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You know we have been betrayed.

You must discover why.

You must learn the truth.

They have put a plan in motion.

They have infiltrated your government.

They have already turned some of you.

They will do whatever it takes to have your planet.

The battle lines have been drawn.

Whose side are you on?

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Joaquin says

You can check out the novellas: Five's Legacy, Return to Paradise, and Five's Betrayal for their reviews separately.

Diana says

I didn't expect Mark James, really. Missed him!

Five. UGH. FIIIIIIIVE.

Catherine says

I like these short stories of what is happening with other characters in this series. I didn't enjoy the "Return to Paradise" story as much because Mark James is telling his story and he uses bad language. I got sick of hearing that. I probably would've liked the book better if it weren't for that. I thought it was helpful to hear Five's story in order to understand his character better and why he has done some of the things he has.

Emma-Leigh says

Finally got to see what made Five what he is. I absolutely loved this whole series of novellas! My only con: I want more!

Todd says

I am a huge fan of the novellas. I love reading the insight behind every storyline. It adds so much more to the Novel Editions and creates a better understanding of the events and even then Character.

Five's Legacy: It was ok. It gave me an understanding of where he came from and why he turned out the way he is, but it wasn't exciting enough for me. 3 Stars!

Return to Paradise: This was better! I loved seeing in the eyes of Mark! It was a great view of what the guy was really thinking about all that happened to his small town and the people he knew from there. 4 Stars!

Five's Betrayal: What a little ass he turned into! I LOVED THIS!!! LIKE WHOA!!! Action all the way though, with a couple twists and emotions that I loved! I really hate the little shit but I wish it kept going. 5

Stars!

Mandy says

(My computer freaked so this perhaps a little shorter and different than my original post).

(#7) Five's Legacy:

This story is to catch us up on what Five has been up to since he and his Cepan Rey came to Earth. After a few location changes, Rey is starting to get sick and decides that the best place for him to get better and to hide are the islands off of Florida. There it is warm and remote, very very remote. Five is lazy, like LAAAAZZZZZZYYYYY. He lies to Rey about his training but little does he know, Rey is on to him. One night Five is woken by Rey with the command to RUN, the Mogs were there! Five runs, doesn't take his chest, doesn't take a weapon and just sits in a tree waiting for Rey. Rey comes along, not too pleased with Five's performance and demands that he work harder. Five is upset he was caught and along with his immature self he concocts this idea that the other Garde are out there doing stuff without him and deliberately left him out of the loop. In his anger he realizes that he has developed his new legacy of telekinesis. He tries to get better at it before telling Rey, but just a few days later, Rey's sickness gets to him and he passes. With no other choice, Five sets sail with no other plans except to get off the island. After nearly dying at sea he finds himself in Miami and no way to feed, clothe or take care of himself in any way. Until he learns to control his powers and begins to pick pocket his way to a full belly. A girl befriends him and they begin doing this together until they are approached by a man named Ethan. Ethan eventually takes Five under his wing and cares for the lazy selfish Garde who doesn't consider that this could be dangerous.

(#8) Return to Paradise:

This one is told by Mark James, the football jock who ends up helping Four when their high school was attacked by the Mogs. He and Sarah have to attend a rival school until the investigation of what actually happened is completed and the FBI get out of town. So far, the FBI has only tried to get information from everyone but will not share anything of what they know or what is going on. Mark soon makes an internet friend out of a blogger who goes by "Garde". This guy is a computer whiz and seems to be able to get into any computer program and get the information that Mark needs. During this time Four and Sam come back and are attacked by Mogs and FBI alike while trying to retrieve information that Sam's dad may have had hidden in their backyard. Sarah is under deep suspicion since it was she that Four went to see while they were in town and wonder if Four will go back to her now that he escaped police custody with Sam and Six. Mark keeps trying to find out and confirm that the FBI is actually involved with the Mogs, and manages to steal a FBI laptop. Now he knows that he has to go on the run, especially when his searching reveals that the now missing Sarah was taken to the base in New Mexico.

