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The Warrior Chronicles #2

## Hunted Details

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## From Reader Review Hunted for online ebook

### Lea says

If you need one reason to read this book... The horse. Read this for the horse.

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### ? Sh3lly - Grumpy Book Grrrl ? says

Well, my friends know that I totally fangirled over the first book in this series, Chosen. I even admitted to a girl-crush on Shanti. Shanti is an amazingly strong and kick-ass female protagonist. She is absolutely still a new favorite of mine.

*But...* I just didn't feel this book as much as the first. Maybe I just got too spoiled with the humor and banter, while this one is darker and more serious. I loved the supporting characters in the first book and they don't even come back into this one really until about halfway through!

There were two main new characters that took up a big chunk of the book. Were they good characters? **Yes.** So what's my problem? **I don't know.** I just had a hard time really getting into it and found myself easily distracted. The story is interesting. I understand the need for a more serious vibe with the way the plot is developing.

I don't know. I really don't know. I liked it, but I didn't love it.

I'll admit... I wanted more romance with Shanti and Cayan. Call me crazy! Usually, a slow-burn romance is a preference, but in this case... *I wanted MORE!*

Anyway, I'm still going to keep going. Book 3 will be soon. I'm not giving up. I just was a bit *meh* with this one.

Read Sarah's review. She says it so well and her appreciation for this series and Shanti motivates me and is awesome. :)

**Review also found at: <https://theparanormalpaladin.wordpress...>**

**Original post:**

**Extra buddy read for September 3, 2015 with the MacHalo group because the first one was so awesome we can't stop. Must. Read. Now.**

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## **Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says**

I've figured it out!! It's *romance*! It's romance that I missed in the first book, now in this one as well. If Shanti let go of her past, let herself heal and love again, I believe this series will be a lot better!

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## **Beige says**

This series is living up to the hype

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## **nicklein says**

SOOOOO PSYCHED ABOUT THIS. OMG. I CAN'T.

30% in and I'm already caught in my own triangle. Yes, it's between me and the two characters in this series, don't judge. I'm having a hard time deciding who I love more, Cayan or Rohnan. Halp.

### **POST-READING THOUGHTS: (3 July 2016)**

#### **5 ROHNAN-MY-BABYLOVE STARS!**

This was still as thrilling and captivating as the first book.

I thought I wouldn't like the plot of this because of how the last book ended. But no, I still genuinely loved it.

I don't think I can comment much without giving away the plot. So, I'm going to be really vague now.

The additional characters were interesting especially Rohnan my love. He's just a damn ray of sunshine not to mention super easy on the eyes. He's sensitive which made him really adorable. And his relationship with Shanti was heartwarming.

“Yes, Rohnan. Thank you for, again, stating the obvious. What did I do without you all this year?”

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“You made me tough, and your guidance made me better.”

“If only it improved your jokes...”

If the romance was only a hint on Chosen, it's completely nonexistent here. Although there were quite a few suggestions of jealousy here, I must admit. But like I said before, romance was not a main thrust of this series. *Yet.*

And Sander's dry humor was on point too. I just love every single character in this series.

I highly, highly recommend this series.

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### **Rhea\_Sways says**

As many of the other reviews mentioned, the book is driven via the story and the plot and there is no problem in that. However, I need a balance of all aspects in order for me to be fully engaged within the series.

While I did enjoy the book and its turns and twists it provided, I was not fully entranced by it either. I found myself putting it off or disinterest towards the plot in itself. It felt somewhat redundant, the world-building and intense action is carried further within this book. However, the characters seem to be at a stand-still. Personally I lost interest to carry on with the series.

May be another time...

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### **Kevin says**

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Story picks up right after Shanti leaves Cayan's camp. She finds her brother/Chance Rohnan who is trying to rescue an old man. They get the old man named Burson out of a Graygual camp, and acquire a powerful Graygual leader, name the Hunter. Who chases them for the rest of the book. Shanti reunites with Cayan and his men, together they set out for the Shadow Lands.

