great thing that really stands out about **Real Vampires Have More to Love** and its series predecessors is the ensemble characters that surround Glory. **Ms. Bartlett** has created and cultivated a wealth of supporting characters that add to the humor and camaraderie of the stories, and you can't help but have fond feelings towards them all, with the exception of the villains, that you find yourself despising as much as Glory and her friends do.

If you are a fan of the paranormal genre and you like your vampire stories with healthy heaping doses of humor and spice, I cannot recommend **Real Vampires Have More to Love** enough. Luckily for all of us, **Ms. Bartlett** has a seventh installment coming out within the year, and I am sure that book will not disappoint either. If you have never read the series, definitely start with the first book and read them all. The **Real Vampires** series is a treasure for any bookshelf, and definitely falls into that category of books that you would read again and again. Well done, **Ms. Bartlett!**