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Welcome to the sensual world of the Lupine, where the burning drive to mate claims all...

Home from college, where men teased her for being overweight, Beth doesn't fit into pack life at the Mitchell ranch. Because she's forgotten how to shift into a wolf, the pack alpha has ordered her to choose a mate or leave. The only male Beth desires is Dale, a fiercely protective Lupine who loathes the human lifestyle she embraces. She hungers for the handsome shifter's touch, but fears their differences are too vast to overcome.

Dale has waited for four long years for Beth's return. Her scent ignites his desire and her voluptuous body fires his blood. He is determined to awaken her to the sensual world of the Lupine. Although she acts more "Skin" than wolf, he can't deny his overwhelming drive to claim her.

As the heat of passion threatens to consume them both, a new peril arises. Someone is killing a local rancher's livestock and blaming it on wolves, endangering the pack's ability to shapeshift. It will take all Beth's courage and Dale's skill to find the enemy threatening to destroy their world...

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Nancy Steinle gummel says

The Mating Game by Bonnie Canon is a short tease in the art of erotica. It was done tastefully. It starts when Beth a slightly overweight wolf returns to the Lupine world after spending four years away at college with the skins aka humans. She suppressed her wolfly manner and now can't shift into her wolf. Her uncle, Aiden, the pack leader has given her an ultimatum, mate or leave the pack. Dale her uncles head os security has always wanted her. He'll race the rest of the single pack members to lay claim to her my biting her neck, leaving a mark. Dale catches her and lays claim to her. He carries her back to his cabin. Then he takes her to his garden where they make mad passionate love in their human forms. Beth still can't shift and Dale tells her when the time is right it will happen.

C.J. says

Really liked the story. Wish it was longer and had an epilogue but would recommend anyway +++

Rinny Rainwind says

This book has everything. Intrigue, romance and betrayal. A good read.

Rachel C. says

2.5 stars. While not really original, this was actually a pretty fun book. I just wish it had been better executed. It always makes me cringe when the characters say things that are unfounded, way too soon and extremely gag-worthy. Not to mention when the plot is really only a reason to write a book in which characters have sex. This world could be interesting if it were actually developed.

HeatherTX says

Not a bad short shifter read, I'll more than likely read more of the series.

Kelly says

Awesome quick, short story. Wasn't expecting to enjoy this story so much, but I will definitely go looking for more in this series.

Sheralee says

2.5 stars

Brandy France says

? Hot

The chemistry between them is off the charts so is the sex!!!! She's a confused lupine that olives in skin form for 4 yrs of collage and he a supine that hates humans...he loves her and helps bring her wolf forward and she helps him see humans aren't all bad

Yesenia Gonzalez says

hmm didn't like how wolves and skins(humans) didn't get along but the mating and she finally having the mate she wanted was great. When her wolf finally resurfaced to protect her mate she was great. Hope to read more of this series.

Malinda says

3.5-4 stars

This was a pretty good story. It's the first story I've read by Bonnie Vanak but I liked it and I'm sure I'll try more of her work in the future.

Beth is a wolf shifter but has been away from her pack for 4 years for college. She had to submerge her wolf and natural instincts while she was in the normal world and once she got back home she found she had lost contact with her wolf. Beth is also a BBW and at college she was teased and ridiculed for it. In the wolf pack it's considered a good thing but Beth has trouble adjusting back and having confidence in herself. The Alpha of the pack (and her Uncle) decrees she has to take a mate (for various reasons) and Beth has little choice unless she wants to leave the pack. She wants Dale for a mate but because of her lack of self confidence she doesn't believe he wants her.

Dale has had things rough and because of this he hates "skins" (normal humans). He has lived away from "skins" and only mingled with the pack as much as possible for years. He works as the head of security for the pack. He's loved Beth for years and has been waiting for her to get back from college. When she returns he's shocked at how much she's changed. He sets out to make her his and get her back in touch with her wolf again.

Beth has to take part in a mating chase (the winner of the chase gets the privilege of mating with her) and (thankfully) is caught by Dale. He takes her back to his cabin and they proceed to get to know each other much better...physically. Despite the fact that they definitely want each other, there are still issues to surpass and things to work out. When danger threatens the pack and Dale is called away to help, Beth ends up in a

scrape when trying to warn Dale of something she found out. Dale comes to help and in all the drama she's able to contact her wolf again. Things work out in the end and Beth and Dale have a sweet HEA.

I enjoyed this story. I liked the characters and the shifter mythos of the story. Even though the story was short, the plot was interesting enough to be engaging. I'd recommend this. :D

Erin Kyle says

Short? Yes.

Good? Yes.

Recommend it? Yes.

S. Wideman says

I got this book because I wanted to read a plus-size romance. I knew it was short, so the lack of story didn't bother me. However, what did bother me was it was NOT a plus-size romance. The heroine, Beth, is described as big busted with "a slight pouch" to her tummy and "wide" hips. And after that ONE description, we are not treated to what she looks like beyond that. In fact, she sounded more voluptuous than overweight, something that is not as much of a stigmata that Bonnie Vanak tried to make it. We are told (over and over again) that she was made fun of at college for being overweight, but because of the length we are not shown. We are told she was a very confident woman, but her four years in college eroded that confidence away. Again, told but not shown. We are told that she didn't date while in college because she was so horribly overweight and no guy in college wanted to date anyone as fat as she. I nearly chucked my Kindle across the room at that! Again, I'm more overweight than she is, and I have no problem finding a date. While I can suspend the belief that the incredibly hot guy will take one look at her and just be head over heals in love (that's why I got the book, I like that fantasy), I find it hard to believe that anyone described as lovely as Beth would have problems dating because of a few possible pounds.

Had Bonnie made it an actual book instead of a short story, she might have been able to explore more about Beth, her psyche and problems in college, the differences between her life as Skin and her life as a Lupine, the problem with her not being able to shift anymore, and the friendship-turned-romance between her and Dale. Instead, we are told everything. What I wanted was a good romance between a plus-sized girl and a hot guy. What I got was another "Woe is me" heroine who hates her weight. The story had promise and would have been so much better if Beth had loved herself before Dale showed her how pretty she really was.

Caro [The Book Rogue] says

- Characters surprisingly likable
- a lot of possibilities for a good world building with the heap of supernatural creatures she simply listed
- but I don't like that she's giving me the feeling it'd be too much of a hassle for her to get really into it, give her world clear, definitive boundaries
- tried to get into the sexy mood, but always stumbled over a misplaced word just as it was working =)

Kathryn says

This book was just okay to me. I have read worse which is saying something, but what put me off was the grammar of all things. There were no problems but I felt that the author just threw in some big words to prove she's an author. I've never read anything of hers before so I don't know if that's something she does. The big words just didn't seem to fit and kind of took away the flow of the book.

Dale and Beth were semi likeable, but not endearing enough to get invested in a new series. I found it really hard to believe that someone who was born wolf and shifted regularly would forget how to do what came naturally in four years. If she had been gone 20 years it's more believable to me. I've read plenty of wolf shifter books and that part seemed a little to fake.

Side note, I wish in some of the BBW stories the female wasn't always ashamed of her body and scared no one would love her. All women have insecurities and for every shape, size and color there are confident beautiful women as well. Showcase that part sometimes, the tried and true I'm fat so no one will love gets stale after a while.

Mya says

Great plot characters content, I'm satisfied.
