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Jeff and Kitty Katt-Martini and the rest of the American Centaurion Diplomatic Corps are still recovering from their introduction to Washington D.C. politics, parties, and conspiracies. So when compromising pictures arrive, no one's too surprised. They're also the least of anyone's worries.

Evil androids running amok, birds of all kinds and from all places creating havoc, a Senator trapped in an ever-tightening web of intrigue, and escalating international tensions all seem tough but manageable. But the disappearance of Jeff Martini and Charles Reynolds during the International One World Festival signals more than the usual nastiness — and it looks like even ACE can't help them.

Then new trouble arrives in old packages and even with the best hackers in the world, beings from near and far, the full might of Earth's military, and the Wonder Twins on their side, Centaurion Division's outmanned and outgunned.

Now Kitty's racing against the clock to find not only Jeff and Chuckie, but to keep the peace between Middle Eastern countries, all while searching for the bases of super-soldier operations — to stop them or die trying.

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October Weeks says

LOVED IT! I can't say enough good things about these books. Every time I open a Kitty book I can't put it down. This one was no exception! Following her adventures are pure escapism for me; funny, laugh-out-loud, hot, action-packed. Can't wait for the next one.

Sabine says

Not much time for Kitty and her guys to relax. Her baby girl is teething - and all teeth are coming in at once. Hence, the baby is in agony and her father, being the biggest empath of the galaxy is too. So Kitty packs up the baby and some of her friends and family and heads to her in-laws so Jamie's agony is no longer affecting Jeff. After a few weeks, senator Armstrong comes for a visit with some compromising pictures. According to him and the pictures, Kitty is having an affair with Chuckie - only she hasn't as the pictures are fake. While trying to find out what is happening, Jeff and Christopher come to get Kitty and her entourage back home but before they have to take a test as their security clearance is no longer valid until they pass the test. But this is sabotaged again and Kitty is out of the loop as she has no clearance to get the important information. Strange things are happening in Washington and suddenly Jeff and Chuck are gone and an invasion is looming at the horizon. It's up to Kitty - again - to save the world.. or as she used to say: routine..

It's getting better and better. So many things are happening at the same time that the reader is struggling along with Kitty to keep up. I kind of raced through the book to find out what's happening. We are introduced to some new animals and the birds in this book were quite entertaining. Kitty has to figure out in record time how to save the world again and I'm really looking forward to the next book, now that American Centaurion is outed and the world knows that alien are for real.

Book six was a bit darker than the other books before. The invasion scene was bloody and we witness how people are kind of slaughtered by the intruders. It's no longer funny and harmless - the gloves are off and we see that Kitty's enemies are out to hurt, maim and kill to get what they want. Some scenes had me blinking back tears because it was intense and I feared we were losing some of Kitty's crew.

I really loved the hacker crew! They were great fun and I hope we get more of them in the next books. With roughly 500 pages, this was the biggest book in the series and it was packed with lots of action and many old and new friends and enemy. I hope we get to see more James Reader in the next books as we hardly get any time with him. But being the new commander and with all the action happening, James had other stuff to do. Can't wait to read the next book!

Lyndi W. says

GIVE ME THIS BOOK! I CANNOT WAIT! *cry cry cry*

Edit: Okay, now that I have it, I don't want to read it. *sigh* I *want* to read it, but I don't. Washington has not done any favors to the overall story arc and I'm kinda worried this book is just going to be too much thrown at Kitty & Co at once without Jeff and Chucky being there to keep her sane.

Who am I kidding? I'm totes reading this next weekend.

Another edit: Every Monday, I kick myself for not having taken the time to read this over the weekend. On Friday, I see it on my Kindle and think "I just can't handle it right now." Not only will I not put it down until I'm done and let's face it, I've got shit to do. But I'm actually *scared* that I'm not going to like it. I've been wondering why I keep putting it off when it's one of my favorite series and I've come to the conclusion that I'm scared I'll be let down. And now we're closing in on the next publication. I **need** to get over it and just read the damn book, but I'm chicken. So chicken.

