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Kassa says

DSP is hit or miss but I'm extremely pleased I seem to have hit with this choice. The writing is smooth, engaging, and interesting while there is a considerable amount of hot sex, almost too much. I'm not complaining as this is smutty good fun with some solid writing and decent, if sketchy, world building. As far as sci-fi/erotica offerings go, I quite enjoyed this quick novella and would definitely go back for more from this author.

The story is about Rizzo, a disgruntled human who gets kidnapped by an alien race that look exactly like humans. This alien race, Heracians, is part artificial intelligence and part human biology. They need to mate with humans to ensure the AI part of their makeup doesn't take over. If the AI does take over, the end result is usually death. So basically their species is dying out without the intervention and help of humans breeding with them. Enter Rizzo! He's willing to help out with a "donation" but his attitude and blundering place him solidly within the dominant grasp of Captain Conrad. Just when the two seem to screw each other into love and happiness, their future is uncertain.

To start with I was uncertain about Rizzo because he's basically an asshole. There's very little that redeems him for most of the story, though I can't say I hated him. He definitely grew on me and his dedication and strength at the end was touching. I have to give the story credit as it built a very nuanced and layered character in Rizzo. I think it wasn't entirely successful but for the most part he's definitely interesting. Conrad is the picture of a control freak dom. I liked him even though he's not the most developed character. I especially liked the two of them together as they have some scorching chemistry and fit each other well.

There is a ton of erotica in this short novella. That's not a bad thing as it's very hot and only mild BDSM, more so D/s with the whole claiming "you're mine" motif through sex. It works for both the characters and I quite enjoyed it. The story did focus a bit too much on this and tended to make simplistic transitions. For example any time the scene changed, Rizzo just passed out and woke up in the new place. Since this seemed to happen every time, I became frustrated with the lack of a more smooth and interesting transition.

Likewise the ending left me wanting, considering I quite enjoyed the story up til then. I don't want to give spoilers but I thought the scenes with the Zak and recuperation were simply thrown in to add last minute drama. It helped develop the connection between Rizzo and Conrad but the story never says exactly what happened and how they ended up together. It's just an unfortunate ending to an otherwise strong novella. The sci-fi aspect is interesting and well done. Despite the limited space the world building is sufficient and I personally would love to read more stories set in this world. There are definite holes in the creation and some unexplained questions, just as there are in the plot, but I found these minor and didn't affect my reading enjoyment.

Overall I'm very pleased with this offering and can recommend it. It's short, just over 100 pages, so not much of a commitment and there's a lot of sex (which makes for a fast read). Sci-fi and mild BDSM fans will enjoy this the most but I think the smooth writing and creative imagery are worth checking out as well. I'm looking forward to reading more of this new-to-me author. Success!

Wendy Ann says

Reviewed for Hearts On Fire Reviews

This book grabbed hold of my attention from the very first page and never let go. Sci-fi stories can be good, but rarely knock my socks off. I was caught very pleasantly off guard when this one rocked my world!

For a relatively short story, this one managed to create a fascinating alternate world with two of the more interesting main characters I've read about in a while. Heracians are part human, part alien beings – the alien part being made up of AI technology. In order to continue to exist, they need to “convince” full humans to at least provide a “donation” to their culture in the form of sperm or eggs and that's where Rizzo (or “Riz” as his captor likes to call him) fits into the picture. He is a perfect specimen for donation or perhaps even a permanent alliance if he can be convinced to stay on the planet and help raise the children he could end up fathering.

Rizzo's life on earth has been less than stellar. He harbors some deep emotional scars from a former relationship and can't seem to find “it” in any of his hookups. When he awakens on board Captain Conrad's ship and meets the man, “it” takes on a whole new meaning. Rizzo's snarky humor comes out in spades and had me laughing as he takes exception to the predicament he finds himself in. However, he's inexplicably drawn to the alien domineering Captain and finds out they have quite a lot in common – not to mention the yin and yang of dominance and submission. Through the act of a simple taunt, Riz finds himself thoroughly owned by this war hero, and torn between being scared or blissfully happy with that prospect.

