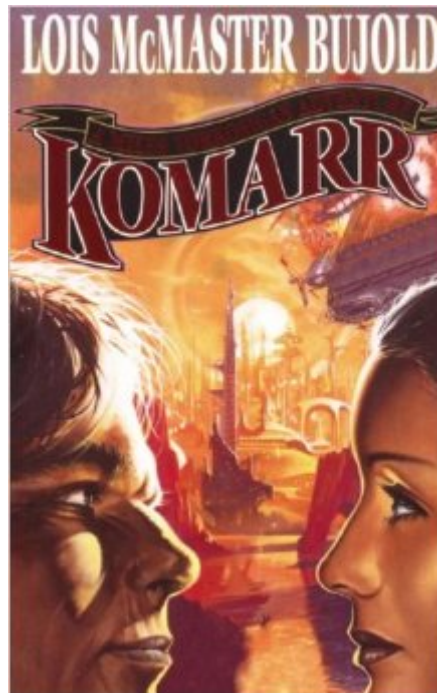


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Synopsis

Komarr could be a garden with a thousand more years' work, or an uninhabitable wasteland if the terraforming fails. Now, the solar mirror vital to the terraforming of the conquered planet has been shattered by a ship hurtling off course. The Emperor of Barrayar sends his newest imperial auditor, Lord Miles Vorkosigan, to find out why. The choice is not a popular one on Komarr, where a betrayal a generation before drenched the name of Vorkosigan in blood. Thus, the Komarrans surrounding Miles could be loyal subjects, potential hostages, innocent victims, or rebels ready for revenge. Lies within lies, treachery within treachery, Miles is caught in a race against time to stop a plot that could exile him from Barrayar forever. His burning hope lies in an unexpected ally, one with wounds as deep and honor as beleaguered as his own.

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Customer Reviews

The writing of Lois McMaster Bujold is unique in her ability to blend comedy, deep thinking and adventure. Some of her early novels starring her protagonist Miles are space opera. They are very funny while containing acute observation of the follies of war and the failures of politics. Within the series we are introduced to Miles before his birth and are privy to glimpses of his hyperactive childhood. Miles goes from adolescent to maturity encountering different milestones along the way. In this novel the former military strategist and sometimes space admiral has begun a new career as an imperial auditor. He and his fellow auditor have arrived on the planet Komarr to investigate the

damage to solar mirrors that are part of the planetary terraforming reshaping Komarrs ecology. Miles is in a process of adjustment to the very broad powers of his new position. The auditors are to be guests of Ekatrine and her family. Ekatrines husband administers a part of the terraforming project and is stressed by the arrival of auditors who intend to examine the workings of his department, even though one of them is his wife's delightful uncle. The unfolding story is seen partially through the eyes of Ekatrine, and partially from the viewpoint of Miles. The auditors are tasked to discover and resolve the puzzle of the solar array. Who damaged it and why? Is it sabotage or accident? Is it meant to destabilize positive relations between Barrayar and Komarr? While the underlying elements of plot are deadly serious, elements of character are immediately funny. By chapter two Miles knows he is uncomfortably attracted to his lovely and very married hostess. Through Ekatrines narration we already know that her marriage is challenging, and her husband difficult.

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