And yet another edit: I'm just not feeling it. I've reread the previous books in this series and I've gone over the blurbs and reviews for this and the next few books and I'm just... I think it might actually have gotten too ridiculous for me to continue. It was already ridiculous, but now it just feels like too much. I think... *sigh*... I think I'm giving up.

Sarah says

Kitty and Jeff have started to settle into their new roles as the Alpha Centaurion Diplomats, a career in Washington politics may not have been something Kitty has always dreamed of but she can fake it with the best of them and she's becoming an expert at dealing with both politicians and reporters. If they were normal diplomats then photos showing Kitty in a compromising position with her best friend Chuckie might spell out disaster but they're actually the least of Kitty & Jeff's worries. What with android attacks, more superbeings than they can reasonably cope with and an interesting arrival giving the Poofs a run for their money tension levels in the embassy are high. And that was before Jeff and Chuckie vanish without a trace! Kitty must juggle crooked senators, blackmail attempts, an impending alien invasion and keeping her baby safe while at the same time tracking down the two most important men in her life before their kidnappers can do them irreparable harm. Pretty much a normal day then, but this time she has to do it without the help of Jeff and Chuckie.

I've been a massive fan of Gini Koch's Katherine "Kitty" Katt series ever since I picked up *Touched by an Alien* last year. In fact it is one of my favourites - one of those series that I pre-order each instalment as soon as it becomes available on Amazon and one that I drop everything else to read as soon as I have the book in my hands. So I can't tell you how excited I was when Gini offered to send me an advanced review copy of *Alien vs. Alien*, I literally could not wait to start reading it! I had incredibly high expectations for the sixth book in the series but I'm happy to say that Gini not only met them - she surpassed them.

Fans of the series will know exactly what to expect when picking up one of Gini Koch's books. Her trademark humour, action packed story lines and shocking twists make for an edge of the seat thrill ride that will leave you breathless. *Alien vs. Alien* has all of that and then some and picking up any book in this series like sitting down with old friends for a catch up. I'm immediately sucked into Kitty's world and I'm irritated when real life gets in the way and stops me from reading. I was worried that Kitty and Jeff would have less drama and action in their lives now they're working as diplomats rather than heading up operations but if anything their lives have just got even more complicated. The threats are coming from so many different directions that it is hard to tell which enemy poses the greatest danger to them.

It was strange to see Kitty without Jeff by her side but I really enjoyed watching her prove herself a force to be reckoned with. Nobody is going to get away with taking Jeff from her and she is just as protective of her best friend Chuckie. Thankfully she still has plenty of people she can rely on, I love her working partnership with Richard but of course she still has Chris, Reader and the flyboys to back her up as needed. Without a doubt it is Kitty's wacky way of looking at things that is going to save the day though. I have been a fan of

the Poofs since they were first introduced to the series but all I'm going to say is watch out for the latest delivery from Alpha Centaurion, it's guaranteed to make you laugh out loud. That and the new "woman" who is competing with Kitty for Jeff's affection! Alien vs. Alien is a fab instalment to a fantastic series and I'm already dying to get my hands on Alien in the House for my next Martini fix. If you're already a fan of the series then you need to get hold of this book immediately - if you haven't started reading it yet then you really don't know what you're missing.

Brenda says

Some series start getting repetitive or lose focus after several books, but Gini Koch is still rocking the humor, action, wit and alien loving with Alien vs. Alien, #6 in her Katherine "Kitty" Katt series. I love these books for so many reasons, but mainly because they make me smile, laugh and still manage to keep me in suspense. I don't want to give away spoilers because the surprises are what makes these books so much fun, but the excitement is nonstop. Yes, they are over the top at times, but that's what makes me smile.