Between the heat these two guys generated and the way the story took me from laugh out loud moments to near tears, I fell in love with this surprising gem and would desperately love more based on either these characters or this inventive world. Excellent!!!

Jo * Smut-Dicked * says

A really great book by a new author to me. Fantastic SciFi world building along with two of the strongest characters I've read in a while make this more than worth a read. The blurb is a bit misleading - this is not a typical capture/slave type story where there is a bunch of non con and such. This is a capture/abduction story but it circles round and Rizzo (the guy who gets captured) is a snarky, strong man who is not about to let someone get one over on him. He's not obnoxious though and the dialogue between him and "Sparky" was freakin' hilarious. The epilogue flowed really well and really closed the loop on the story. Great sexual tension, rough sex, and hot aliens. What more can a girl want?

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

4 Stars

Liv Olteano's The Heracian Affair has me a bit perplexed. I know I liked it but don't know how to sum it up in a tidy package. Rizzo Berg was ambling around in his love life. No one he met had that certain something. No one had it, whatever it is. Then he was kidnapped by aliens. Surely it could happen to anyone. The Heracians are a genetically engineered race that needs a new influx of DNA. Many of them see their offspring die at birth or during infancy. Rizzo saw it as the horror it is and agreed to help them. There is one particular Heracian that has Rizzo on edge. Conrad D'Ollet is in charge of the vessel that kidnapped Rizzo. Kidnap is a strong word. The Heracians will return Rizzo to his bedroom with his mind wiped if he wants to

go back home. They aren't actually holding him against his will and Rizzo doggedly refuses to deal with what Conrad makes him feel.

Every society has rules specific to it. On Heracia the etiquette surrounding food is significantly different to that on earth. Rizzo refuses to take this on face value and accidentally enters into a relationship with Conrad with a simple offer of food. Really. Yeah, it was way simpler than he realized to get involved with someone. Only Conrad isn't just someone, Conrad has it. That indefinable it. The last person that had it was Rizzo's first lover....

Faye's full review can be found at [Live Your Life, Buy The Book](#)

?? Michaelle ? says

4.1 Stars

I only picked this book because 1) I wanted something scifi and 2) the author is an AOM choice this month.

That said, holy cow I'm so glad we have that challenge because I really, *really* liked this story and I'd have probably never run across it otherwise!

Here I was, expecting I'd get some space alien abduction/dub-con/breeder smut...and it turned out to be an emotional roller coaster, and a very thought-provoking read. (That also had some *excellent* alien abduction smut.)(Just sayin'.)

I'm definitely going to check out the author's other works...

Tully Vincent says

Rizzo Berg is tormented by memories of his lost lover and Dom who died in combat years before. After yet another in a string of really disappointing dates, Rizzo goes to sleep in his apartment and wakes up on a spaceship with an alien Captain Conrad D'Ollet of Heracia, a man so dominant Rizzo's knees turn to jelly. The Heracians need help, and Rizzo is a humanitarian, and the perk of spending more time around Conrad isn't one of the reasons he offers that help, right? They seem made for each other. But Conrad has his own past and neither man is willing to risk his heart, let go of the past, and believe in a future together.

This is an unusual and well-written erotic space romance with angst, BDSM, aliens, and action. It begins as insta-lust based on both physical attraction and dominance, but morphed into more quite rapidly.

The world building was enough to give me a good feel for it without getting bogged down in description as some fantasy/sci-fi can do. For the most part, the author did an excellent job of giving just enough to paint a picture while not letting the details interfere with the flow of the story. A few things that I would have really enjoyed though are a bit more physical description of Heracians, and some background on how their AI/biological combo had come about.

Speaking of the flow, this is a quick-paced story that kept my attention and made me smile a lot. I completely enjoyed Riz's snarky, abrasive personality. He was so fun! Adored the scene that resulted in them becoming bonded due to Riz's error in cultural understanding. OMGosh, that was just hilarious. Then there

are the cute nicknames Riz tends to use, his irreverence, brazen sexuality, and ballsiness are a perfect next to Conrad's calm determination. Overall, a very fun read.

