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Lyra's neighbor can't be for real. A man who makes her hormones stand up and scream every time she sees him. And he's breaking through her reserve to invade her dreams at night.

But Tarek Jordan is even more than he seems. A Breed Enforcer with a plan. First, find the Council Trainer he's tracked to Fayetteville, Arkansas, and second, claim the woman next door as his own. She's fated to be his and his alone. He can feel it in his blood. Until the danger that has shadowed his life suddenly casts a darkness over Lyra's as well. Now Tarek knows that he can't wait any longer to claim the woman his heart and soul burns for. He has to tell her who he is, what he is, and what he wants. And Lyra will have to accept him as he is, on his terms, and now. Her life depends on it.

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Katie Michaels says

After my last Breed read several months ago, I decided I needed a break from the series. I decided to dip my toe back in with this novella --and everything about this series came rushing back. It's sexy, with a possessive, controlling hero. The heroine is a feisty virgin. The sex is hot. The language walks the line between dirty and ridiculous. And then it's over.

Tarek is a lion breed who has never had a normal life. He tries to enjoy the little things, like his own home and cutting the grass, while working an undercover job, tracking a Trainer. He enjoys a fun, slightly antagonistic rapport he has going on with his sexy neighbor Lyra. He can't cook --or even make coffee. He's never tasted fresh-baked bread. He was raised to think of himself as little more than an animal. Yet, for all of his strength and instinct, he is vulnerable.

Lyra hates how attracted she is to Tarek. But she can't help it. Of course, it turns out she is his mate. Which leads to lots and lots... and lots of sex. Her lady bits weep. They convulse. There is a lot shattering and creaming. And then there is Tarek trying to tell her what to do. Granted, there is danger and all, but this is the series M.O. At least he was up front with her about what his kiss would do to her --and he helped make sure she didn't get pregnant. That's progress, right?

The I Love You's were flowing like water and of course Lyla's brothers are all Special Forces! But that's what this series is. If you liked the other books in the series, you'd like this one too. For a Breeds book, I'd give it a B. But if I compared it to something else, LOL, not so much.

Hollie says

This made for a really hot, quick read

I'd rate this book a solid 4.5 stars. It was short but the plot was fast paced, and the execution was great.

The pros:

- * I loved that they were neighbors and their relationship progressed over time
- * Tarek was such a loveable hero - I'd really enjoyed the aspect of him learning everything on his own and how he appreciated the smallest things. Mowing, homemade bread, etc
- * The sex was beyond steamy!!!!!!! Off the charts hotness
- * For a short book (a little under 100 pages) it was intense
- * It was a page turner - never really a dull moment

The cons:

- * A 24 year old virgin??? Ugh
- * It did have that insta-love vibe to it
- * An epilogue could have done wonders

Overall, this was a great addition to the series and I look forward to reading more.

AL says

Oh I really loved this novella. These Breeds are seriously awesome!.

P says

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Virginia says

Synopsis - Tarek Jordan is a feline Breed, created by the Genetic Council by crossing lion and human DNA, then indoctrinated to believe that he would never be anything more than a tool. After he and the other Breeds liberated themselves from their abusive creators, they fought against the brainwashing that said they weren't human, that they couldn't love, and that neither God nor any human would ever love them. Lyra Mason lives next door to Tarek and has worked hard to assert her independence from her overbearing father and brothers. That relationship makes her feel the need to overcompensate whenever she thinks a male is trying to take over.

Yard maintenance has become a bone of contention between the neighbors due to Tarek's enthusiastic but not attractive weed-whacking and mowing - especially when it harms Lyra's prized rose bushes. While she enjoys their arguments (and looking at Tarek even more) she doesn't want him to know that. Of course, his heightened senses easily alert him to her true reaction to him, and he would be more than happy to reciprocate. His reaction to her escalates and Tarek learns the biggest secret about the Breeds: they have destined mates out in the world, and Lyra is his. Tarek loves the idea of her being his mate, but thinks that a) things are too dangerous right now to act on it and b) Lyra more likely to run away than into his arms. Lyra knows she probably should run away, but her body is turning traitor and her heart is claimed by the vulnerability she sees in his eyes.

Review - This is a short story by Lora Leigh, so the bulk of the word count goes to chemistry. **wink wink, nudge nudge** There's a side plot about a former Council bad guy who wants to kill Tarek and kidnap Lyra, but mostly the focus is on the budding relationship. Lyra's a bit of a termagant and Tarek is, if not an alpha male, at least a strong beta. Fortunately she has no hang-ups about his animal nature or real resistance to falling in love, so it's mostly smooth sailing. They just have to navigate her prickly relationship with her father and her three (former?) Navy SEAL brothers.

