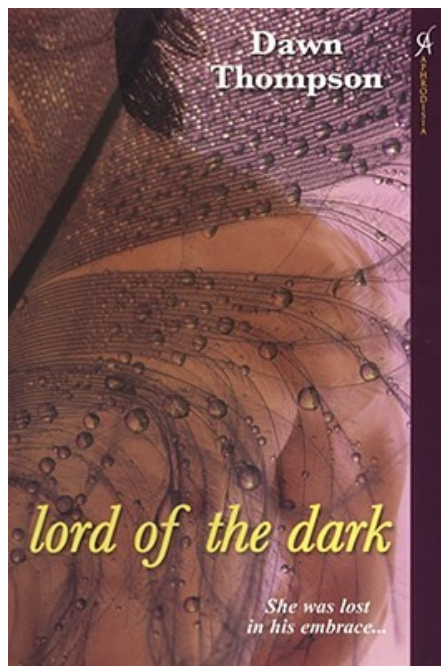




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Gideon, the greatest among the archangels of the Arcan gods, fell from grace eons ago when he lusted after a mortal woman, knowing well that it was wrong - and that he would live forever with his sin. In his flight from Paradise to the Dark Isle, the vengeful gods exacted an unusual punishment: the slightest touch upon his wings, even from the wind that carries him aloft, arouses him. When a beautiful maiden, survivor of a shipwreck, comes to his lonely kingdom, it is all he can do to restrain himself - Rhiannon, a vision of sensual perfection, awakens true passion in his soul. Enfolding her in his huge, silver-white wings is the only way he can protect her. Heedless of the risk, Gideon is compelled to make her fully his - and the lovers succumb to an erotic enchantment like no other...

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Susie says

Lustful Gideon.

Well after finishing the book I'm sad to say it wasn't what I was hoping it would be. The premise of this story is that Gideon was an angel who succumbed to lust and was thrown out to become a fallen. Stripped of his powers he was cursed with insatiable lust which would be triggered by any type of contact to his wings and I do mean ANY. Every time he took flight which was all the time the air currents on his wings would give him an erection and he would come. So you can imagine how many times that happened which kind of put me off to be honest. We are told that Gideon lives a solitary life having no sexual interaction with women. Then Rhiannon walks into his life and the impression I got was that he didn't want anything to do with her desperate to get rid of her. All of a sudden he decides he's going to use her to 'test' a theory so he takes her virginity then immediately abandons her straight after. What a douchebag he was, I couldn't believe he used her like that and was still considering getting rid of her even though he'd basically ruined her life by having sex with her. I got no feeling of affection, caring or love of any sort oh there was something between them but it was a lust at first sight, a purely sexual, physical thing nothing more, he just used her for sex plain and simple. Then next thing you know he's in love with her; what the f**k!!!! How the hell did that happen, there wasn't any build up to it, he didn't want her one minute was just using her and the next he's completely and utterly smitten, obsessed, crazy in love. It was NOT believable in the slightest and I had trouble getting into the story after that. As the story progresses we find out that Gideon wasn't as starved for female intimacy as we were lead to believe, he was definitely able to f**k a siren, wood nymphs, a succubus and anything with a vagina. Two of these shag sessions take place while he was already with Rhiannon so he basically cheated on her. He was an absolute PIG!!! I just can't stand a cheater so this book kinda went to the crapper after I read that. The fact he's cursed has nothing to do with it because he could jerk off to relieve the pressure but as he didn't like masturbating he just had to have sex with ANYONE to solve the problem for him. God what an asshole he was he even got a hand job too while with Rhiannon giving the impression that it didn't mean anything. Sorry to say in my opinion that still counts as CHEATING, just because he didn't f**k her doesn't make it ok, I don't think there's a woman anywhere that would consider that acceptable behaviour. There was just too much sex in this book, OMG I never thought I'd say that but it's true every chapter had about 3 or 4 scenes that included him jerking off in flight. It was just so monotonous and the conservative descriptions for their anatomy had me rolling my eyes, the constant 'vagina', 'womanly folds/petals', 'bud/nubbin' (her nipple) and my all time favourite 'penis penis penis'. I felt like I was in a biology class, I don't know how anyone else feels about this but I find it very unappealing when a guy's junk is referred to as 'penis'. However when it's called a 'cock', 'dick', 'shaft' to name a few I find it very sexy. There was also the issue with the constant repetitive use of sexual descriptions like 'his come exploded out of him like cannon fire' or 'firestorm building inside her'. Some questionable scenes also take place which had me reeling for example with a bar of soap, trees and orgies. Personally I'm not into reading about that stuff, I get voyeurism the thrill of getting caught or seen by someone but participating in an orgy/mating frenzy was just too much for me. If it weren't for the action, drama, suspense and the fact we're introduced to new characters like Marius Lord of the forest and Vane Lord of fire I would have lost interest in this story completely as it was I found it hard to stick with and took quite a number of breaks.