Burson is shaping up to a Yoda like character, the Hunter a Darth Vader type.  
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### **Monique V says**

4.5 stars. I NEED THEM TO BE TOGETHER!!!!

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### **Al \*the serial series skipper\* says**

Yet another good one, good to know the first book was no a fluke. I couldn't stop reading, lucky for me there are four more books to go through, yay.

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## Sarah says

After absolutely loving **Chosen** I couldn't wait to find out what happened next so I dove straight into **Hunted** and **K.F. Breene** has given us another fantastic instalment in this series. This is quite different to the first book, in some ways it's a bit darker and there is a little less funny banter and humour but that's because Shanti is facing more danger than ever before.

At the end of the previous book we saw her walk away from the help Cayan was willing to offer her, she turned her back on her allies and set off alone because she didn't want to pull anyone else into her fight. Now she's running scared, she's afraid to be on her own, she's afraid to go back and ask for help, she's afraid of her destiny and to be honest I can't blame her for that. She has been under pressure since she was five years old, her people are relying on her to provide them with safety and she's already had to make some horrendously difficult decisions. What I love about Shanti is that she pushes forward in spite of her fears, she just keeps on going no matter how tough things get and she always tries to do her best by the people she cares about. She's also willing to admit when she makes a mistake, she realises that she may have lost her best chance of survival by walking away from Cayan and when she goes back to request his assistance she isn't afraid to apologise and admit that she was wrong to leave like she did.

I'll admit I was a little disappointed that Shanti and Cayan were apart for the first part of the story but I actually enjoyed seeing what they were both up to and it just made it all the sweeter when they were back together again. Cayan isn't planning on letting Shanti get away from him without a fight and he's making plans to build an even bigger army so he can help her on her quest. Shanti on the other hand hears rumours about a man who has been causing trouble for the Grayguals and she thinks she might know his identity so she sets out on a rescue mission. She had always thought Rohnan gave his life to save her but discovering that he survived gives her a new sense of hope. I absolutely loved the introduction of Rohnan, the bond between him and Shanti is fantastic and I like the more playful side that he brings out of her but what I really appreciated was that **K.F. Breene** hasn't introduced a love triangle. Shanti and Rohnan are like siblings and their relationship is very much platonic but it was a lot of fun seeing them together and I loved the way Rohnan constantly teased her about Cayan.

As far as Cayan and Shanti's relationship goes I'm happy with the way things are progressing, there is definitely a connection there but it's nice that things are developing slowly, especially considering how stubborn they both are. I enjoy watching Cayan's reaction whenever Shanti finds another man attractive and don't think he's going to let her get away with avoiding his advances for too much longer. The side characters get another chance to shine in this book, along with Rohnan and another fab new addition who I'm not going to tell you anything about, we also get plenty more of Sanders (I love that guy!) and Shanti's Honor Guard.

The only thing I think we're missing from this series is other strong female characters, Shanti seems to be really good at collecting people, she inspires loyalty from everyone she meets and they all want to find a way to help her, but they're nearly all guys. We've met very few women and the ones we have come across so far have only had very minor side roles to play. That's something I really hope changes as the series continues but I'm loving everything else. The humour, the action, Shanti's ability to completely annihilate her enemies, the friendships, the budding romance, it's all spot on and I'm about to dive straight into **Shadow Lands** because I just can't stop myself!

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## Monty Cupcake ? Queen of Bloodshed ? says

**Buddy read with the MacHalos** (doesn't that make us sound like we should be singing backup to Diana Ross or something?)

According to my fellow buddy readers, they didn't enjoy this book as much as the first. I don't agree, obviously, as my rating shows. Why I liked this one just as much as the first, but in a different way....

1. This book is deeper and darker, it's a better look into what makes up Shanti, Cayan, the Honor Guard, Sanders, etc. It gives more the initial one or two dimensional character markup we were given in the first book. Characters need more than their sparkling wit (ok, maybe not if they have a sparkling wit) and good looks to progress a story.

