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[Siren Everlasting Classic ManLove: Erotic Alternative Paranormal Romance, M/M, shape-shifters, elves, light consensual BDSM, bondage, whipping, sex toys, HEA]

Detective Carmine Bianchi watched a once powerful man turn into a shell when his mother was killed. His father was no longer who he used to be and Carmine refuses to go through the tragedy that was now his father's life. If only fate hadn't intervened and thrown one small fey Carmine's way, making the walls he erected slowly begin to crumble.

Turi had his own set of complications. His father was trying to make Turi mate his own uncle. He didn't agree with Wood elf custom of inbreeding and Turi was determined to stay on the run for as long as he had to.

When Turi is nearly hit by a car, he soon realizes that the man behind the wheel is the other half to his soul. Unfortunately, Carmine makes it very clear that the only reason he is sticking around is to help Turi with his problem.

But as Carmine spends time with Turi, he realizes that fighting to keep Turi at arm's length is a battle that his heart was determined to win.

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Hc says

Seemed to be the norm of get your head out of your rear over stupid reasons to avoid your mate.. That sounds harsh but I didn't actually NOT enjoy it as much as that may apply, just that the issues between mates wasn't unfamiliar.

Of the two, I found Turi's back and forth displayed attitude towards his mate the most irritating until he decided he wasn't going to just give up on his mate.

The bdsm elements felt forced to me in the sex scenes. Maybe not enough connection with the MCs as a reader or in the story to take an innocent and introduce the rougher side of sex as his first time.

Last on my list... Liked cousin Kiki (he should get a story!) but the fight scene at the end wasn't really exciting. There was no drag out and suspense build up for me and frankly displayed Carmine in a wimpyish and somewhat negative way..we are talking about his *mate* being taken and he's vacillating between harming anyone in his way or going gung ho come hell or high water to get his mate back.

All in all... I liked (oked) it.. would not be considered a favorite but wasn't a complete wash for me.

Phaney says

Once again we have a child-like bottom boy. I can see why some people are squicked out by this tendency the author has. Luckily it's rarely as bad as it could be.

It seems a lot of readers were annoyed with Turi's sillier traits. Strangely enough, they did not bother me. It's all par for the course with this author and I kind of appreciated that he *knew* he was being an idiot. Although it's a bit strange that Turi's personality turns out to be wildly different from how he was portrayed in his brief previous appearances.

Anyway, the narrative is repetitive and statement-heavy to the extreme, with the author continually telling us someone's stance or feelings on things instead of allowing us to observe it.

I found the romance itself to be not so bad until they start having sex.

At that point Carmine's brand of domination began to irk me. (Predictably. This author and D/s just don't mix well.) He's not really giving Turi much choice. (view spoiler)

And with that, things suddenly are crystal clear between them and love abounds. Awfully abrupt, really.

A bit of drama, more setup for future volumes, the aforementioned (view spoiler), and we're done.

Except... Okay, this is just gross: "Turi was mewling like a well-fucked kitten." WTH? Are you suggesting you know what violated baby cats sound like? And this is meant to be a sexy thing? Jesus. I don't even want to know.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

I don't get the appeal in always wanting to dominate your partner. In role play, sure, but always? Still feels like a control freak. Why doesn't the Dom every need to learn to give up control? Even though I know that's not what it's supposed to be, and have friends who I love and respect who are into it and I no longer have any issues with it, I still don't really get it on a personal level.

All these elves are weird. Is it something in their genetic makeup?

That makes no sense. He was kidnapped wearing the bracelet. It only makes it so he can't shimmer not that someone else can't shimmer with him. Wait, what coiled piece of plastic around his wrist?

Not one of my faves even without the BDSM.

Debby says

Bear meets his mate

In this the eleventh installment of the Brac Village series we meet detective Carmine and wood elf Turi. This is a fun read with plenty of drama and good hot man love. I highly recommend this book but caution you should read this in order of the series or you could be a little lost.

V says

I like this story don't get me wrong, Turi was so adorable and his cousin was just as great, but the BDSM spoiled it for me.

Carmaine likes rough sex and for me Turi is just too sweet for Carmaine BDSM lifestyle.

In the past, I never thought that a couple in any of these series didn't match, until now.

