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In a callous and controversial decision, the U.S. Supreme Court allows humans to be used as collateral in loans claiming: "It expands opportunities for the poor without raising taxes." Spartak is kidnapped, sold and presented as a birthday gift for the son of the richest family just as a power struggle erupts between the ruling elite. Spartak fights for survival, pride, freedom and love, proving to be a lethal warrior, a 22nd century hero who will make you cheer.

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A multitalented, bisexual, teenage slave becomes a symbol of freedom in this debut sci-fi saga... with energetic action scenes and sharply drawn characters, and the result is a vigorous tale. **Kirkus Reviews**

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