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Chloe's POV set after The Darkness Rising trilogy.

Chloe and Derek have adjusted to life in Badger Lake. It's not perfect, but it's safe and they're learning the skills they'll need when it comes time to make a decision about their futures. They're comfortable and they're settled . . . until a weekend camping trip with Maya and Daniel reunites them with someone they thought they'd left in the past. Someone Derek really hoped they'd left in the past, because as much as this former friend might want to atone for past mistakes, she's nothing but trouble.

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From Reader Review Atoning for online ebook

Tina ♥ Bookaholic says

Nicht perfekt, aber gut, wenn man die Charas mag, was ich ja tue. Chloe & Derek *yeah* <3
Außerdem glaube ich, dass sie jetzt endlich Sex hatten... war aber nicht ausdrücklich beschrieben, kann also auch nur meine Wunschvorstellung sein ;)

Lynn ?_? says

I think it'd be great if Kelley wrote a third Dark trilogy, but with a different setting. Maybe more in the city this time. Or take place in college! That would be nice because we don't get a lot of college paranormal.

Jessi (Novel Heartbeat) says

Back in Chloe's POV! Yaaaayyy!! After reading three books in Maya's POV, though, Chloe seems almost...meek. Despite the fact that I enjoyed the Darkest Powers waaay more than I enjoyed Darkness Rising, I have to admit that I like Maya better. *gasp* Atrocious, right? Okay, so maybe it's not that I *like* her better, I can just relate more to Maya. And she is pretty badass.

Still, it was amazing to get back into the world of Derek and Chloe! I have to say that I missed them. A lot. And now they're growing up...thinking about serious relationships, and college...squee! The only reason this got a higher rating than the rest of the series did is, well, BECAUSE DEREK. <3

It was interesting to see Rae again, and get a little insight into what's going on in her mind. Oh, and LIZ!

My only complaint about this one is that there was MORE running/thwarting adults. I feel like that's all the entire Darkness Rising series was about O_O

Also, I was kind of hoping there's be an appearance from the mentioned Pack near Syracuse, but oh well. Maybe in another spin-off, Kelley?

Barbara says

I love Chloe and Derek. I love seeing them so sure of themselves and with great friends. More more moreeee...I need more!

Marie says

CHLOE AND DEREK YOU SAY? Yes please! The entire story was a short one and the plot wasn't the focus for me. It was the more wow have things changed aspect. There is still a lot I would love to see in Derek and Chloe's story...(like meeting the pack? Pretty please?) but this was a welcome look into their lives.

Penny Ramirez says

4.5, but I rounded up because I've missed these guys.

It was very satisfying to FINALLY have the kids interacting, not only with each other, but with someone from the Otherworld series. I always did like Sean. It is great fun to watch them growing up.

Ronda says

Loved revisiting this world, this novella was fabulous!!

Joti says

KILLER SHORT STORY LOVED IT

So all the kids at Badger Lake; Maya, Daniel, Chloe, Derek, & Ash, Corey, Tori, Simon, Hayley & Sam - so they're happy there & Maya, Daniel, Derek & Chloe have a trip planned & we start with a prologue from Rae (back from Lyle House) who betrayed Chloe & thinking she has to save Chloe from the Nast Cabal & Sean Nast, whose set up this whole Badger Lake deal - so it turns out Rae got tricked again & at the theatre, she tries luring chloe away but Chloe calls Derek & they hatch a plan & they grab Rae & tell her she's wrong & that she screwed up - they take down the people Rae was supposed to take them to & go back tot he campsite where they've got their 2 guards; Moreno & Luke & it turns out Luke's the traitor & Moreno shot him in the tent when Luke attacked him & so he's dead - they leave Moreno unconscious & make a plan; Maya, Daniel, Rae, Chloe & Derek - Rae takes Chloe with her & they get captured on purpose & Derek comes in & also gets captured - and Liz, whose a ghost now, helps them escape from the abandoned paper mill was it? & Chloe uses her necromancer powers to reanimate Luke's dead body & they tie up all their attackers & find out they actually wanted Tori, a half-witch & sorcerer for some prophecy thing - the whole thing SAVANNAH GOT TANGLED UP IN 13, the last book of the Women of the Otherworld series!!! - & then they call up Sean & he comes early & sends a Nast team to clean up that mess & everything works out - they have Maya & Ash's birthday party & Ash makes a running space for her SO SWEET!! & Rafe & Annie are still there too - Rae's going to be staying at Badger Lake now too with her mom Jacinda - & Chloe & Derek work out college stuff - she was studying ahead to catch up so they could go to school together but he says he should take it at her own pace & that he'll go into college early a term so they'll only be apart for 4 months & then she can come join him at college & she's happy with that - the characters have changed & are different now :D :D <3