Maria (aka Fashionista) says

Reviewed for Confessions from Romaholics

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The Heracian Affair is a story built for love that is beautifully written. It captures the level of insanity love can bring along with an unquestionable amount of humor.

Rizzo is hiding behind failed attempts at relationships in hopes of pushing back loneliness. His heart was lost long ago when his love was taken from him. Only his snarky, confident and aggressive attitude holds him together through all his numerous one night stands. His latest date, like so many others, has failed in every way to snare Rizzo for the night.

“Okay, lay it on me. Did he come wearing a clown nose?”

“Very funny. Khakis, Gena. Freaking khakis! And he’s a nature freak. Whatever were you thinking?”

After waking up in a strange place and being referred to by a number instead of a name, Rizzo truly wasn’t having the ideal fantasy dream he was hoping for! Instead, he finds out he’s just been kidnapped by an alien race desperate to save its species, their only hope for survival is all they need is eggs, sperm and a willing alliance to remain with them to raise the young. Sounds positively humane, right? Well, they’re still working out the kinks.

The Heracians are determined. Their race is dwindling, dying, and they have been reduced to asking—no, begging—for help from other species. Captain Conrad D’Ollet, aka Sparky, so lovingly named by Rizzo of course, has just captured Rizzo and is tasked to be his recuperator while en route back to base for Rizzo’s assessment. Too bad for Rizzo, as Conrad is his fantasy come to life. He also has a knack for bringing out the best in Rizzo’s self-confidence or is that overconfidence?

It’s a battle of the wits for them, both attempting to surpass the other, in hopes of breaking down their defenses. One wrong move lands Rizzo to be captured by Conrad. For now it seems he’s foolishly proclaimed him and Conrad to be a couple! Whoops! Conrad, however, walks away with a smirk, positively enjoying Rizzo’s discomfort.

“Rizzo Berg, your quarters have been moved. Follow me.”

Can't help but laugh here, as Rizzo, for all his cleverness, fell right into that one! I thoroughly enjoyed the play-by-play between Rizzo and Conrad. It's very comical, and yet sweet how they are most undoubtedly attracted to one another and yet they can't seem to help themselves in trying to provoke the other. They are both sharp witted. Conrad holds the court, though, with his air of command. He became wise with what he's been through and experienced. And he knows how to handle Rizzo's little temperaments.

At first Rizzo only agrees to remain a while, just enough time to donate his sperm and be returned back home. That all changes as Conrad strives to conquer his heart and tries to convince Rizzo to remain on in an alliance to not only help the raising of their children but to also stay with him. They have both gone through great losses, having a love taken from them, in much the same way, dying in wars. Together they could maybe heal these wounds, while creating an unbreakable bond.

Just as they establish the connection between them, they are together taken prisoners by the Zax, the Heracian's mortal enemy. Confused by the relationship between a Heracian and Human, the Zax proceed to run them through the ringer. And just before all hope is lost, they are rescued ... but at what cost? Conrad is hurt, badly and his body needs to be repaired, but to do so means he'll forget everything between himself and Rizzo. Is their love strong enough to survive this? Will Conrad be the same when he comes back? Or will Rizzo take his losses and return home? One can only hope that the two hearts which have found the same rhythm will beat together again.

"You're mine now, human. And I will have you, all of you, you understand? You won't hold back from me something that is mine."

For a novella, this was a wonderful short read. I was left wanting more, so much more! It ended far too quickly. I would have liked the dance between Rizzo and Conrad to have been longer than it was. This was too close to Insta-love; a longer courtship would have been greatly welcomed! The Heracian Affair while a great story on its own, I feel could also stand to be a start to a wonderful series. I enjoyed this immensely and give it 4 couples! Definitely Recommended!

