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TRISTAN'S ESCAPE is a Novella from the Belador paranormal series from New York Times bestseller Dianna Love.

Holidays rate just above Tristan having his fingernails ripped off. He was a fool once over a woman, a human no less, and that little moment of insanity got him imprisoned for four long years. He's never had someone special to share s with and doubts he ever will, but December does matter to the other half-blood-Belador Alterants stuck alongside him on Treoir Island. To help his friends, Tristan has been secretly teleporting them to Atlanta for short visits. Sure, the Belador goddess warned him not to teleport in and out of Treoir's hidden realm without her permission, but she ranks below holidays for Tristan. Screw her. His secret trips are going great until Elaine "Mac" Mackenzie, the five-foot-six, red-haired genius Tristan vowed to pay back for the four years he lost, steps between Tristan and a powerful sorcerer with a deadly agenda. If Tristan exposes his preternatural abilities in the human world, he'll forfeit his freedom forever.

Saving her may destroy his world, but once he has Mac back in his arms, no one else is going to touch her. *This Novella timeline falls between WITCHLOCK (available now) and ROGUE BELADOR (April 2016) ... and there is a short story included as a bonus!

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Sheila Schwartz says

Amazing!

As with all of Ms. Love's Belador stories this one might be short but it is filled with action, romance, and the unique talents of the Alterants that make her words and worlds so stunning.

Lisa says

I loved this novella! Just enough of what you want to know and ready to dive into the next book!

Laura says

Great Book!

This is a great book; this book is part of the Beladors series by Dianna Love. Tristan has never been fond of the holidays, but since they are important to his half-blood Belador Alterants who are stuck alongside him on Treoir Island. To help his friends he has been teleporting them to Atlanta against the Belador goddess's wishes. His secret trips have been going great until Elaine "Mac" Mackenzie steps between him and a powerful sorcerer. If you are looking for a great book that you can read in one sitting, then you need to read this book. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

Adriane Alexander says

A good quick read adding som insight into Tristian and the other Griphons.

Nancy says

Tristan's Escape by Dianna Love is the first book I have read by this author and I loved it! This story takes place in the middle of the series and I was worried I wouldn't understand what was going on. I shouldn't have. The author does a fantastic job of filling in backstory and details about the characters so the reader can understand what is going on without having read any of the other books. It may be a novella, but there was plenty of action as Tristan and Mac fight to keep everyone safe.

I look forward to reading more books in the series!

Mimi says

I often find myself disappointed with novellas as being too short. However, "Tristan's Escape" had all the elements of a novel (tension, twists, resolution) but in a shorter, compact form. This novella was a short detour from the overall Belador arc and was well worth reading. Glad to see Tristan get a little happiness in his life.

Melissa Smith says

Tristan had never been one of my favorites but oh my he is now. I have always adored Storm, but I really was able to connect with Tristan's backstory and understand his standoffish ways. I love Mac. She is amazing. I can't wait to read more about them. Thanks Dianna!!!!

Beth Rodriguez says

Love this series! I got hooked from book one, and this novella didn't let me down. It was good to finally get some romantic backstory to Tristan, as he's so prevalent in the series. I'm definitely looking forward to the coming books, now that I have a better understanding of him (and Mac).

Jen Davis says

As a fan of the Belador series, I've always wanted to get a little more time with Tristan. This guy has gotten a raw deal from the beginning and this novella really brings him full circle, as he comes face to face with the woman he's long blamed for his imprisonment all those years.

I wish I could say I loved this one the way I generally love the novels in this series, but I can't. One of the things that make the Belador books so good is the layered nature of the stories. There is always so much going on, from the main action plot with Evalle, to her romance with Storm, to the secondary plots surrounding Quinn and Tzader... these books make me think and I like that. This did not.