I advise reading the series from the beginning to really get to know the characters and what is happening in Ms. Koch's world. The stories are for me, a mix of science fiction, mystery, and paranormal romance (though it's more sci fi romance to be technical) with a bit of military action, humor and political intrigue thrown in for good measure. Alien vs. Alien is one of my favorites in the series with new gadgets, old enemies and the introduction of fun, new characters.

Kara-karina says

4.5/5

I'm sad that the body count in this book went so high up, but I absolutely loved Peregrines! Bruno, my man, you rocked! :D

Maraya21 (The Reading Dragon) says

Things in the "Win" column:

- Sarcasm & snark level over 1000
 - Such action, much kick-ass
 - New pet introduced: Extremely intelligent killer peacock like creatures called Peregrines. Who had super cool names!
 - Got to see Kitty without her usual crutches.
 - A female attention whore African Gray Parrot with attitude & a more than decent intellect.
 - Jamie, Kitty & The Wonder Twins showing off some of them powers.
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Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Posted on Under the Covers

4.5 stars

If there is one thing I have taken away from this book it's that I WANT TO BE KITTY!

Gini Koch delivers a stellar installment to the Katherine "Kitty" Katt series. Filled to the brim with action, politics and humor, you've got a story that is ready and waiting for your consumption!

Just as Jeff and Kitty are settling into their position as Alpha Centurion Diplomats, pictures are surfacing of Kitty in a compromising position. Kitty knows that these pictures have been doctored, but that doesn't ease the wariness in her chest. Jeff, on the other hand, doesn't seem too fazed by the photos of his wife having an illicit affair. It seems a little funny since Jeff is known as the jealous type. After being separated for a month, Kitty is dying to have some alone time with her husband, but it seems that that will have to wait until more pressing matters can be addressed. One thing about this book is the strong romance, yet there is sooo much more to this book as well.

Androids and what seems to be like all the birds in the universe are just the least of Kitty's problems. Especially when Jeff and Chuckie vanish without a trace. It's up to Kitty to get them back all while keeping her baby safe and being badass while doing it!

Koch infuses this book with so much humor that it had my laughing out loud in hysterics. I wish I could quote my favorite lines, but I think I would end up quoting the entire book instead. Kitty's POV is so entertaining and delightful, making her so relatable. Reading about Kitty either makes you want to be her new BFF or actually BE HER. She's simply too badass and I love her for it! Gimme gimme more Kitty!

*ARC provided by publisher

Read my review of ALIEN VS. ALIEN at Fresh Fiction

Carrien says

Yet another amazing adventure.

This series is addictive and super fun.

I'm amazed how Koch keeps coming up with new, wacky and exciting adventures for Kitty and her friends. Alien vs. Alien is full of intrigue, suspense and has some of the most intense action of the entire series so far.

If I'm completely honest and at my most critical I have to confess that Kitty is maybe a bit too fantastic, a bit too powerful. But if I'm being completely honest anyway I will also have to add that I actually am quite OK with that.

I think Kitty being who and what she is, actually is what makes this series so much fun. Is it believable? When you stop to think about it: no, but Koch's writing grabs you and holds you captive from start to finish and during the over-the-top thrill-ride that is Alien vs. Alien you don't give a rat's ass if things are believable, you just want to keep reading to take it all in and you cheer Kitty and her friends on to save the day once more.

So in conclusion: this book, like all the other books in this series, is awesome and a must read for anyone who likes their SciFi with a firm dose of humor and wit. It will join it's predecessors on my favorites shelf

and be reread with the same frequency as them as well.

KarenF says

This series is just so much fun to read and this book is no exception. It's over the top as usual but I found I really loved Kitty when separated from Jeff & Chuckie. Don't get me wrong, I love the gang all together (and I really loved the rundown of whose everyone's Avengers counterpart was), but sometimes the dudes get too much into the macho posturing so it was fun to just have Kitty working through the disaster with the folks on hand. Plus the peregrines of course. I love the AC animals and the peregrines are a great counterpart to the poofs. Seriously, how awesome are the AC animals? I'm prone to be on the animal's side so I even loved Bellie.