Serena Yates says

With a very interesting futuristic world, and two fascinating main characters, one of whom is an alien, as well as a good plot and some really funny observations, this book pulled me in from the beginning. The Heracian species is a somewhat unusual (in my experience) race of half-humanoid and half-technological beings who are struggling for survival. Not letting the machine-half take over and keeping just enough of a "biological" view on the world is a struggle for them, and the very real risk of extinction is a threat never too far removed from their consciousness.

Riz, a somewhat irreverent and snarky human with a hankering for strong, muscular men, is dropped right into the middle of this dilemma when he's abducted. As you can imagine, he isn't happy about becoming a prisoner all of a sudden. On the one hand he is surprisingly attracted to his captor, the captain of the ship, no less; on the other hand, he is extremely irritated at being kidnapped and losing all his choices. He does feel sorry for the Heracians though, so, he agrees to help by donating sperm, the lowest level of involvement. I had to laugh out loud when a "cross-cultural misunderstanding" binds Riz to the captain in an entirely more intimate way. The struggle between the two that follows is as interesting as it is funny and hot.

Conrad, or "Sparky", as Riz calls him, is an ex-warrior of the Heracians' fight against the completely machine-like Zax, now "doomed" to be a rescuer in charge of abducting humans in the hope of finding some who are willing to help his species survive. Conrad has quite a few secrets and old wounds of his own, and all of them make any kind of permanent union, the one Riz inadvertently initiated, more difficult than I expected. Conrad takes it all in stride though, and without saying too much (to avoid spoiling the surprise), he turns out to be quite a guy. He may be pushy, but he is also determined and patient, and all of it just at the points in time when Riz needs him.

This is a well-developed alien world, with truly interesting characters. The conflict between the two heroes is built into their very psyches, and the way they go about solving it is very - male. There are a few twists and some extremely tense moments, all of which contributed to my enjoyment of this story. If you like to find out about "brave new worlds" and their inhabitants through human eyes, if you're a fan of human-alien relationships, and if you're looking for a hot read with some great cross-cultural misunderstandings and some hot between the sheets action, you will probably like this book as much as I did, I totally loved it!

NOTE: This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Neko says

Wow, wow, WOW!!

what a fucking delicious book!! OMG! I really can't get over how much I loved it.

And my dear faint of heart readers, this is a book you most definitely CAN read. It's not all scary/Hard Core BDSM. It's just spicy enough to make things explode in the bedroom and make you have an iced cup of water. LOL!

I was instantly drawn into the book with Riz's sass and snarky attitude. I personally didn't feel it came off annoying, I was actually laughing through the parts where his full Diva showed. LOL.

The story I felt progressed quite nicely and smoothly that it really had you reading to the very last page.

Guh! I almost teared up there at the end and then just smiled on to the last words because of just... how perfect it all ended. Ehe! I would so love to see a short on them again one day. I really just enjoyed it!

I really recommend this read!

Rachel Emily says

I just LOVED this! Great world building, great snarky fun characters, and quick moving plot made for a fun read that I couldn't put down. I just loved Riz and his snarky attitude...he was perfect for Sparky, oops... Conrad hehe. I thought this was a fantastic debut story, I really loved the sci fi elements and thought this was just great. It reminded me of a bit of Mark Alders' Border Worlds Saga, but obviously with people instead of spiders haha. I would definitely love to read more set in this world, or with Riz and Conrad. Can't wait to see

what this author thinks up next!

Pamela Su says

An amusing tale of a human being brought to another planet to be a breeder.

I quite enjoyed this.

Most of the relationship building was through sex, as far as I can see. Eventhough there was a story, there was still a plot-what-plot feel as I was reading through this book. The world building was minimal. Just enough to highlight the differences between Heracians and Humans.

This is a nice, light and easy read if you like a little sci-fi with your erotica.

JR says

How do you go from your lovely apartment to a space ship and an alien planet? Why me? That's what Rizzo Berg wants to know. They need him to help procreate the planet's population that has been devastated by war. Maybe it won't be so bad, since Rizzo is experiencing a strong attraction to his captor Captain Conrad D'Ollet.