Did they have sex there at the end in the woods? I wasn't sure LOL

Mikky (Nocturnal Predators Reviews) says

Originally posted at:

I am a pretty big fan of Mrs. Armstrong's Darkest Powers and Darkness Rising series, so when I was browsing through her site and found a link to a free short story that she was currently writing and adding chapters every 15 days I was VERY excited!

This short story combines characters from both her YA series (mentioned above) and it shows how grown up and mature they have become as people. I am also a fan of Chloe ♥ Derek, so I was very happy with how the story turned out. I'm still hoping for another sequel for them. As they say in Brazil, hope is always last to die.

This was a very quick "adventure". It was paced amazingly well and kept me on my toes the whole time (considering I had to wait 15 days for every chapter to release).

Kelly says

Oh, man. This book reminded me exactly why I adore Chloe and Derek so darn much. Something about the two of them together makes me so happy. I could read snippets about them FOREVER and not get tired of the way they interact.

makes happy, giddy noises for a few more minutes

Right. So Derek and Chloe. Maya and Daniel are there, too. And they're pretty awesome when they all join forces. Especially since the Nast Cabal has been teaching these kids how to defend themselves and fight back. Which they do nicely.

There's some backstabbing (not between Derek and Chloe) and some twisty moments when they come face to face with a familiar face. And there's kissing. I like the kissing parts.

All in all, a solid jump back into a world I adore with characters I can't get enough of.

(PS. I'm on a Darkest Powers reread now. For reasons.)

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

??????*A bit of a let down*??????

A year has gone by, I think, Chloe has just turned 16 and **the group has adjusted to life in Badger Lake**; 'a community custom-made for the kids and their families of supernaturals like Chloe, Derek and Simon. It's owned by the St. Cloud Cabal to let all the Edison Group kids finally stop running. He would protect them

from others, and he'd give them a place to live.' We get to see how the character we've been following are now, who they are with and so on. I was a bit disappointed as I had expected more. **I also didn't like how Derek has to hold himself back.** I wouldn't mind being around him all the time, nor would I mind him being overprotective or over in love or something. I believe, since he's a werewolf, he has chosen his mate, and it sucks that people is down talking that. Chloe should consider herself luck that she's gotten a man like Derek, not annoyed (or trying to change him) that he doesn't want to be apart from her. **Again, I wish the characters were older,** that things were more mature and that the werewolf thing was more accepted.

"Shouldn't it? If I choose to work—"

"—your ass off to get an extra year of school in because your boyfriend whines about not wanting to Change on his own?"

"You don't whine."

"Yeah, I kinda do. But that's just the excuse, and I hope you know that. Sure, I don't like the idea of Changing without you there, but I don't like the idea of you not being there a whole lot more. I don't want to go to school without you because I don't want to go to school without you. But I can't say that to my dad, or he'll start worrying we're getting too serious."

"Has he said—?"

