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In a future ruled by superstition and fear, wanting the wrong man can be deadly.

A Mother Earth story.

The rules governing a Pack-Brother's existence are simple. Love your Brothers. Protect each other and your Tribe with your life. Seek sex only within the bonds of Brotherhood, or your life is forfeit. The laws are harsh, but fair. Or so Bear has always thought. Then he and his Brother Lynx capture a stranger in the Carwin Tribe's outlying lands Dragon, a Brother from a distant Pack, banished from his Tribe for the crime of challenging things he shouldn't.

Dragon intrigues Bear from the start, and not just because of his exotic beauty. Interest in the decadent old world is discouraged in this post-Change society. Dragon is the first person Bear's ever known, other than himself, who's curious about the vanished past. That kinship sparks a forbidden attraction between them. An attraction which is, if they give in to it, punishable by death.

In the space of a day, everything Bear was raised to believe is called into question, and he must make a life-changing decision follow the law, or follow his heart.

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From Reader Review Dragon's Kiss for online ebook

Clover says

really good fantasy story.

Iris says

Okay.... the story was interesting. A world after the global warming. There are tribes with brothers who love each other deeply and the brothers are named after animals. Which i found a little annoying to keep reading Bear this and Bear that. Anyway the story was OK. But the ending was kind of sudden. I didn't get closure and i hated it.... hope there will be a sequel so i can know how it ended.

Rhianon says

An enjoyable, short read about two men finding each other in a post-apocalyptic future. And bucking the norm of acceptability.

I liked the details and world-building that Blue put into the socio-cultural constructs. The dynamics were intriguing, although I felt Blue "gave up" on the ending a bit. When I originally read this, however, I don't know if I realized it was a series.

I might try another from this series, simply because of the details that did fascinate me. This one was too short to have much in the way of a plot, though, which was definitely disappointing to this reader.

Feliz says

Scary is the new world that came up after an apocalyptic event which threw humankind back into some kind of stone age. Predators and wild animals as well as cannibals and other brutish humans haunt the world.

Surrounded by the ruins and remnants of what appears to have been our civilization but has become meaningless to our fictional descendants over the centuries, people have found a way to survive by banding together in tribes and building walls, both made of wood and stone and made of habits and laws. Whoever leaves their tribe or is expelled faces death since no tribe is going to take in a stranger.

The Pack, the warriors of these times make sure their tribe can live in relative peace. Made up of bands of either "brothers" or "sisters", those warriors have their own rules, their code of honor and their bond, the latter apparently built on having sex with each other. In fact, those warriors seem to have regressed to something just shy of wolves or something; fight, food and fuck seem to be their purposes, not necessarily in that order.

Bear is a big and strong pack member, as good at fighting and as happy to fuck his pack brothers as any of them. Yet, he doesn't quite fit in. In disagreement to his tribe's law, Bear hungers for knowledge, mostly about the old days and the ways of their ancestors. Thus, when Bear and his pack brother Lynx happen across a stranger who seems to share Bear's forbidden longing, Bear can't help but wanting to get to know him. What's more, the stranger, Dragon, is very attractive; although Bear knows that having sex with others

than his pack brothers means punishment of death, he can't keep away. Luckily Lynx turns out to be helpful. Instead of bringing Dragon home for execution, Bear escapes together with him.

This was a nice dystopia and a sweet love story. It was short, and it only covered two days, but the author made it quite plausible why Bear would be so taken in by Dragon he'd exchange the relative security of his old life and the company of his pack brothers for Dragon's life and company. As I've come to expect from the author, the sex was really hot, dirty and animalic as can be expected between men who live almost like animals for most of their time, and yet there was gentleness and affection in the way Bear and Dragon found each other. Their world is a cruel, harsh one that demands quick decisions and doesn't linger on reassessments, so Bear's more or less spur of the moment decision to leave with Dragon was believable. Both are strong, fierce men who kill in a heartbeat and yet are capable of deeper emotions. They are innocent in all their wildness, both true savages but promising of being able to become human again.

Sarah says

I spent many hours, when I was younger, ferreting off to read Valley of the Horses and other such gems from Jean M. Auel. All that shagging behind rocks and bushes is apparently firmly entrenched in my psyche, so I do have a penchant for any book where the main characters are in loin cloths and doing the subsistence living thing. Totally floats my boat.

The sexual tension and dynamic between Bear and Dragon is a winner. They have lots of furtive and longing looks, along with a bit of voyeurism and the old I'll wash your back shtick. Which all made for some luscious reading! I also liked the sense of size in Bear and the sinewy strength and litheness of Dragon. merow.

The book definitely felt like a start of a series and it was quite short, but I am hoping there will be more Bear and Dragon goodness and smex behind bushes. I have my fingers crossed. heh.

<http://sharrow.wordpress.com/2009/07/...>

Jimmy Hanson says

By the end, I felt I'd only read half a story and was pretty miffed at being dropped off where the novel stopped. Honestly I wanted to learn so much more about the characters and their world - so much more about Dragon and Bear and what would happen to them.