Emma says

Gideon & Rhiannon

Deborah says

The late Dawn Thompson started a series in 2006 called The Elementals. Lord of the Deep was the first one, and the book is already into second printing. Lord of the Dark continues this world-building theme that is on par with Tolkien. Where the works of Tolkien was amazing, Thompson imbues the her magical series with all the passion and emotions that is strangely so devoid from Tolkien's works. The first book simply blew me away with the detailed depth of the world she created and populated with such magical beings. Lord of the Dark builds on the first book and kicks up the power. It's simply, absolutely an amazing work, and on so many levels.

In this erotic historical fantasy, you meet the second Lord - Gideon. He is a gorgeous angel, but he was thrown out of Arcus for being oh so naughty. He loved a mortal woman and that big no no saw he was cast out and cursed. He has the most magnificent set of feathered wings. Only one problem--his curse! If anything touches his wings, even the air as he flies, it causes the poor lad to become aroused. Not too troublesome you might think. Well, it is when Gideon has "keepers" Harpies who live just to make him miserable. Every time he tries to remedy is "problem", the Harpies appear to put an end to any idea of "relief," much to Gideon's ire. To add insult to injury, his wings no longer retract, so he is barely able to rest for his feathers teasing his libido.

Gideon watched as Simeon, Lord of the Deep claimed his human bride in the mating ritual. This longing in him pushed his loneliness--and his arousal--to new agony. To his surprise he discovers the Harpies are missing from he ceremony. So when he spies Muriel, Queen of the Sirens, and she is in the same mood of desire, he thinks now is the time. As things are going along well, the Harpies strike. Only, their timely interruption causes Muriel to be a tad bit miffed, and she sets the seas to a maelstrom, which in turn causes the wreck of a ship. (a note - Thompson's middle name was Muriel.)

Aboard a doomed ship caught in Muriel's temper fit is Rhiannon. Terrified of dying, she prays to the Arcan gods. She washes up on an island, which she thinks is desolate, until she finds the cave. She is stunned to meet the inhabitant - Gideon. His male beauty draws her, makes her want him, but we can see the problems that will ensue. Gideon wants Rhiannon, but fears for her safety. His love for her grows and he wants to keep her. Is there some way he can convince the Arcan gods to ease his loneliness?

Thompson created a magical world with the first book in the series, but she moves into a stronger, darker, more assured, more personal tale with Lord of the Dark. This is a book of her soul. The emotional level, the intensity of Gideon's character absolutely is mesmerizing. While erotica, it's literary erotica, that sets Thompson into a class all her own. Gideon is a brilliant archetype tortured hero, but his anger, his loneliness, his curse, touched me on a level that transcends the story itself and oddly becomes a reflection of Thompson's own life. All Thompson's books contain a lot of her, but The Elementals reflect so much of who and what Dawn Thompson was, thus giving the reader amazing stories, but also, for those wanting to know "more" the special treat of finding the very essence of this beautiful, talented author.

Christine says

I actually couldn't get myself to finish this...don't know if it was just my mindset or what but it was tedious and uninteresting. It surprised me because this is definately my genre of interest right now, but for me it was

a chore to read as far as I got which was about halfway through.

Gina says

Convolutd plot. Exasperating characters.

Alisa says

Woohoooo... fwew... Did NOT expect anything like this.. I wonder if you can really break the hymen like that? ;) but really.. this book was friggin awesome, and **HOT** .. I read this book about a year or so ago but have read it several times since and just got done reading Lord of the Deep the other day so I decided to read it again. 2 thumbs way up

Linda says

I'm reading the Lord of the Forest next, but it saddens me that this series will not be completed it had such great possibilities. Even minor characters could hve had a story of their own.

Ronda Tutt says

Erotica!!!! I like this fantasy story of the Lord of the Dark better than I liked Lord of the Deep.