2. More points of view. The first book is all Shanti, all the time, which is amazing, but I always wondering what was going on in Cayan's big noggin - I picture him with a giant skull to go with his giant skeleton. His POV is surprisingly disappointing, I feel like it didn't give me the sort of insight I thought I'd be getting, it felt like a brief made-you-look glance at the inner workings of his mind. The better POV's were of the Honor Guard, surprisingly, since I detest teenagers. The Honor Guard teens aren't your average teens you think of poisoning to save the world the pain of having to deal with them and their idiocy. Don't be mistaken, they still have the stupid goofiness of teenage boys, but it's tempered with serious intent to live through the upcoming threats.

3. Specific villain. The first book has the big villain you know won't appear until the last fight, Xandre & his army, but book 2 introduces the Hunter. **The Hunter** is the first single person villain we've met and I have big hopes for him bringing the crazy. Right now, he's very "Mr.Anderson..." like the villain in the The Matrix, letting all the little people fight while he sits back and watches. I really prefer my villains to bring the bat shit crazy. I want to be wondering what fuckery their sick minds will be bringing to the party, i.e. Col. Tavington in The Patriot, Voldemort, The Joker, Loki (he brings the hotness, too). The Hunter has the lack of feelings and conscience going for him, but I need him to get buck wild.

4. New characters. **Burson**, that old fool is fun.

We also have **Rohnan**, who kind of gets on my nerves, but I think he's a good addition the story due to his helping talents.

5. **Sanders**. Stella (Sanders) got her groove back in this book. I was kind of undecided about him in the first book, but he's much more fun in this book. I like when people let the crazy out.

Now if book 3 doesn't make me wanna cut someone, they bring the crazy, and it all has a HEA, I'll be good. If not, well I've got cupcakes awaiting me if I need that kind of support. Baked goods are always there for you.

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## Elena says

**Hunted**, like Chosen before, was a mixed bag of goodies for me. Here goes a handy pros/cons list for what's probably going to be an unreasonably long review.

### « **The good** »

❶ **Hunted is a page-turner.** I've been buddy reading it with some MacHalo ladies and there's been very little buddying and a lot of reading. Not our fault, really: Breene has a fantastic sense for pacing her story so you'll be engaged non-stop, each chapter cleverly hinting at something even more intriguing just around the corner. Her style reminds me of some tv shows - the kind you binge almost to death because you literally forget to eat for 16 hours straight and your eyes are just about to roll out of your head: once you start reading **Hunted**, you'll have a hard time putting it down.

❷ Breene **forgoes lengthy explanations and intricately worldbuilding in favor of throwing her readers into the thick of the story.** It's the best choice for this kind of "light" fantasy: this world feels familiar enough that you'll be able to navigate easily through it and, despite the fact that you probably have seen it all before, it never feels derivative. Breene's focus is on the characters and on the action, so you'll have little time to look around anyway.

❸ **Breene handles a pretty large cast of characters with ease** and manages to grant each of them unique personality traits and a specific voice: everyone adds something to the story and - with one (glaring) exception - all of the people we meet have a three-dimensional quality to them that guarantees great dialogues and engaging character interaction.

❹ The best for last: **Shanti** is Breene's greatest creation and one of the most interesting female characters I've read in a while. A lot of genre authors seem content with either TROPE A): the bad-ass, snarky heroine or TROPE B): the airheaded mess of a girl: Breene crafts such a spectacular female MC that she deserves a glorious five-stars rating for Shanti alone. Well, she won't because there's ↓

### « **The bad** »

❶ While I love Breene's narrative style, I can't say the same for her writing: **a subtle author she is not.** If she wants something to be clear to you, she'll hammer that point home with all the elegance of a drunk african elephant in an antique shop. She doesn't do particularly well with "mysterious" either: all those heavy-handed hints about Ruisa at this point of the story felt annoying and out of place, like snippets yanked from their proper place a couple of books ahead and dumped here.