Maybe I need to read the other stories in the Mother Earth series but really, this one was so short I wonder if my frustration at the jilted endings will be the same for every one of them. We'll see, I guess. =/

Don Bradshaw says

I was disappointed that this book turned out to be a 42 page short story. I enjoyed the story premise and think Ally could make a great series out of Bear and Dragon's love and adventures. I've emailed Ally Blue and suggested that she should consider turning this into a series. We can only hope. I heard from Ally and the

next book in this series is called Shenandoah and is coming out at the end of this month.

Chancey Knowles says

As a rule, my ratings are based on comparison to other similar length stories. I feel having the same expectations for a short story as a novel is not a fair comparison.

DarienMoya says

3.75

Julesmarie says

2.5 stars

I read the reviews here before picking this one up, so I knew not to expect much. I'm glad of that. Everyone was right: there's not really a plot, the character development is nearly non-existent, and there are a lot of potentially-interesting world-building things that are never explored or even explained really.

The other reviewers said, though, that this book barely counts as a preface for the following books, so I'm hopeful that the second book will explore some of the things that this one failed to. This book certainly has me intrigued enough to want to keep reading, but I'll hold off on recommending it until I see how the 2nd one goes.

Kathy says

Best of the three books. This is not the best of her writings. It lackedz the combustion between the mates. They seem to be best friends with occasional benefits. I never could get a picture in my mind of how anyone looked. Not even Bear.....sad.

Cherie Noel says

I really enjoyed this one. And it's sequel. Dystopian future, hot men...wha's not to like?

Kassa says

I'm always up for a post-apocalyptic story and throw in some hot sex between two guys and really, can you go wrong? Dragon's Kiss doesn't necessarily go wrong but it focuses more on the hot sex between the men

than the world building. However, the world building included is intriguing and evocative and the story has a noticeably hanging ending, fairly screaming for a sequel. For a short introduction to the concepts and ideas, this story is pretty decent. It's not much more than an introduction and the short length would work against other stories in this universe, but for now I'm intrigued.

The world has been destroyed by a natural disaster of some kind and left small groups of people bonding together in tribes, reminiscent of early cave dwelling clans. Separate from these tribes are Packs, but the exact nature of Pack versus Tribe is not thoroughly explained and still somewhat ill described. Packs apparently are filled with all men, each containing some essential identifier that sets them apart from the Tribes, but again what exactly marks men as Pack at an early age is never elucidated. These Packs live by a set of rules which demands they only have sex with each other, no monogamous relationships, and never think or wonder about the past. These rules are enforced with a variety of archaic and barbaric rules and punishments meant to keep people docile and ignorant.

Bear is a member of a Pack and has always hidden his curiosity about the past. He knows that if he divulges that he actually wonders what life was like before the big disaster, he could be executed or exiled. So instead, Bear has ignored those thoughts and goes about his days patrolling and having sex with his various brothers. All of this changes when he meets Dragon, an exile from another Pack who questions the rules of secrecy. His interaction with Dragon rejuvenates all the queries and wonders he had ignored and the sizzling chemistry between the two is too much for Bear to ignore.

The characters of Bear, Dragon, and even Lynx are given life but no depth. The hints of personality are started but never finished as each is interrupted by a sex scene or conversation about the consequences of their actions. Bear seems more interested in finding a monogamous sex partner in Dragon than in exploring the past. Curiosity about the past is supposedly the shared bond but really the sex is too good between the men to ignore. This left all characters slightly empty as the focus on the chemistry and erotica took over the world building and plot. The hanging ending comes about abruptly and clearly was meant for more installments, so perhaps the characters will develop and grow in subsequent stories.

As a short story that focuses on the erotic element with tantalizing glimpses of characters and a world, this tale is decent. It's intriguing enough to start the series and the writing has a simplistic yet emotive quality. The prose is easy to read while being descriptive without overly dramatic language. Additionally, there are numerous erotic scenes within the story that spans 30 pages. So if you're a fan of the author and are looking for an introduction to a new world with hot sex – this may work for you.

Wren says

I call this sci-fi because it takes place in a dystopian future, but it seems more historical because the setting is after the cities and technology have fallen, Mother Nature fought back, and the people now live in packs, scattered across the country.

Dragon's Kiss is rather short, telling the story of how Dragon and Bear, men from two different packs, meet and fall for each other, and decide to head out to find the legendary city where they might be able to live in peace. The two men are physical opposites, but have the same curiosity about the past and what happened to the world.

Their story continues in Shenandoah...

Tam says

With only 44 pages Ally set quite the world up. Post global warming, everything gone to hell in a handbasket and reverting back to a more basic primitive world with lots of superstition and xenophobia. Bear and Lynx find Dragon trespassing on their land. Having sex with anyone outside your tribe is punishable by death (holy crap) but Bear is drawn to Dragon as they are both curious about the old world (also punishable by death – double crap). They quickly decide to set off on their own risking cannibals and other dangers to be together. As I said, for 44 pages a lot was packed in their on top of the relationship. I'd love to read more about them and the world created.