There is one layer. And yes, I know it's a novella and that is limiting, but the one layer isn't even that strong. Tristan teleports his buddy out of Treoir to visit his girlfriend, who betrays him by turning him in. And who should be part of the retrieval team but Mac, the woman who Tristan fell for years ago and spent exactly 10 days with before he was shipped off to his imprisonment.

Obviously Mac is not a bad guy or this romance wouldn't really work out. But it's all about misunderstandings and essentially insta-love, with a barely HFN. It all feels so superficial and just lacks the resonance I usually get from this series. It breaks everything down to its simplest explanations; it has no real secondary characters to speak of, and it just left me lukewarm.

The author's note promises more of Tristan and Mac in future books. Maybe when I get their stories that follow, I'll be glad I read this. But for now, not so much.

Amelia says

A trip to the Belador world is made extra special with it being the Christmas season, but doing a good deed during the holidays may turn disastrous if everything does not work out as planned. The hero of this compelling Urban Fantasy novella has been met in prior books, but his heart's desire has not been explored until now. Dianna Love has definitely created a captivating storyline for Tristan, and the choices he ends up making proves there is a good reason I had already come to really like the intriguing man despite his apparent bad temperament. TRISTAN'S ESCAPE has daring adventures that give insight into the Belador series.

Though the Alterants who can turn into gryphons are never supposed to leave the realm known as Treoir where they are watched over by the witch, Macha, one of the beings uses his concealed ability to teleport any who wish to revisit Atlanta. Tristan knows there would be dire consequences if caught, but he wants to help other Alterants have a little happiness during Christmas, even though he has no one to see. If he can make it through his last trip successfully without anyone finding out, then their hated enemies will never know where they are being hidden.

Finally out from under her family's rule, Elaine "Mac" Mackenzie studied mythology along with genetics and has now accepted a scholarship with a company trying to prove supernatural beings are real. Sent on her first assignment, she is stunned to see the seemingly human man who has been reported to have strange traits is Tristan, someone she met a number of years ago. He also remembers her all too well, as he blames her for his very lengthy captivity. When both are kidnapped, Tristan must decide just how much Mac means to him, because protecting her could lead to his doom.

With Tristan believing the human woman for whom he deeply cared had betrayed him, he has never again let anyone get close except his sister. Mac thinks she has been deceived by all the men in her life, so she does not fully trust any males who come into her life. When these two run across each other again, the spark is still there even though their feelings are very conflicted. Ms. Love takes this couple through a journey of discovery where the truth can either bring them much joy or distress. Tristan knows the existence of his kind must be kept secret, but if he refuses to acknowledge his Alterant capabilities, then neither he nor Mac may survive. Watching him decide what is most important had my anxiety level mounting with each new threat.

The potent longing between Tristan and Mac only grows stronger as they spend time together, and their desire is conveyed with open honesty. Since Mac is human, lots of surprises are in store for her when she is introduced to the Belador world. I thought her reactions were genuine, especially since she already had an interest in the supernatural. There is some humor at times in the form of colorful banter plus some witty expressions to lighten the mood. Though numerous details about the series are provided during the latest installment, reading the previous books would definitely enhance your understanding of how this story contributes to the ongoing plot. Dianna Love cleverly makes the Belador series constantly original. Extraordinary describes the believable escapades in TRISTAN'S ESCAPE.

Received copy from author for a Single Titles review - 4.5 Stars

Diane says

About 2.75, as I recall.

Oops, I let my Kindle app mark this as "Currently reading" then forgot about updating when I finished it the next day; it's been sitting on that "shelf" for a couple weeks, while my memory of it faded. It's just a novella, so even though it didn't enthrall me, it didn't take long to read. I never reached the absolute end, because **starting at 72%!** there's an excerpt from book 1 (*NOT a bonus short story*) which I haven't read yet (I got distracted by other reads, clearly), so I never got the rating/review interface in the app, "Before you go." I'll have to see how it handles this review already having been posted to GR (but not yet Amazon) when I do eventually trigger BYG.