(#9) Five's Betrayal:

Five has been with Ethan for some time now when he happens upon Ethan while he is on a video call with.....A MOG! He immediately goes into flight mode and wants to escape but Ethan isn't even attacking him, he's reasoning with him. Ethan explains to Five that the Mogs are not the bad guys and they he would benefit in the long run if he joined forces with the Mog army and tried to help locate and destroy the other

Garde. As mentioned before, it doesn't take much convincing because Five has already created this (unlikely) story that the Garde are purposefully leaving him out of the loop and have all but forgotten him. He joins in at the Mog base camp in West Virginia and begins to learn their ways and fall into their beliefs. He is told that to show his true loyalties with the Mogs, he must kill Nine, who they have had in custody for some time now. They give him a file of what was reported on Nine and Sandor his Cepan. They show the video of Nine killing Sandor, except they do not share that they had already been torturing Sandor for days before Nine killed him out of mercy not murder. There are also fake transcripts that build up Five's fear of the other Garde thinking they are more superior than Five and he lets anger cloud reality. Soon, he is ready to kill Nine based on lies. When the time comes something happens in the base, Four is there! He has broken in and helped Nine escape! They now have the human that got left behind in the chaos. During the attack Ethan almost dies falling towards the green fire pit, but Five saves him. This act of mercy will be their doom. Strakus Ra is there and orders Five to kill Ethan to show his loyalty since he allowed Four and Five to escape and showed weakness saving Ethan's life. After he kills Ethan, he is given a mission to go out and let his location be known to the Garde so he can get into their group and learn all the information they can and perhaps show them that the Mogs are the good guys like he believes.

PERSONAL NOTE:

Already knowing that Five is a bad guy, I still hate his character. His immaturity is at the level of annoyance, just like a typical child who believes everyone is out to get him.

Ryan Buckby says

very good insight into what Fives life was before he meet the others and i was also happy to read what happened to mark after the aftermath of the first book

Jessica says

Definitely opens questions about the savability of Five. And Mark...I love you I love you I love you! Come back to us!!

Ashley says

Rating: 3.2 (averaged from individual ratings)

Minor spoilers, spoilers for the Lorien Legacies books 1-4

Five's Legacy - 2 stars: This novella follows Five up to the point where he decides to join the Mogadorians. This includes the events leading up to his Cepan's death, how he struggled to survive after, and then how the Mogs made contact with him. I found that this one was the worst in the novella collection, since it dragged so much. It didn't help that I don't like Five all that much. It's hard to like someone when they betray people you're rooting for. It was interesting knowing how he came to know the Mogs, but until that point I was quite bored.

Return to Paradise - 4 stars: This novella is from the perspective of Mark James, immediately following the events at the end of I Am Number Four when the school gets destroyed and Four and Sam run away. We learn how the police/FBI handled the whole situation, and how Mark and Sarah reacted to what was happening. Until reading this, all we really knew was that they left, and when they returned Four got trapped by Sarah. I didn't know all that much about Mark so it was interesting learning about how he felt about everything, and I liked catching up with Sarah since I remember liking her. This one had a lot more action than Five's Legacy - not necessarily fighting scenes type action, but in the way that there was always something going on.

Five's Betrayal - 3.5 stars: This novella continues Five's story after he joins the Mogadorians. It tells of his studies, his training, and how he must prove himself to the Mogs before he's able to take a position of power. The most interesting part of this one was that we got to see into a Mogadorian base and see how it's run. It's the same base that Four and Nine broke out of, so we got to see that action as well. It's cool being able to see the Mog way of things, like how their hierarchy works and how they deal with casualties. It wasn't as good as Return to Paradise, but it kept my interest well enough.

Denise K. says

I got tired of Number 5.

Jino Chough says

this collection is actually really sad cause it explains Five's background in great detail, and this detail makes it seem like he's irretrievable

Greg says

Churned out as if by a machine - a really bored machine.

Ricky says

Holy shit, these stories...I can't believe I'm saying this, but it actually looks like there's room for Five to redeem himself! And I so totally need another Mark James-centric Lost File.

Carly Fries says

[The first story is about Five's story of living with his Cepan on a deserted tropical island, living in Miami as a pickpocket, being hired by a gangster who turns out to be working for the Mogadorians, and how Five ended up aligning with them too.

The second story shows what Mark has been up to since the attack on his school back i

Lisa says

I love learning more about the history of the characters and the things in their lives that have a major impact on how they move forward. This book had two short stories featuring Five. I understand him a bit better now but it's pretty hard to get over what you know of him from previous books. All I can say is, he was certainly an easy mark. Young like all of them, but gullible, angry, full of hate, and with an incredibly misplaced sense of entitlement. None of the redeeming qualities that the other Lorien have.

The other short story took us back to Paradise and focused on Mark, Sarah's ex (John's girlfriend). I imagine he will be playing a larger role in the future and a more positive one at that.

I will start The Revenge of Seven today. Can't wait!