Nessa says

I enjoyed this book, as I do most of the series written by, Lynn Hagen. It had humor, especially when it came to Turi (wood elf, main character), and his cousin, Kiki. They were an absolute hoot. Carmine is a bear shifter who is having a difficult time opening his heart to Turi, who is his mate. I usually don't like it when the characters run from their feelings for each other, but eventually they fall in love, and the story moves along at an entertaining pace. There are also a few twists to the story, and the ending was epic. I just love the Bracverse, and now I'm on to the next book. Great read. :)

Riayl says

Guh...this series and I just don't get along but I can't seem to give up on it. After really enjoying the last couple of Hagen's books that have come out I went and dug up this series which has been gaining metaphorical dust, in hopes that maybe it would get better. I seem to remember someone somewhere telling me it got better but I think that is still a book or two away (if ever).

My main irritation with this is that from the beginning Turi wants nothing to do with his mate, telling him he doesn't have time or whatever. Then he is all squirrely. Supposedly he has reasons. But he doesn't make any sense. His dad is a complete ass but Turi threatens Carmine about hurting him. I wanted Carmine to tell him, "Fine, next time he tries to kidnap you to sell you to your skeezy uncle who wants you as a sex slave, I'll just stand by and watch so that I don't hurt your dick of a father while trying to rescue your ungrateful ass." I just...Ugh. And then Turi and everyone else is pissed at Carmine for how he is treating Turi. Turi is mad because Carmine doesn't want him. And I'm paging back through the book going "WTF, I KNOW it was Turi screeching how he didn't want a mate and treating Carmine like a homicidal rapist. I never really got over that. If there is one thing that is bound to irritate me above almost all others it is the characters and the author treating the person I see as the more injured party like they are the bad guy. (Overall Turi is the more injured, sure, I can go for that, but in this particular instance it was Turi who was in the wrong but Carmine gets the crap from it.) All Carmine does is try to help Turi. And I don't really recall him saying he didn't want a mate, at least not at first, except internally. But Turi says it multiple times. Just...*bangs head on wall*

I'm not giving up, because I am stubborn like that but I might take another long break before trying again.
sigh

Dicle says

Well, I can't say I really enjoyed this book. Lynn Hagen is one of the best readers I ever see buttttt she really shouldn't write S&M s I think. I nearly didn't read the book after a point and skip some parts. S&M Style sex scnes were way too forced. Carmine letterally looked like a clown in those scenes not a dom. I enjoyed the story though. And WOWWWWW, the end part :D :D family royalty some kind of show itself at last :D I didn't expect something like that form that man. Anndddd X(the wood elvesssssss X(I wanna kill them really. They are STUP?D. All right not all of themm sure but elders and stufff :S PUFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF Just one tihg to say for them GO AND D?E PERVERTS.

Dylan St. Jaymes says

Pre Read Thoughts: Oh thank goodness Turi's situation is going to get resolved quickly. And I kind of hope Abe is mentioned since I feel like a lot of his story has loose ends that need tying up.

Post Read Thoughts: Another winner. I am really liking these last few books. The endings often leave my jaw dropped and me anxious for more and this was no exception.

Carmine and Turi had an interesting "meet cute" and a bit of a bumpy road to travel but they managed to get through it with a lot of heat, a few laughs and a little honesty. I really felt like they were good for each other and I like that Carmine didn't let his fear rule him.

There was A LOT going on in this book and it definitely moved the plot along in ways that I did NOT expect and there were plot twists that made me go WHOA. I really enjoyed reading it.

Thoughts While Reading :

(view spoiler)

~SexyBookWorm~ says

More like a 3.5...

I wish that Carmine had dragged out his refusal to touch Turi a little while longer. I felt his transition from not wanting to mate to being in love was way too quick. They really only had one little tiff. They didn't really have to work at their relationship. It just fell into place. I always enjoy a book more when the MCs have to put aside their differences.

I did like that Turi was very innocent and yet seemed to quickly adapt to being a bedroom sub. It was what Carmine needed and Turi was able to provide it regardless of his inexperience.

I would have liked to actually meet Carmine's father too. He is mentioned multiple times and is actually the main reason that Carmine is resistant to mating but we never meet him! I think a heart-to-heart between father and son to get Carmine's head out of his bum would have added some great insight and bkg of Carmine for the book.

Mrs. Reader says

This one is hard to review for me. I want to give it a 3 but I couldn't stand Turi in this. I know most people liked him in it but he bothered me. The whole whistle blowing and then saying I don't get in cars with strangers. But then turning around and saying why doesn't his mate act like he wants him? Duh? Your blowing whistles and calling him a stranger. After all that he was okay but the beginning just got on my nerves.