As always there was nonstop action and humor. By now I love all the inside jokes, Christopher's "patented glare #whatever", Jeff's bellowing, the conspiracy theorists who are actually right.

I think the tone of this series either works for you or it doesn't. I think that's how it always is with humor. Personally I admit that I'm kind of tired of brooding, destructive superheroes so the fact that Kitty is delighted by her powers so that she can help save the world, and the people she loves, is so refreshing. If I have a complaint is that our cast is so big now I could probably use a character list or family tree or something to remember exactly who everyone is. But that's a pretty minor complaint compared to how much fun I had reading it.

Anna (Bobs Her Hair) says

3.5 - 4 Stars

A convoluted, over-the-top, action-fueled book with a soundtrack. If you like this series then this book is on par for the series. The Kitty Katt series is not your typical science-fiction. It's heavy on snark and has sexy times. Every book has so many twists and turns that you could get whiplash! All the info-dumping could be irritating but it does become handy when you well into the series and have lost track of previous events. For those in search of something quirky you'll want to try book 1 in this series first.

Dark Faerie Tales says

Review courtesy of Dark Faerie Tales

Quick & Dirty: This installment is not quite as crazy with the action, angsty-lust or Jeff and Chuckie. Although the books are funny, this one also had a darker tone.

Opening Sentence: Stephen Hawking warns that when aliens arrive on Earth, it's be a bad day for all the inhabitants of the third rock from the sun.

Excerpt: Yes

The Review:

Alien vs. Alien is the sixth novel in the Katherine “Kitty” Katt science fiction/urban fantasy series by Gini Koch. This series continues the massive state of confusion that Kitty is known for, especially by revoking her security clearance which forces everyone in her life to keep her in the dark even on matters that concern her and her husband. It also helps that Kitty still doesn’t quite know the basics of A-C security by not reading the important but boring information.

Six weeks have passed since Operation Assassination and Kitty is forced to move to Florida with Jeff’s parents because Jamie is teething. Jamie’s emotions are too much for Jeff so they had to separate for a while which has really put a damper on Kitty’s sex life. It is while in Florida that Kitty is informed by Senator Armstrong (and two very uncomfortable reminders from the President’s Ball) that there are now X-rated photos of Kitty and Chuckie circulating. Kitty is trying to figure out why these photos, which were sooo completely doctored, are circulating among Washington’s elite. Meanwhile, everyone around Kitty has to renew their security credentials, and of course, Kitty fails so she misses out on all the talk.

The One World International event is happening in Washington, D.C. and Kitty is required to back out because of her clearance which forces her stay at the Embassy. Kitty isn’t totally bored because she needs to find out who is behind the photos. It is during her search that she uncovers (and by uncovers, I mean guessed since no one will talk to her) an impending alien invasion. Kitty and her motley crew are tasked into stopping the invasion while searching for Jeff and Chuckie, whom have gone missing.

I am unofficially calling the events in this novel “Operation Distraction” or “Operation Invasion 2.0”. The theme of this novel was definitely distraction because almost everything was planned out to distract all of the characters involved. I was even distracted because Jeff and Chuckie weren’t officially missing until page 260. There also isn’t very much of them throughout the novel which was strange since Jeff and Chuckie have been staples to this series so far.

One thing I will say that I definitely love about this series are the covers and how accurate they are with a scene in the novel. I didn’t see that coming. The action in this novel really fell towards the end of the book. There were things here and there that happened but it only broke up the monotony of Kitty’s search for the source of the pictures and the “guessing” of what everyone was hiding from her.