❷ When I pick up a book with a chick wielding a sword on the cover (as I'm bound to do because, heh! chick + sword: ♥) I expect said book to be about, you know, a sword-wielding chick. **If the true star of the book turns out to be a Gary Stu instead** I'll feel cheated, extremely irritated and prone to write lengthy rants. And I think it's fair to say the world doesn't need yet another Gary Stu type: we have truckloads of them as it is and Cayan doesn't really add anything to this hundreds-years old trope.

❸ "*Shanti is a master at her craft, but she is not the almighty.*"

Right. Cayan is. **Breene is so head over heels in love with Cayan** that the pages devoted to his prowess and god-like mastery at everything-life abound and you'll often read about this or that character glazing adoringly at him while the battle rages all around, limbs are sent flying and blood splatters on the ground. Impending death? A good time like any to fangirl over Cayan's rippling physique, his lovely dimples, his exquisite swordsmanship, the sharpness and lucidity of his thought, the awe-inspiring power of his Gift.



And yet, Cayan somehow manages, here and there, to surprise us - especially when Breene lets us glimpse at his scheming mind. His interactions with Shanti, when Breene doesn't have our girl flattened on her back ready for a belly rub, are intriguing and his motives towards her are layered enough to keep his actions from being completely predictable. Cayan (almost) succeeds at being an intriguing character, but that is *despite* Breene's best effort at selling him as a Ken doll and his relationship with Shanti turns out to be one you cheer for *despite* the author having them both act like pnr figurines. I don't know what it means for an author when her own characters take over and start to act on their own accord, but this is what it felt like here. Better for us, ??? for Breene.

*Additional thoughts (since this review really wasn't long enough) :*

- "For she will unite them with her suffering, and lead them with her love." Hell, **no**. You turn Shanti into a messiah, I'm outta here at the speed of light, lady. Shanti is a warrior, not a preacher. I want her to rally up an army because she's a capable, strong leader, not because she suffered. *Do not* fu\*k this up, Breene: I know my wish to see Cayan dying by falling head-first from his horse will go unanswered - since he rides horses like he invented the act of riding in general and horses, too - but don't turn Shanti into some kind of warring saint, because really, I can't even.
- If Cayan's all the powerful, why the possibility of having him (view spoiler) wasn't even taken into consideration? Did I miss something here?
- I want more Burson and much, much more Bloody Bastard.

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## XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

● September 2015 buddy read with my MacHalo Freaks.

**Previous rating: 4.5**

**New rating: 8** ← *Oh yes, most definitely.*

→ **So**. It seems some of my MacHalo colleagues **didn't enjoy this one as much** as book 1. Sigh. Is it my fault they have desperately bad taste? Besides, they like reading **Neanderthal romances** (no, I am NOT making this up) and **tentacled alien smut** \*shudders\*, clearly **their judgement can't be trusted**.

→ **So**. Some readers complain about the lack of Shanti + Cayan action here. **Newsflash: we are not in this for the lovey-dovey stuff people**. We are in this to fight to the death. We are in this for the mental warfare. **And the ass-kicking**. And the bloodshed. And all the epic shit. No time for lurrrrrrve. **Time to prepare for battle. War is coming**.

→ **So**. It's true, Hunted is not as light-hearted as the first book. It's not as funny. It's much more serious. **We get to the heart of the story**. Things are not as straightforward as they seemed to be in Chosen. Shanti is not the **nearly invincible, unbreakable warrior** everyone thought her to be. She is broken and messed up. She is lost. She doesn't know who she is anymore, or what she is supposed to do. And that makes her character **feel real**. And it adds a lot more depth and complexity to the story. And intensity, too. And you now what? **It's pretty freaking awesome**.