Becky Condit says

Please leave comments on Kiwi's 5 sweet pea review at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

This is book # 11 in the Brac Village series (a spinoff from the Brac Pack). This gives us Det. Carmine Bianchi, a detective in Brac Village P.D. and black bear shifter who almost hits a man with his car. This man turns out to be Turi, a fae who's on the run from his father who is trying to force him to mate his uncle. Yes, that is gross, but that's what the Wood Elves do. They practice inbreeding which is the reason they're dying out. But I digress. Carmine does not want a mate and fights it every step of the way. His mother died when he was younger and his father's life fell apart because of it. Carmine is afraid to love because he doesn't want to end up like his dad: living a half life because he lost his mate. Turi does not want a mate because his life is a mess: his own father is trying to force him to mate his own uncle which adds an ick factor to the storyline. Those darn wood elves...oh well. Carmine spends time with Turi while trying to convince himself that he was doing it to protect the guy from his crazy inbreeding practicing father. Carmine of course falls in love with his mate and they live happily ever after in peace and harmony. For now at least. Hey, they live in Brac Village, a paranormal community. There is no such thing as peace and harmony when you have a wealthy human vampire hunter out to expose and destroy the paranormal residents of that community and the world. Of course, it's not a Lynn Hagen book if a few surprises aren't pulled out of the box. Turi's paternity and the revelation of who his father is was something that I did not see coming. And of course, Maverick Brac, the alpha, was privy to that information. As always, this is not a standalone book. It's part of a series that must be read in sequential order as the characters often cross over from various books from her other series.

Ije the Devourer of Books says

I enjoyed this one. Not too sure about the BDSM aspect but I liked the quirkiness of Turi and his cousin. These books can be sort of predictable especially if you have read all the related series, but I enjoy them and find that they provide a nice interlude between longer books. I think the author is really good at creating a series with amusing characters and managing to hold all the related series together in one overarching whole. This book for me was the best in this series so far.

Asteropê says

Writing seems very amateur compared to other books of hers, not sure what happened, but it is.

The characters annoyed me. They (mostly Turi) were idiots.

Spoilers

Carmine nearly runs over Turi, Turi tries to get away (as he's on the run). Uses his stranger/rape whistle that he keeps around his (Turi) wrist when Carmine moves closer to him, touches him in a *friendly* way and looks at him. Saying things like, *don't get any closer, I have a whistle and know how to use it*. Turi eventually gets in Carmine's car and basically implies Carmine (who he knows is his mate) is a rapist, murderer and pervert. He asks if he's going to dump his body somewhere, etc. Carmine is frustrated (who wouldn't be!) and because of seeing his father waste away after he lost his mate, he's determined not to have that happen to him. Carmine doesn't want to claim Turi and Turi tells Carmine more than once that he doesn't need the complication of a mate. So they *both* didn't want to mate each other at the time, but Turi was far more adamant with it. They go to the Lakeland's, but then end up at Carmine's house. Again, Turi expresses his suspicion that Carmine will murder him and dump the body in the woods, he's hesitant to get in the vehicle. I mean, come on. Carmine is a detective and his mate and he gave NO reason for Turi's suspicions! This is all roughly 30 pages in! I was so annoyed with Turi that I nearly DNF this book.

It was explained to us that as a child, Turi was lured by a pervert with a car, but was saved before anything happened. His cousin gave him a whistle. It seems Turi has never grown out of that experience, because it's been YEARS and he's still wearing the whistle and blowing it when a man so much as looks or touches him, whether it's a friendly touch or not. Pretty ridiculous! There's even mention of the whistle during their sex scene. Ugh. I get being lured into a car is a scary and serious thing, but for the purposes of the story (as it's fiction, not RL!), for him to keep up with the whistle as an adult, years later didn't come off as funny or cute, but childish and bizarre.

So, after Turi made it clear that if Carmine looked, touched, or tried to be intimate with him, he'd blow his little whistle WHY is Turi confused and hurt that Carmine doesn't seem to want him? Is Turi an idiot? (YES!) In the car, Carmine tried to comfort him by patting him on the leg in a very non-sexual manner and Turi blew his whistle. So, why would Carmine try to kiss him or hell, even get close to him? But Turi is all poor-me my mate is denying me WHHHHHYYYYYYYYYYY? I rolled my eyes. A lot.

The rest, when they decide to get together wasn't that much better. It also felt like the book wanted to include D/s, but couldn't be bothered to actually write it in the book.

And the idea that fae are incestuous is just gross. Turns out Turi's uncle isn't his uncle (as Turi isn't his father's son), but still.

Pete W says

[Turi was upset that Carmine did not seemed to want him in the beginning. Just before that Turi was accusing Carmine of being a murderer, threaten him with the rape whistle, and basically told Carmine to shove off. Why would he be surprised when Carmine did just that? (hide spo