So far I have only read 3 short stories from the Breeds series (and this was a re-read), but the world is fascinating. I hope order isn't too important, because I don't think my library has all of the books. The writing's not the best, but it's not bad enough to detract from the interesting story. Although, I almost choked when I read *"dampening the material with the damp heat..."* That's why there's a thing called a thesaurus!

OK, after reading various shape-shifter stories I finally searched online to confirm that felines have barbed penises. Ouch! One site said it's common in most mammals to have some similar mechanism on the male genitalia. There is apparently an entire series of YouTube videos about the World's Scariest Penises. After

watching the one about Leopard Slugs, I'm scarred for life.

C Joy says

It was a fun read, I loved the humor and the characters. This is a short story and Ms Leigh managed to squeeze everything in it - quirky characters, suspense and danger, great erotica, and confessions of love.

I could just imagine Lyra and Tarek together. He's really amusing and Lyra's sharp tongue and feigned irritation masked her attraction for him - and growing lust. She's a smart one too, having figured out Tarek's a Breed. I really liked that he had a horrendous amount of self-control, explaining everything to Lyra before he claimed her as his mate.

I also loved it whenever she defied him, I'd do the same in her case. So Tarek's searching for the Trainer and the tables were turned because he was the one who was hunted. Another thing I liked about Lyra is her quick wit, she gave free reign to her fear so Tarek could sense it and with that, he knew what to do.

It was a light read, not too emotional and I'm reading on to the next.

Dina says

Story available in print format in Hot Spell anthology.

Diana~ (Kiss Me Books) says

Thank god this one was short! Not that I don't love it, trust me I do. It's just easier to review a shorter book than it does with a long one. But wow! I really liked this installment in the Breeds series by **Lora Leigh**. It was *very* hot, typical of any books by this author. Not to mention that I really enjoyed the relationship between the hero and the heroine. Ahah, she always threatens to kill him... but we all know that she won't. I really adore Lyra and Tarek together because even though this was a short read, you could really feel the emotion and feelings that Tarek has for Lyra.

But yeah, the biggest and probably best impression that I had of this book was that the sex between was freakishly hot. Wow. Wow..... I mean that scene with the stairs? Hot damn. Lora Leigh is pretty creative when it comes to this, lol! It seems like most of these books have a sort of repetitive theme where the hero is super possessive of the heroine and she tries to defy him and stuff. It all ends with a tumble of course. ;) The love scenes are pretty explicit though, so it's not for the faint of heart. Overall, I really enjoyed this read! **5/5 stars.**

Libby Harrison says

Re-read

Wild_irish_rose says

This was an interesting addition to the series. I loved the characters but wished there had been more character development and background. Still love this series.

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

Loved Loved Loved Loved it!!

Beatriz says

Genial, desenfadado, es el primero de la serie en que los personajes principales no están sufriendo frente a la nueva situación que los rodea, así como por recuerdos dolorosos, lo que le da un toque de frescura y humor al relato. Aunque es bastante más livianita que las anteriores, la historia no se queda atrás en intensidad y pasión. Muy bueno.

Sharon says

Hands down my fave novella in the Breed series so far!!

Loved Tarek....Mmmmm, mmmmm, good!!!

I really was drawn into the intro of this story....The rose bush..LOL

Tarek was very, very sweet and I just loved that about him. *sigh*

Asounani says

Realmente fue refrescante, chica enamorada del chico de al lado, que el resultará ser un Casta león es otra cosa. No tenemos el factor drama intenso y es completamente bienvenido.

Sophia Triad says

Breeds 6

Feline Breeds 4

Featured Couple: Tarek (Lion) & Lyra (Human)

The story starts many years after Breeds have made themselves known to the public. Tarek is a lion Breed

that is on a mission and lives between humans. He basically lives next to Lyra's house.

Tarek is a really sweet character. He is longing for a family and for a mate. And what thing has a family smell? Freshly made food of course. The smell of her bread actually was one of the things that made him go at the house next door and meet Lyra. Completely innocently.

Lyra is a feisty female. Sassy, independent. She grew up with her father and her Special Forces brothers. She loves her autonomy that she has only recently earned.

Tarek and Lyra belong together. I enjoyed their clever, funny dialogues. And their mating comes natural. It is not forced.

Other things worth mentioning: The creation of

-the scent masking agent that Breed's enemies will start using

-the pill that will help delay conception for the female mates