→ **So.** It seems most female readers want to **add Cayan to their book boyfriend catalog.** Nuh-hu, not me. I'll trade your Cayan for a Sanders and a Rohnan (yes, I know, he's **distastefully blonde** \*gasps\* but I'll take him anyway \*nearly faints\*). Poor Cayan is painfully nice, Sanders and Rohnan definitely beat him in the pain-in-the-ass department. Much more fun to be had there, oh yes. **Make haste, make haste, gentlemen, off to the harem you go!**

→ **So.** Anything else? Apart from the fact that this book is amazingly brilliant and brilliantly amazing you mean? No, not really. Is that a problem? Don't you think that's enough? Sigh. **Have I already told you how annoying you are?** Sigh. Do you mean to tell me you are still not convinced? Sigh. Do you still doubt the sheer awesomeness of it all? \*goes on a sighing strike\* Fine. **You know what? I have better things to do with my life.** So just go and read my original review down there ↓↓↓ and **maybe you'll get it.** Just maybe. And if you don't? Well maybe (just maybe) it means I was right from the beginning. Maybe (just maybe) you're hopeless. **Ha**

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Original review: May 2015

? **Actual rating: 4.5 stars** ?

**You know what?** This book is so cool, so entertaining, so action-packed, so yay-I can't put-this-down-omg-why-is-it-finished-already-please-give-me-the-next-instalment-now that I don't even feel like **writing a review for it.**

?? **And I won't even tell you about the story because:**

- ① **It's 8.30 am** and I've only had one cup of coffee so far.
- ② **You probably haven't read book 1 so there really is no point** (great excuse, I know. What can I say, I'm a clever girl) ← *for those who don't know, this is called sarcasm*
- ③ **It wouldn't do the book justice** ← *don't you love it when people say that? Sounds much better than: "do you seriously think I'm going to recap the story for you people? Don't you think I have better things to do with my life?!"* (view spoiler)
- ④ **I'm lazy as hell.**
- ⑤ **I'm lazy as hell.**
- ⑥ **I'm lazy as hell.**

?? **BUT. Me being the lovely, charitable, thoughtful girl that I am** (view spoiler), I'm going to tell you a few things about this story. **No need to thank me.**

✓ **Hunted** is MUCH BETTER WRITTEN than Chosen. No more messy plot. No more confusing writing. **Very cool.**

✓ **Hunted** is so fast-paced you just **can't put it down.** *Yes, I am aware I've already said something very similar to this at the beginning of this review. And your point is?*

✓ **Hunted** is amazing.

- ✓ **Hunted** is great.
- ✓ **Hunted** is awesome.
- ✓ **Hunted** is brilliant.
- ✓ **Hunted** is sensational.
- ✓ **Hunted** is just plain fantastic.

★★ I think it is fair to say I kind of enjoyed this book ★★

?? #1 reason why I'm fangirling over this book: **Shanti**

- ✓ Because **Shanti** is amazing.
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- ✓ Because **Shanti** is.

★★ I think it is fair to say I'm kind of in love with **Shanti** ★★

- **Shanti** is a warrior.
- **Shanti** kicks serious ass.
- **Shanti** destroys brains.
- **Shanti** is a lethal weapon of mass destruction.
- **Shanti** has a sense of humour.
- **Shanti** is stubborn as hell.
- **Shanti** doesn't take crap from anyone.
- **Shanti** annoys the hell out of everyone.
- **Shanti** is epic.
- **Shanti** is straightforward.
- **Shanti** is broken.
- **Shanti** is complex.
- **Shanti** has a crazy, bastard horse.
- **Shanti** just joined Kate Daniels in my very exclusive Most Awesome Badass Heroines Ever Club. **Yes she did.**

?? **Am I boring you yet?** Yeah, I thought as much. Just wanted to make sure I got the message across. Just let me know if I need to rehash it a little bit. **I'd be glad to do it.** Anytime. It would be no problem at all. **I aim to please.** Really. Don't hesitate to ask. It would be my pleasure. **I mean it.**

?? **There is no publication date for book 3. I think I'm going to die.**

∞ **Book 0.5: Forged in Blood** ★★★★★

- ↘ **Book 1:** Chosen ★★★★★
  - ↘ **Book 3:** Shadow Lands ★★★★★
  - ↘ **Book 4:** Invasion ★★★★★
  - ↘ **Book 5:** Siege ★★★★★
  - ↘ **Book 6:** Overtaken ★★★
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## Choko says

\*\*\* 4.44 \*\*\*

**A buddy read with my friends at the MacHalo Freaks! Because we love kick-ass warrior women!**

*"...**"If we're running to our death, I'd like to get there before supper."** ..."*