If you like quirky fun, great internal dialogues, and hot sex, have I got a book for you! This is my third book by Liv Olteano. I am so enjoying her style and characters. Stay for the epilogue in this one, it's crazy good.

Aricia Gavriel says

Here is a real 1950s high-camp SF romp -- a good-natured spoof of the genre that also has some solid world-building on the side, and characters that are surprisingly "deep" when you consider this is a story with a lot of the tongue-in-cheek features of good ol' Buck Rogers!

I've read more SF than you can shake a stick at, and am always keen to check out new titles that look like they might offer the real McCoy with a thread of same-sex romance. The Heracian Affair is built on solid, time-honored SF foundations; it's the way the tale is handled that rockets it squarely into the realm of a full-throttle, campy romp.

Here's the blub, right from Dreamspinner Press:

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It's a good premise, and Olteano could have gone either way: fully develop it into a real, genuine SF novel, or camp it up for fun. She chose to camp the hell out of it, and why not? It is a lot of fun watching smart-mouthed Rizzo sass the aliens who've beamed him out of his dull human existence into a scenario where two worlds are at war. (Yes, I hear you saying, "all the old cliches!" But wait, bear with the novel awhile ... it's pretty clever here and there, as well as been a high-camp hoot most of the time.)

The Heracians have modified themselves from pure biological entity to part-AI. They now have a big cybernetic component ... and it's gradually killing them, because they're losing the ability to breed viable kids. Neat premise, as I said.

Their foes in the war are the all-robot race, the Zax (shades of Facelift!). The robots want rid of the emotional "carbon units" ... probably because we often don't make a lot of sense (too true) so the war is on. As the story takes off, there's a flimsy peace, with a treaty the robots are always violating. Meanwhile, Heracia is sending ships to earth, looking for prime candidates of genetic superiority to abduct and tap for their ability to breed viable kids.

This is where the camp goes into overdrive. You need to totally forget the facts ... green-blooded semi-cybernetic aliens would have DNA so vastly different from us pink monkeys, no way in hell could we ever interbreed. And any civilization that can fly faster than light would have developed bio-tech more than equal to the task of rewriting their own genes, and producing healthy kids, right? Right -- but if you don't forget all that, you'll miss the fun.

So Rizzo is beamed up to make a contribution to the survival of this drop-dead gorgeous alien race, and his smart mouth and cockiness get him into escalating volumes of trouble. He just doesn't know when to shut up, play it smart, much less be polite to aliens who could flush him out the nearest airlock at whim. Yep -- go, Flash, go!

At the same time, Olteano invests time in backstorying the characters, giving them real depth and a reason for being what they are, how they are. You don't expect this in a high-camp rave-up, and it works well to make you interested in Rizzo and Conrad, see where they're going.

I have a few reservations about the story -- one is personal, the others objective. The sex goes way beyond rough, right to violent ... the first time between Rizzo and Conrad would have been sheer agony; the second time, just hours later, would have been beyond excruciating ... but Rizzo is revealed to be a masochist as well as a smart-mouthed sub. Pain is what he prefers ... Conrad doesn't hesitate to dish it out. I'm not being judgmental about someone's preference for agonizing sex, just saying it's a turn-off for me -- especially the third time, where Rizzo had busted ribs. (Has anyone out there ever HAD busted ribs?? You don't want sex. Just ... no.) So I spent rather too much time hitting "turn page, turn page," to get the hell away from the sex and back to the story...

And, story-wise, here's an odd thing. After very, very violent sex was described in huge amounts of detail, just when the camp-style drama kicked into top gear, Olteano decided to skip two lines and *not* write what -- at least to me -- should have been the important part, where Rizzo and Conrad come face to face with the enemy in a captor/captive, life-and-death situation. Two blank lines. We come back, they're all beat up, broken bones, the works. It's a "tell, don't show" incident that didn't work for me, especially after Rizzo's been pounded to pieces, big time, in the bedroom. Twice.