These novels are very creative overall and I really like Kitty’s sense of humor, what I don’t really care for is the length. These novels are dialogue heavy with a huge cast of characters. There is also quite a bit happening so when it seems like Kitty figures something out another two or three things jump in to take up her time to get to the ending. I still recommend these novels for fans of science fiction who have a dark sense of humor.

Notable Scene:

“I want to know. I’m a big girl, and I’ve been aware that they were in danger and missing longer than any of you. Tell me whatever it is you don’t want to tell me.”

“Do it,” Mom said quietly. The news moved from not good to potentially catastrophic. I steeled myself.

Reader came closer to me and took my hand. “Kitty . . . once we realized we couldn’t find them, I called Christopher. He filled me in on what he was doing and said he’d been spending his spare time at the Dome searching for both of them.”

“And?”

He swallowed. “He can’t find any trace of either Jeff or Reynolds. And by any trace, I mean he’s looked into the extent of his range.”

Unlike Serene, Christopher's range wasn't fifty miles. His range wasn't even Planet Earth. Christopher's range went to the outer reaches of the Alpha Centauri system.

Meaning Jeff and Chuckie were really gone. Or they were dead.

FTC Advisory: DAW/Penguin provided me with a copy of Alien vs. Alien. No goody bags, sponsorships, "material connections," or bribes were exchanged for my review.

Shelley says

Genre Science Fiction

Rating 3.5-4

Thoughts

Yes, I totally just realized that I read this book out of order! I must remedy this situation ASAP reading Alien Diplomacy and then Alien in the House and posting my reviews of all 3! Stay tuned!

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Kenton Schassberger says

Like to begin to laugh within minutes? This book brings up memories of all that led Kitty Katt to the point she is at now, though one may be driven to reread the first books to fill in gaps. This adds new laughs of a feathery touch. To say more would be spoiler so read and feathers are all over.

Kathy Davie says

Sixth in the Katherine "Kitty" Katt romantic science-fiction series starring Kitty Katt Martini and her troupe of hunky, gorgeous, delicious-looking aliens.

My Take

On the whole, while it was another fun read from Koch — I did enjoy Kitty's rapport with the Peregrines — can I get an *amen!* — I can do without Bellie and the too many paths with even more cartoonish effects. It simply left me very confused as to who is doing what and to whom when it comes to the intelligence being thrown about. Heck, with everything being thrown around. *What was with those dino birds?* It felt as if Koch tried to consider every possibility and couldn't consider leaving even one of 'em out. I'm not saying there wasn't a plot, it was just so buried...

Still, it's a friendly bunch of characters in this series, a cast to which Koch keeps adding more and more. Almost like the various twists and turns and all the action sequences in *Alien Diplomacy*, 5.

We had the older Martinis upset about Christopher and Amy's impromptu wedding as the "normal" scene to ground us in the story — just another case of a lack of communication and cultural differences, letting us

know how human everyone is. But then we get the stupid HSAC test dropped on us. I can't believe everyone is buying into this. It's just lame. The situation isn't consistent with the characters, which just ticks me off. Then the Royal Peregrines getting dropped in and all their antics. Admittedly it is funny with Kitty's interactions with them, but oh brother.

I do love Kitty's categories for Jamie's squeals. It is so sweet how much time Kitty and Jeff are able to — and want to — spend with their daughter.

Hmmm, how very convenient of the Czech embassy building...

Oops, dissension in the ranks! That could turn out to be interesting — I'm wondering what will happen with the current embassy people in *Alien in the House*?

I don't care...I want the A-C elves to come visit me. A lot!

Ah well, later, Eddie...

The Story

Poor Jamie-Kat...she's teething and her agony is cutting away at her daddy's control, so Kitty and Jamie are at the Martini Manor in Florida where they're forced to endure a visit from Senator Armstrong and Guy Gadoire. One which raises some hefty blackmail issues.

Then there's the HSAC clearance testing. Kitty claims she's done a lot of testing like this in the past, and I'm sure the others have done testing like this as well, and nobody questions the type of questions being asked?? Nuh-uh.