Now this is what I call a bad-ass lady! Shanti is awesome, and this is why I want the dude that seems to be destined to be her love interest to be awesome too, but I just can't feel any good feelings for Cayan, who is just as self-involved, bossy, pushy, and used to get everything the way he wants it as any other generic alpha jerk out there. Maybe it is me, but I actually root for almost any other male to win her heart rather than have her panting over him, even against her own better judgement at this point. Even Sanders, who is a grumpy and negative and openly hostile to Shanti is a batter dude than Cayan, but unfortunately he is out of the romantic running, because he is already happily married. Yes, Cayan is strong, handsome, has the mental power so valued in this world, and is some kind of savant with it, but he is still a jerk and cock-blocks Shanti at every turn, since he doesn't want her to have any fun with anyone else if she is not going to have it with him. I am so happy she has not given in to his "charms" yet! But the author is obviously leading us there....(((

*"...**"I will get my way", Cayan said easily as he stood. "In all things, I will get my way."** ..."*

Tell me he is not a spoiled brat! At least there are couple of things going for Shanti's social life. In the end of the previous book she heard some gossip about a "ghost" having been captured by the Graygual army and she decides to find out if that could possibly be her old friend and sword-brother whom she thought was dead. This made for a great reunion with Rohnan, a pale, gentle, but strong and very likable young man, who has known Shanti since childhood and is a great addition to the cast. I admit I am a bit disappointed that the author went overboard to make sure from the start that he is in the best friend/brother category, not to raise our hopes of any romance possible between them...

*"...**"She really had been without for too long. "If you don't use what the Elders blessed you with, it might rot," Rohnan said in their language in a sing-song tone. "And there he is. It is obvious how willing he is to keep you in good working order."** ..."*

In the same army camp she acquired a new friend, an older, mysterious, somewhat Yoda-like mystic, Burson, who seems to make everyone feel confused when he starts speaking:)

*"...**"Do me a favor," she said to the old man as they neared the path. "When you speak madness, do it in the other language. It's less confusing that way."** ..."*

The best addition to the cast was the Horse! He has a very "interesting" relationship with Shanti and I am looking forward to its developing progression.

*"...“That woman’s horse is crazy!” Sanders barked. He shook his head. “The thing is a menace. If it hadn’t tried to take out the enemy on its own, or had damn good blood lines running through it, I’d say let’s eat it.” ...”*

I loved having all the teenage Cadets back - they are still as adorable as puppies and I love them all.

*"...“We can get through this place because we’re a team, Shoolan. And we have the Captain. These other people, they didn’t have the Captain.” Leilius sounded so sure. The kid was the most trusting, positive person Shanti had ever known. “Cadet, if you keep talking like that,” Sanders said in a voice that could cut through a monsoon and still reach the intended ear. “People are going to think God scooped out your brains and replaced them with rainbows and horse shit.” ...”*

This is a fast paced, well developed and entertaining Fantasy with a budding romance and a lot of solid friendships, which hold the book up and make it a worthy read. I am so glad my enchanting friends at the MacHalos got me to read it - it is another series which is much better than the quality of its covers:):):) You guys should give it a try!

Now I wish you all Happy Reading and may you always find what you need in the pages of a good book!!!

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## **Corina says**

Whoa! It's getting even better! Where I'd struggled in the beginning of part one to get my mind into the story and this world with all the different types of people, I'd jumped now head first into the story and was in from page one. And what a ride it was! I'm still breathless and panting.

Shanti finds her adopted brother and with him a mysterious stranger and heads straight back to Cayan (thank to the elders ;)) ). Together with him and some others of the bunch they go on a dangerous journey to get to the shadowlands where Shanti has some business.

Long story short, I. LOVED. EVERY. SECOND! You have to read the first book first! It's still not a love story and the romance is still very subtle, but it's brooding and I've never read a hotter mind mingling than between Cayan and Shanti.

And I can't even write more, because I have to start book three....NOW!

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