"No, he doesn't say it. Neither does your dad. But that's because your aunt does it for all of them. If I admitted I just don't want to leave you, I'd get a talk on how if we're meant to be together, we'll be fine, and a little distance isn't a bad thing.Dad knows you're the best damned thing that ever happened to me, and he doesn't want to interfere with that. But he's still a dad. He worries. In this case, he worries that I'm going to suffocate you, and you'll back off, and I'll get hurt."

"That won't happen."

"But he thinks it. He makes little comments, like wondering if you're spending enough time with Maya, reminding me it's important for you to have other friends. I know that, and I don't think I get in the way of that, and if I do, tell me."

Arie ? says

4.5 stars. Where is my Chloe/Derek New Adult college spinoff?!? I'm putting in a formal request.

Katie says

I WANT ARMSTRONG TO WRITE ABOUT CHLOE/DEREK FOREVER.

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SO GROWN UP. ALSO, WE NEED MORE NOW, PLEASE.

Cindy says

[I'm glad that Derek decided to start college early instead of waiting for Chloe and how they both kn

Page says

All the feels are still there!!!!

My babies are growing up. I love Chloe and Derek! The Darkest Powers trilogy is still my favorite out of all the YAs I've ever read. Being able to experience another adventure with them was amazing. I've always felt like pacing of the trilogy was too fast with no enough time passing. So, having now read this story a few years into the future I just love it.

I thought this was an interesting story and I really liked the quick glimpse back into the world. I'm glad it focused on the Edison group kids more so than the Salmon Creek, because I still would have preferred more Darkest Powers books over the entire Darkness Rising trilogy ... but I digress.

I loved this novella as much as I have loved all the novellas that have come out. This is a close second behind Becoming because Derek's POV is always going to be my favorite.

Excellent read. Still want more, will always want more.

Mary Angel says

IT was PERFECT better than I imagined it would be. We saw the improvements that Chloe and the others made during their stay in Badger Lake, the advantages and disadvantages of that and my favourite =>> We saw more of Chole&Derek, and their relationship, and their love!!!

Reading this was so refreshing! I haven't read a good quality book with good writing and storyline in weeks!! I LOVED THIS!!

BUT I WANT TO READ MORE!! I want Chloe&Derek to meet with "the pack", I want their FAMILIES to meet with Jamie&Jeremy, I want more and more from this story; it just can't end, and I just can't imagine a sequel as good as Kelley Armstrong writes, it's not my fault I can only read... And there are no other like this story no matter what anyone says. No author writes like this one, no story has a world OR characters like this one and they CAN'T! Sure there are other unique and pleasing stories -however rare they might be- BUT they can not substitute for OTHERWORLD ;_;

Samantha says

Atoning is set after Armstrong's Darkness Rising trilogy. Chloe, Derek and gang go on a mini-camping adventure that gets interrupted when someone tries to kidnap them. This novella is more for fans of the series, but I read it to see if I could to get into Armstrong's Young Adult books. After reading this one, I'm

unsure if I can.

Armstrong has said that she started writing Young Adult because she wanted to create something that her daughter could read, and it shows. This story was laden with morals that Armstrong probably wanted to pass on to her kid. This is fine, except when all of your main teen characters are extremely responsible and understanding to the point of having no major flaws. It makes the characters boring and gets pretty heavy handed when the adults are all commenting on how crazy responsible they are.

However, I'm willing to give Armstrong the benefit of a doubt and will probably one day read a full length book in this series. I'm just not in any rush to do so.

Alissa Haley says

I didn't feel particularly satisfied in the way our Darkest Powers characters "happy endings" were summed up in The Rising, and I desperately wanted more interaction between the two series' characters. This novella is exactly what I wanted! Hopefully Kelley Armstrong will eventually revisit these characters.

Jade says

A nice short story detailing events since the end of the trilogy. I did initially by thinking this was a new Armstrong book and not sure I'll bother paying out to read all the other little additions, but a nice catchup and quick read.

Tori says

MY BABIES ARE GROWING UP AND BEING SUCH MATURE ADULTS ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP!!!!!!
