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The Vanguards: Book Three

Three days of hell, in charge, and running out of antacids.

As the pack's Beta, Robert needs to watch over the Vasi werewolf pack for a few days. He hates the responsibility, but his job is to dissolve any problems while his alpha honeymoons. Nevertheless, trouble comes to town and her name is Esther. She's beguiling, beautiful and picks his pocket. Although Robert doesn't trust her, he still wants to possess her.

Esther arrived in Chicago with the intention of slaying a vampire named Daedalus. While trailing her quarry, she encounters Robert who unhinges her world. He doesn't know her trade, and she doesn't know his connection to the vampire. Disturbed by her attraction to this unusual werewolf, she can't decide which prey to hunt. The one who's stolen her heart or the one who'll fill her bank account.

Hot graphic werewolf sex, growing body parts, and one pissed off Nosferatu.

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Mara says

I'm not a fan of Ms Nicholas' shorter stories. I loved Bait and its sequel, but I fail to connect to any character of her novellas. The plot is often pretty useless, the characters difficult to love.

Maddy Barone says

Another great read in the Vasi/Vanguards series. Robert turns out to make a darned god hero!

Crystal's Quirky Reviews says

ARC- Book 3 of the Vanguard series. This series just keeps reeling me in tighter and tighter! I'm thoroughly enjoying every aspect of this series and I can't find anything I don't like about it. While Eric, new Alpha and his new mate, Spice goes on their honeymoon, Beta Robert is left with handling his new pack. A job he has no interest whatsoever in until running across, Esther when she pickpockets him and he chases her down.

Lynnette says

This third installment was really good and the series is developing really well. The story was about the packs beta Robert and his mate Esther. A good short story.

Sarah says

I've got to say Robert wasn't my favourite but not because I didn't like him more because he's not a big character in the other books but now after seeing him in a whole new light I love him. He has this inner steal about but mostly shows a shy unsure persona until his beta side comes out the a sexy techy geek comes out. When Esther first came into picture is wasn't sure they would suit each other, she's a very high strong sexy assassin who goes for what she wants and Roberts a unsure reluctant temp leader while Eric on his honeymoon with Spice.

This story was about Robert and Esther but also has a lot of drama to do with Daedalus and Sugar and Sugar reluctance to convict to being a vampire. I liked that it's not all roses which u get with most romance HEA, I hope they sort something out in next book feel really sorry for Daedalus.

Amber Mitchuson-english says

Like the ester character.

Dee says

This is a cute little series. I started it yesterday and on my fourth book today. its not bad. Because they are short all the characters instantly fall for each other, but sometimes that what you are looking for.

Shaly says

What the fuck! Who the hell put the contract on Daedalus's head? Not only are these books super short..they always leave me with questions!!!!!!!

Esther...what a homely name..is an excellent recruit for the pack, she's tough and can handle anything in a fight! Robert is just as dorky as Eric but fierce when he needs to be..they make a good match!

Stephanie says**Excellent and Entertaining**

This story was awesome and kept me giggling. I love the Vasi pack and thoroughly enjoy their antics. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series!

Tracy's Place says

3.75 out of 5

celticminx (aka: kristi or "k") says

I have to admit that I do like the Vanguard series and this story was no exception.

Esther and Robert are polar opposites. She's a knockout, he's a geek. She exudes self-confidence and he has insecurities. She's a human, he's a werewolf. She's a slayer, he's a beta trying to find his way until his Alpha returns from his honeymoon in three days and Robert is counting the minutes.

Esther is gathering some Intel on a Nosferatu Prime vampire that she has been offered a contract hit on. Not one to jump straight into the frying pan some legwork must be completed before she will decide whether or not to accept. While tracking down more info on her target she meets Robert, unawares that his is her target's friend. The two have an instant attraction, but Esther has a job to do and can't allow any girly feelings to get in her way.

It's enjoyable watching these two tussle with their feelings. Esther is fighting with whether she should accept

the contract because she has such strong feelings for Robert and wants to see where it takes them. And Robert not knowing if he can trust Esther since she has both stolen from him, lied to him and keeps pointing a gun at him. But he sure does like her.

Aside from dealing with Esther, Robert is trying very hard to be a good beta and handle the problems that arise within the pack. Most pointedly is a bully named Talon looking to challenge him while the Alpha is away. Robert knows that he should kill Talon, but he feels that would be tantamount to murder. Can he hold everything together and trust the woman he has such strong feelings for? Time will tell!

This was a great quick read. Strongly suggest it for anyone needing a quick PNR fix.