It's all careful preparation...

The Characters

Kitty and Jeff Martini, the world's strongest telepath, are both ambassadors for the American Centaurion Diplomatic Corps. **Jamie-Kat** is their five-month-old baby girl with hybrid powers. **Bellie** is Jeff's new best friend and a real challenge for Kitty, a gift from **Peter the Dingo Dog**. Bellie likes Jeff, Chris, well, heck all the boys. She just doesn't like any of the girls. The Poofs have expanded their circle of love to include Jamie Kat: **Poofikins** is Kitty's and **Harlie** is Jeff's Poof (he's head Poof). And Jamie-Kat names her Poof, **Mous-mous**. Mom, **Angela Katt**, is head of the Presidential Terrorism Control Unit (PTCU) and the only non-Jew to ever be in Mossad.

Christopher White is Jeff's cousin and an Imageer married to **Amy Gaultier White**, one of Kitty's best friends from high school and a lawyer. (see *Alien Proliferation* , 4). **Toby** is his Poof; **Mignon** is Amy's. Through some, um, misadventures, Jeff has been enhanced too. **Alfred and Lucia Martini** are Jeff's parents. **Clarence Valentino** is **Sylvia**'s husband (Jeff's oldest sister) and both are traitors (see *Alien Proliferation*).

Charles Reynolds has been Kitty's best friend since they were thirteen; now he's a self-made multi-millionaire, head of the CIA's Extra-Terrestrial Division, and always the smartest guy in the room---and **Fluffy** is his Poof. **Esteban Cantu** is also CIA, but a suspected rogue. **Clifford Goodman** is the new Head of Special Immigration Services and reports directly to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Embassy inhabitants includes:

Len and **Kyle** are former college football players who are now CIA bodyguards for Kitty and Jamie (see *Alien in the Family* , 3 and *Alien Diplomacy* , 5). **Malcolm Buchanan** is a bodyguard assigned by Kitty's mother in *Alien Diplomacy* . Former Pontifex **Richard White** is Kitty's new partner and has a thing for the

catsuit. **Dr. Tito Hernandez** (*Alien in the Family*) is Kitty and Jamie-Katt's personal physician while **Melanie** and Emily, both Dazzler A-Cs, assist Tito. **Walter Ward** is in charge of embassy security; his brother, **William**, is an imageer. **Pierre** is quite talented in styling, culture, and manners and very useful as the new Majordomo Concierge. **Denise Lewis** is Kevin's wife, in charge of the embassy daycare, and teacher (**Kevin** is Kitty's mom's second-in-command at PTCU) and they, with their children, **Raymond** and **Rachel**, are living at the embassy. **Doreen and Irving Weisman** with baby **Ezra** also live at the embassy. **Nurse Magdalena Rijos-Carter** has signed on to help Tito.

Alpha team includes:

Paul Gower is a half-A-C/half-human and can read dreams and memories; he's ACE's habitat and the new Supreme Pontifex. Commander **James Reader** is a gorgeous former supermodel, who is in a relationship with Paul and Head of the Field for Centaurion Division; Kitty considers him one of her best guy friends. **Gatita** is Reader's Poof. **ACE** is an alien entity, who thinks Kitty walks on water, and lives inside Paul. **Michael Gower** is Paul's younger brother and an astronaut at NASA; **Fuzzball** is his Poof. **Naomi** and **Abigail** are Paul's hybrid sisters and the new cultural attaches. **Erika** is their mother; **Stanley** is their father. **Serene** (Ronald Yates' daughter and a full-A-C) is still pregnant and the head of Imageering; she's married to **Brian Dwyer** (Kitty's old boyfriend).

Gladys is head of overall security for the A-Cs. **Jeremy Barone** and his sister, **Jennifer**, are pulled in to help police the festival.

