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Synopsis

In a world full of super powers, Felix has a pretty crappy one. He has the ability to modify any item he owns. To upgrade anything. Sounds great on paper. Almost like a video game. Except that the amount of power it takes to actually change, modify, or upgrade anything worthwhile is beyond his abilities. With that in mind, Felix settled into a normal life. A normal job. His entire world changes when the city he lives in is taken over by a super villain. Becoming a country of one city. A city state. Surprisingly, not a whole lot changed. Politicians were still corrupt. Banks still held onto your money. And criminals still committed crime. Though the black market has become more readily available. And in that not so black market, Felix discovers he has a way to make his power useful after all, and grasps a hold of his chance with both hands. Warning and minor spoiler: This novel contains graphic violence, undefined relationships/partial harem, unconventional opinions/beliefs, and a hero who is as tactful as a dog at a cat show. Listen at your own risk.

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Customer Reviews

This is not a deep story, but a fun one. The main elements that make this story surprisingly great:-Buildup of his own empire from scratch-Villain doing good superhero stuff with villain's flare to it-Some trading-Cool tech/inventions-Light harem action-Character growth/leveling (specifically litRPG style, some will like others won't)-Interesting abilities (typical of the super genre)Only things that really nag me after reading this story:-Start premise was a bit weak, but it was brief and we moved on so that's good-The end. It was done poorly/rushed. Should have had another 10-15

pages setting everything right and tying up loose ends.-The main character getting his hands dirty there at the end. Should have stayed true to form and found a way to get the job done using his own unique talents/characteristics. (Everything after reaching the elevator bottom was garbage.)-Who was really the bad guy here? Yeah we kind of got a vague answer, but the point to the conflict was really vague and glossed over. He's just always under attack for what turns out to be a pretty thin reason that's answered in basically 2 or 3 sentences on a random page towards the end.Despite those few flaws, this is really one of the best books of it's type I've read in a year or two. Not many come out with with these plot elements that are done well. (Similar recent non-super examples would include the Stavin Dragonblessed series by Loren K. Jones, ALICE by Charles Lamb, Wild Wastes by Randi Darren, and Destiny's Crucible by Olan Thorensen.) Keeps you turning the page for sure. Short enough for a half-day read.I don't generally like most "super" stories, but this one was very solid. I'll buy the next in the series without waiting for reviews.

Really enjoyed the book for the most part, although I agree with a lot of other reviews that the end seemed rushed. Also lots of questions remain, so hopefully we get a sequel to tie up those loose ends. Other than that was an enjoyable read, with an interesting concept thatI hasn't seen done in the past. Looking forward to continuing adventures of Felix and Legion.

The blurb includes "Warning and minor spoiler: This novel contains graphic violence, undefined relationships/partial harem, unconventional opinions/beliefs, and a hero who is as tactful as a dog at a cat show. Read at your own risk."BELIEVE THE BLURBThis is not a book about a hero, but a super-powered villain. A villain can fix anything he "owns". In a city run by a supervillain, slavery become available and the main character buys his first powered-person.Then the amazing worldbuilding starts. Superpowers allows some of the best world-building - "if this change is made, then this change applies, and so on". Felix is able to "upgrade" things he owns but he has so little power in his ability he can't do more than shine coins and keep his bathroom from leaking too much. When he becomes a slave owner by accident, he discovers he can upgrade people and use them as batteries. Suddenly the world opens for him.The book rambles a bit and may have benefited from being released as a series of novellas where the central story of each section is tightened up, comic book style. For example: the initial slave buying and discoveries "Eye Tooth Vision", the second slave buying "Like Grocery shopping only better", setting up the pawn shop "People and Things", building the supervillain lair "Dwarf Hammer Time", the big bad battle "Meh Mech", etc.Felix is a villain and knows he lacks morals. He even breaks the few rules (ethics) he made for himself before

he became super-powerful (all puns intended). And I am warring with myself because the world-building is great. The characters all develop - and when something changes a character (like upping the intelligence) it sticks. Every twist Felix/Legion's power gets as the story continues is amazing. Just need to get past the mutilation, cannibalization, slavery, assassination, theft, Stockholm syndrome, good guys attacking without reason, stupid lawyers, manipulations, soul sucking demons, etc. Not your normal superpower story. One star reduction from my normal five-star for amazing world-building because ... cannibalism. I should note while there is character development of and between Felix and his slave-harem-manipulators-of-their-master, the female characters are all very one-dimensional stereotypes from the manic pixie dream girl to the tank lesbian to the soul-sucking seductress to the innocent beauty. They somehow manage to go beyond the stereotype while also remaining firmly within the stereotype. Some female readers may be annoyed by this. Considering the size of the slave circle and the genre (superpower), the result of stereotype females in a large cast is understandable. Oh and the ending is clearly feeding into book two. But that is typical of the superpower genre and so I did not mark down for it.

If you enjoyed the otherlife trilogy (very good) then you will love this! A similar feel with a great lead surrounded by deep characters and fleshed out with good world building; there is action, humor, and a bit of romance. Main character isn't a hero or villain, but more of an average guy who tries to do right by himself and the people he cares for.

LitRPG, Super heroes/villains & Empire Building, 3 of my favorite genres all combined in one book, hell yes! Loved this book, very well executed, the villain world is done well, a lot of times authors make the villains in superhero books either too brutal and grim or a complete joke, the author in this book found a great middle between both. The MC has a good middle too, he's definitely not a saint but he's not looking for trouble too. The characters, world and overall plot are all interesting, I finished this book in a day, couldn't leave it alone, can't wait for book 2.

I really liked this one. It has certain aspects of the LitRPG with how the MC's powers work but it's just a fun science fiction book. The characters are pretty well written and there's no Deus ex machine that comes in the last minute to save the day. I hope there is going to be more written on these characters.

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