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Romance Anthology

"Below": Three quarters of her crew are deep sea miners, geneoids, humans designed with aquatic traits that have created creatures of such beauty that Victoria can't help but be drawn to them, particularly the merman, Raphael. When he claims her as his companion, he places her in an untenable position, but Victoria quickly discovers that the rules set down by the company that has betrayed them all are of no concern to her when it comes to Raphael, and that she is just as determined to have him as the company is to part them forever.

"Exiled": It was a hell of a way to end a vacation! One minute Danica was scuba diving, the next she found herself in a specimen tank on an outbound alien ship. When they correct their 'error' by dumping her on the alien world of Glaxo, she is immediately captured by Taj, Chieftain of the Glaxons, who swoops from the sky on his giant war bird and claims her as his slave. Barbaric they may be, but the blue eyed, blond haired Indian-like tribe of Glaxons are a fair race, and Taj fairest of all. When he's good, he's very, very good, and when he's bad he gives her heart palpitations in an entirely wonderful way. Rating: Graphic sex, explicit language, profanity, some violence.

Abandon Details

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Netanella says

Below 4 stars

I really like the mystery/suspense plot to this novel, which has a deep-space-mining feel even though the action takes place in a rig under water. However, the romance between Victoria, the supervisor of the crew sent to the watery planet to extract ore for the shadowy "company", and Raphael, the genetically-bred merman crewmember, left me feeling a little clammy. Maybe it was the whole tail fins, underwater breathing, "hatching" from an incubator, etc. But the two of them felt off, somehow. And Raphael was definitely the warmer of the two.

I finished reading the story while my daughter watched the latest episode of Ariel the Mermaid. Maybe I am okay with mermaid sex. Ariel's daddy sure is built for an older guy. ;)

Exiled 3 stars

I read "Exiled" to meet a group challenge for reading a book with a bird on the cover, and I'm glad I picked this book. I kept putting the it off all month, however - it was probably Taj's armpit featured so prominently on the book's cover.

"Exiled" is typical O'Connor, who likes to write about strong, civilized Earth women who are kidnapped by alien races and thrown into barbaric environments with strong Alpha males. This book didn't disappoint me, and I enjoyed the sheer entertainment value of the story.

There's a little bit of everything thrown in here - a woman kidnapped in her wetsuit, thrown into a shark tank on an alien ship collecting different animal species, dumped on an offworld planet and enslaved by Taj of the Glaxons with his war bird and broken English. I had great images of Flash Gordon on this one! Despite the fact that Danica spends about three days living in her wetsuit (ewwwh!), she eventually learns home-ec for barbarians by Taj's mom and helps lead his people in a revolt against the evil alien lizards who are enslaving his people. With her knowledge of self-defense karate moves and homemade grain bombs. :) Loved it.

For O'Connor, the sex is minimal and pretty vanilla. Here, the world building and the storyline are what drive the plot forward. And that, in my opinion, is a nice change of pace.

Carolyn F. says

2 stories.

Below. Victoria is leading a party of miners to a new planet. She's taking some genetically altered crew who are in a fast growth pod type of container. By the time they reach the planet, the genetically altered crew are adults. Although part human, some of the full humans are prejudiced including it appears the people who made them for underwater mining. They go to the planet to substitute for the crew there but everyone's missing. I liked this story a lot. Had me crying a couple of times.

Exiled. Danica is scuba diving and is picked up by aliens by mistake who are capturing Earth creatures. They're already on their way to wherever they go and instead of taking her home drop her off at another planet where she meets Taj, who says you're my slave now. She finds that these lizard people (see Chaos Forged - I think they are the same people) have been using Taj's people as cattle, for meals. Now that's she's here, she wants to stop them. Good story, not as good as Below, but still really good.

E. says

Two novellas featuring heroines who are thrust into situations outside their normal purview. Below features genetically engineered miners along with their non-altered associates who are dumped on a planet that they have been tasked with mining. Victoria Anderson is supposed to be supervising the work but also has developed an uncanny telepathic link with the charismatic and virile Raphael. Together they search to find out what happened to their predecessors even as they try to overcome prejudices which could destroy their relationship.

Exiled features Danica Hearn who is kidnapped and dumped on a primitive planet. An odd mixture of technology and primitive hunting culture forces her to adapt to survive but she discovers that she has resources of her own that may allow her to positively change the lifestyle that she has become part of and increase her chances of survival.

Very imaginative tales that highlight resourceful and sensual women. The action is a bit uneven and the plethora of typos is really annoying but the overall storylines are promising and there are several very sizzling scenes.

Gina (bibliobuff) says

The first story got 2 stars; the second story 4. I barely made it through the first story and couldn't put the second one down. Both had some huge plot holes and there were some unresolved plot points, but it turned out to be a pretty good read.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

twofer by Kaitlyn O'Connor. It was easy for me to tell that these are two stories written earlier in her career. I would probably classify them more as s/f than erotica, but there is still the exquisite tension between the H/H and the sex (when it occurs) is still mega-hot. I could definately see hints of ideas that were fully realized in her Cyberekolution series.

Below - Set in the future when an unethical "company" has resorted to bio-engineering humans to up their profits. Victoria, the female captain of this ship and crew, quickly comes to realize that the "company" has far exceeded unethical and crossed to illegal in what they created from human DNA and grew in her ship while it crossed space. She bonds with the leader of the created "merfolk" and ends up needing this bond to defeat the indigenous life the company handily 'forgot' to report. Interesting story, hot merman action, and epic little guy vs big business story.

Exiled - Danica was minding her own business scuba-diving when she was mistakenly gathered up in an alien 'species/zoo collection'. When the aliens realized their mistake, they dumped her off on another alien world (Glaxo) with only a survival pack! The next thing she knows, she's been captured as a Glaxon slave...by a gorgeous Indian-looking guy. Turns out her captor is the leader of Glaxons who are themselves subjugated by lizard-men creatures. Our heroine has to adjust to the barest essentials of life and in doing so, learns what's really important. Mostly well-written, easy to follow, delicious sexual tension, and the little guys win!