Airborne includes:

Captain Tim Crawford is the new head of Airborne in Kitty's place. The unmarried ones include **Captain Jerry Tucker**, **Matt Hughes**, and **Walker**. **Joe Billings** is married to **Captain Lorraine**, and they have a son, **Ross Edward**. **Randy Muir** is married to **Captain Claudia**, and they have a son as well, **Sean Zachary**.

Mister Joel Oliver is a photographer with *World Weekly News*. **Olga Dalca** and **Adriana**, her granddaughter, are with the Romanian embassy and very interested in events at the AC embassy after events in *Alien Diplomacy*. **Adrien** is Olga's husband, the ambassador, and has no idea what's going on.

Senator Vincent Armstrong is the senior senator from Florida and not one of Kitty's favorite people. **Guy Gadoire** is a lobbyist for the tobacco industry and is interested in enticing Kitty into bed with he and his lover, **Vance Beaumont**. **Mona Nejem** and her driver, **Khalid**, are Bahraini; **Oren** and **Jakob** are Mossad. **Prince** is **Officer Melville's** German shepherd and they're part of the K-9 unit from *Alien Proliferation*. The **Feliniad**, **Canus Majorian**, and **Reptilians** show up, thank you very much. **King Alexander**, the king of Alpha Four and Jeff's cousin, is very useful with the gifts and spaceships.

John and **Sandra** is in charge of the testing at Kennedy.

Ronaldo Al Dejah is Yates' son and bent on revenge. The Pontifex, Gladys, Alfred, and Serene are all Ronaldo's siblings. Amy's father's second wife, **LaRue Demorte Gaultier**, was the brains behind everything in *Alien Proliferation* and she fled Earth orbit. God knows where! **Casey Jones** is the stewardess from Operation Drug Addict and a member of Club 51.

The **Z'porrah** look like mini T-rexes and are too totally clueless. Unfortunately, they do have a lot of power.

Colonel Marvin Hamlin is Cliff's boss. **Colonel Franklin** is in charge of Andrews Air Force Base; **Captain Gil Morgan**, his adjunct, is "required" at the Dome. *Them Dazzlers do like a smart boy!*

Stryker Dane, a.k.a., Eddy Simms, is a brilliant hacker who is the resident UFO and extraterrestrial languages expert and undercover in the military along with **Big George Lecroix**, who is Europe's best hacker and speaks some twenty languages fluently. Also **Doctor Wu**, a.k.a., Henry, is a software expert, China's most expert hacker, and covers the languages the others don't; **Ravi Gaekwad** is India's best hacker and big on hardware and software; and, **Omega Red**, a.k.a., Yuri Stanislav, is blind but killer with audio cryptology.

Dazzlers are how Kitty collectively refers to the A-C females because that's what they do: they dazzle everyone with their beauty, intelligence, and compassion. **Imageers** manipulate images electronically and in front of you and can learn all about a person simply by touching an image. **Empaths** feel emotions. **Poofs** look like "tiny, fluffy kittens with no ears or tails, but with shiny black button eyes", who can morph into Jeff-sized, very, very protective critters. Once you name one, they're yours for life. With all the weddings, there are LOTS more Poofs. The **Royal Peregrines** are, initially, a most unwelcome gift from King Alexander that suddenly pops in during the night. **Bruno** appears to be Kitty's Peregrine; **Lola** is his mate. Richard's birds are **Samson and Delilah**; Kyle's are **Fred and Wilma**; Len's are **Barney and Betty**. I think **George and Gracie** belong to Walter; Chuckie's are **Han and Leia**; and, **Harold and Maude** are stressed about an invasion.

The Cover

The cover is a scene from the book with fires and monsters on the ground, alien ships in the sky shooting lasers, Royal Peregrines clawing, and Jeff with his back to us protecting Kitty and the baby.

The title is accurate enough, if not descriptive enough, to describe the battles of *Alien vs. Alien* in Washington, D.C.