I really wished the Zax were properly described. Their only description is "humanoid looking robots," which could mean anything from lime green Jawas to Jake Sully's 10-foot avatar. They're both "humanoid." So I

substituted the real genuine 1980 model Cylons, made them “chirp” like R2D2 to get in line with this story. Is this vision anywhere near right? A bit more writing here would have helped, but Rizzo was too busy being sassy to be objective. Grrrr.

If the story hadn’t been campy hi-jinx, I’d have said Rizzo adapted to the alien environment far too easily, too fast. He goes from thinking it’s a dream to knowing it’s a real alien abduction, to accepting everything and smart-mouthing everybody in sight without a hiccup. (Go, Flash, go!) The spoofy nature of the novel makes the transition work, and a lot of the foul-mouthed sass is actually very funny.

The best parts, for me, are where where Olteano stopped being funny and actually built a terrific world, Heracia. She hints at the tech, history and biology of a fantastic alien race. I wish she’d written the book “straight,” meaning not-camp. But I also see the fun of doing it Buck Rogers style -- a romp right out of the 1950s, with oodles of sex.

Readers who enjoy bdsm will give this four stars (too much plot for them to give it five!), and readers who are in it specifically for the SF will award two or three, depending on if they find the sex off-putting and don’t like camp -- or four, if they *do* like camp. It’s not to everyone’s taste. Recommended for either group ... keep your finger poised over the “turn page” key to get back to what you want.

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

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Rizzo can’t seem to find *It* with a man, something is always missing and the memory of piercing black eyes haunts him, after another disastrous date with another man who doesn’t have *It* he sinks into sleep, only to wake up aboard the spaceship of Captain Conrad D’Ollet. Conrad is sent to Earth to retrieve the human Rizzo Berg, he is a perfect genetic match for the Heracians, but his personality is one they haven’t come across before and something in Rizzo challenges Conrad, and the Captain never backs down from a challenge. An attack by the Heracians enemy the Zax throws their relationship into danger, will Rizzo have the courage to stick around and fight for the one he has come to love.

This is a great science fiction story of a dying race, its mortal enemies and a spunky, sassy human. Rizzo lost the one man he had ever loved to war, struggling to find that special feeling again has led to some disastrous dates and after one such date he slips into sleep and awakes to what he believes at first to be a fantasy dream. Conrad (Sparky or GPS-boy depending on Rizzo’s mood) is only supposed to deliver Rizzo back to Heracian, but Rizzo declares them lovers in a cultural mishap and Conrad is very happy to take advantage of it. Sharing their hearts is painful for both of them as they share the pain of lost loves, and just when they accept their feelings for one another the Zax strike and Rizzo has to dig deep and have faith in his lover.

Oh you are all gonna love Rizzo, his sassy and take no prisoner attitude makes you hope that if you are ever abducted by aliens, then he is there alongside you. Conrad seems very stiff and commanding, but he does seem to know just how to handle Rizzo. The loss that both of them suffer makes it easier for them to connect although Rizzo hates having to share his pain, the sex between them is really scorching hot and the love they develop is put under enormous strain and against the odds that love prevails. The storyline is really interesting with the Heracian genetic/AI problems and their war with the Zax, and their need for human help,

it is a great setting for human abductions and *Liv Olteano* hits it just right with her debut novella.

I will recommend this if you love sassy humans, hunky commanding aliens, science fiction, lost loves, trusting your heart and a very happy ending.

Spark says

I am not sure how I got from point A (hot guy missing someone from his past and filling the darkness with strangers) to point B (alien abduction), but once I overcame the whiplash, I had some fun. The author has some wicked atmosphere-creating skills - the characters had a lovely chemistry between them, there were a number of very hot and heavy, and very emotional as well scenes... However, again both the beginning and the end felt somewhat rushed. I want to read something longer! I definitely feels as though the author needs some more space to really make the story shine. Rounding down this time because of a couple of tiny nitpicks, but on the whole, a fun, hot book worth the read.