#6.5 in a series is not the ideal place to start, but I saw it while free and (because Amazon has no capability for decimal series numbers), the author foolishly called it "book 0" in the title. Even when I read more description and realized it wasn't a prequel, it was declared able to stand alone, with its own complete plot (which thankfully was pretty much true), so I went ahead and got it. 'Not sure why I picked it to read, though; maybe just 'cause it was on my home screen.

Anyway, the romance premise is one of the old stand-bys: abruptly separated, and each blames the other; now with a second chance, if they can trust again. The fantasy elements there (his capture, her being disbelieved re. what she saw), just make their sense of betrayal stronger.

In the present, he's taking rebellious risks, and she's got herself involved in something the seriousness of which she grievously mis-estimated. The end sees the immediate bad guy defeated, but neither her job nor their how-can-they-be-together? relationship resolved — just affirmed that they both *want* to see each other again, and naturally the whole alterant exile situation isn't going to reach its climax in a novella.

As usual with a novella, I felt like things went too fast, but that's a little more forgiveable with second-chance stories (though they weren't together very long *before*, either). Mainly, if I sample a romantic series via novella, it's to see how vividly and grammatically the author puts words together, where it falls on the clean<—>erotica spectrum (answer: sexy, but not just about that), and whether the plot and characters are likable and consistent enough. This passed, though it didn't wow me, and probably I'd've enjoyed the world/story a bit more if I had the background.

Update: Okay, I read the book 1 (Blood Trinity) teaser, reaching the end, and all I can do is READ my Goodreads review, not edit it, which I gather means I also have no in-app way to copy it to Amazon. I've thought before (usually when belatedly spotting a typo) that Edit Your Review is a feature the Kindle development team ought to work on, but I guess the possibility of having two different versions posted on the two sites makes it complicated.

Eddie Paneto says

Barb Lie says

Tristan's Escape by Dianna Love is a novella that is part of her fantastic Belador series. I love this series, and I love it's heroine, Evalle. Tristan's Escape revolves around Tristan, who is an Alterant like Evalle. If you have read this series, we know Tristan very well, as he has been a big part of this series. He is probably the second most powerful being, next to Evalle. When we last left off, all the Alterants are confined to Treoir Island, under the control of Goddess Macha. Unbeknownst, to the goddess and anyone else in Treoir, Tristan has the secret ability of transporting, and secretly helps his fellow Alterants with short trips to Atlanta to have some fun. They take turns, as Tristan can only do a little at a time. Now Macha has called a meeting in a few days, and Tristan is desperate to get his sister back to Treior Island or face the wrath of their goddess, who is not very accommodating. Evalle, is also returning for the meeting, as she works in Atlanta with the Beladors. Tristan does not want Evalle to know about his teleporting.

This is just the beginning. This being a novella, it is hard to do a review without revealing any spoilers. I will say that what follows is an exciting fast fun read that will have Tristan caught in a web trying to help his sister; putting him in against a sorcerer; and coming face to face with the women he lost years ago. I loved Tristan and Mac together, and can't wait for more on them, as this is left somewhat open. The story, which I devoured and finished in one sitting, was lot of fun and exciting. I am always amazed how Dianna Love continues to give us wonderful tense action packed stories. In Tristan's Escape, Dianna outdoes herself by giving us such a great story in a short format. I really enjoyed this book, though I did miss my Evalle and Feenix.:) If you have not read this series, you are missing a gem.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Heather says

Dianna has added another fantastic addition to the Belador series. Even though it is a novella, it has the excitement and surprises of a full length novel. I've been wanting to learn more about Tristan, and this did not disappoint. Plus, Mac was a great addition to the amazing cast of characters in this series. She is a great match for Tristan, and I love how Dianna fit her into the Belador series. It is easy to see that there are big things coming in this series, and I can't wait to see what they are. I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Toula says

Short paranormal novella . More to come