Gideon, the Lord of the Darks passion and love for Rhiannon was fantastic. I really like Rhiannon (shiprecked maiden) because she wasn't like the Lord of the Deeps woman Megaleen. Rhiannon fought back as best she could against the evil that was done to her and I like Gideon better than Simeon, the Lord of the Deep because Gideon fought physically for his woman and went through hell to keep her.

I like how Dawn Thompson brought in the characters from the Lord of the Deep in parts of this story. Pio the Sword Fish is my favorite. I like how we got to learn more about the other lords such as Marius, the Lord of the Forest, who was cursed to walk in the body of the centaur when the moon waxes full because he killed a centaur in the past. Vane, the Lord of Fire, seemed pretty awesome too especially since he had the power to combust at will if he wished into flames and everything he touched if he could turn into ash if he so wished.

Some of the new characters were very interesting too such as Ravelle, A great horned Satyr, half man, half goat, in the manner of a faun who is keeper of and metes out hideous tortures upon those whom the gods banish to the Outer Darkness. Ravelle and Lord Marius are enemies because Ravelle had stolen/kidnapped Marius' love and ravaged her and afterwards she killed herself.

I liked Lavilia too, she was a sightless old seer (3 eyes) who was also the one who sculpted the phallus of Simeon and then she ends up sculpting Gideon.

The introduction of the Great White Stag was great - ruler of the Arcan astral, protector of all forest and the Ancien Ones (remember the fu@king trees - LOL) that dwelled within them and it was said that only the

righteous could look into its eyes.

I loved the fantasy characters in this story, there are too many to list here but I loved them all.

I absolutely loved the ending and was so glad that Gideon ended up being Prince/ruler of the Astral Plane and that he got to keep his woman forever.

mark monday says

warning: Adult Situations and Language ahead:

number 4 in my seemingly-neverending quest to find quality fantasy erotica or PNR or whatever its called. this one is the best so far, but that is not saying a whole lot. the characterizations attempt to be mythic but are often merely drippy. there is an attempt to make the heroine fiesty, but instead she never rises above the level of aggravating. and there is an attempt as well to make the hero brooding and complex, but what was meant to be iconic comes across as wooden and often hilarious. i did not mind the almost insane frequency of the sex scenes - this is erotica after all - but their repetitiveness grew mind-numbing because they were all so BORING. it was pretty much consistently vanilla and cliched and *mind-blowingly ecstatic and wondrous*. with some notable exceptions (see last paragraph).

BUT STILL, i'll take whatever enjoyment i will find. there is something so awesomely ludicrous about the title character, he almost becomes a magnificent creation. Gideon the winged angel, Lord of the Dark, cursed with perpetual arousal! there are many enjoyably jaw-dropping descriptions of the byronic Lord Gideon flying about, massive boner in hand, jacking himself off in the sky, all the while cursing his fate. now if that's not an iconic image, it should be. there is much amusement to be had in his casual style of walking around, Gideon the Lesser bobbing away in stiff profile, as the Lord of the Dark matter-of-factly conversates with those around him. well it's his dick and his curse, i suppose there's no reason for him to be ashamed and no reason for his various pals (who include the Lord of the Deep, the Lord of the Forest, and the Lord of the Flame) not to comment nonchalantly on his state of affairs. you know, just a bunch of dudes hangin', no big deal right?

and the most enjoyable thing of all: Plant Sex and Wind Sex! wow. there is something so wonderfully crazy and creative about the various sex scenes involving one person and the wind or one person and an amorous forest. but hey, no judgments - sometimes you just gotta make the best of what's available, i guess!

Elizabeth says

Well I'd love to say something good about this book but it was awful. I found myself flipping through to the next few pages to find out if it got any better. I am so sad to say that I did finish this book and I feel as if I may have lost a few brain cells along the way. It was basically porn there was a small plot. However every page the main character Gideon had to stop and fuck something no matter what even the trees. Even though he had professed his love to Rhiannon he still seemed to keep screwing other people and things. Not particularly even a great love story sometimes you just get a bad apple and this was one of those times.

Amanda says

Elementals series #2

Stacie says

This story is about Gideon who has fallen from grace. His punishment is that everytime something touches his wings (even wind) he is aroused. If he tries to satisfy his needs the watchers strike him with lightening bolts. This was a very sexual story and erotic.
