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THIS IS A SHORT STORY prequel to my full-length novel, DESTINED.

When the God of Love falls in love for the very first time, the results are powerful ... and painful. Journey back to a time BEFORE Eros met Psyche and find out what happens when Eros is powerless to control the heart of the girl he loves.

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Majo's Library. says

"Never love again. Especially not a mortal". I like that, yeah
This is a little short story about Eros and his first love before he met Psyche.
So... I don't know... maybe 3stars for the book, and 5 for the cover? xDD

majiqcarpet says

Beautiful~! Although i dont think Eros truly loved her from the heart. Maybe he did out of lust. And for Psyche he was shot by his own arrow. I dont think gods can truly love someone from the heart, still and awesome read. Treasure every second. And absolutely LOVED the details and description here. So realistic. I felt Eros' agony <3 ~Annabeth

Tonda Stockwell says

Nice intro into Destined..

M.A. Nichols says

This was a silly excuse for a novella. It really is just a short story (only a few pages long) and it told a story that didn't need to be told and did it poorly. It tells the story of Eros's heartbreak that came before Psyche. In the book, "Destined", it told enough of the story to work for the plot and this felt like just a superfluous add-on that really did more damage to my opinion of Eros than enhance it. The way his heartbreak is described in "Destined", it makes sense for his bitterness and anger, but something about watching it unfold didn't help give me a deeper understanding of his hurt, but rather made me think that he's an idiot.

The writing as weak. It felt rushed, like the author was just trying to get this story out there and gone without any effort. It is mostly rambling narration, without any real depth into the characters or what is going on. It's just a surface description of what's going on.

Meighan says

Great short intro into Destined. Wonderfully done, a great look into Ero's character.

Jessie Harrell says

This is a fun little short story written from Eros' first person perspective.

°??.:*?Arianna°??.:*? says

This one, I guess I should have expected it to be short, but this gave so little that I just was left with utter disappointment and thought, 'What the hell was the point of even writing this.'

Kimber Shook says

This was a very short novella. It lets you get to know Eros a little before Psyche comes into the picture. It lets you feel something for Eros and understand why he was the way he was.

I loved it!

Rebecca A. Rogers says

A short prequel told from Eros's perspective about his first true love. Fans of Destined should read this.

Also, I knew this cover looked familiar; it's the same cover as Cabel's Story. But if that's what Eros is meant to look like, he's a cutie patootie! ;)

Holly says

It's always really nice to see the prequel to the book you love, especially when it covers a backstory you're really curious about. But this was just too short! I think I only had to click next on my kindle 8 times and it was over. That's hardly anything! I mean, it was interesting, but it was way too brief.

Jess says

Super quick, 5 minute prequel. It was interesting & definitely has me wanting to read the next in the series... so I'm off to do that :)

Anna says

Short? but nice.)))))))))

Dianne says

Oh my, Eros. It's 3AM here in my side of the world and here you are, making me want to read Destined NOW. Gah, I need sleep, I do, I'm a growing kid (whatever) but Destined. I need Destined. I need it.

Jessie Harrell, you are a such a magnificent writer. I had not expectations coming in but I ended up squealing and rating it a 5. I do not give five stars for books even if I enjoyed it so much. I tend to give it to those that made me think or those that are not shallow. I am not saying Before is shallow because it makes such a fine prequel to Destined but the angst, oh the angst.

Jessie Harrell, you wrote one hell of a prequel. It is too short for me because I am aching for more but it is of perfect length to entice readers for Destined. Cocky, arrogant Eros falls in love and gets his heart broken by a mere mortal. And hurray for hot Eros! I usually think of Cupid as the arrow-wielding baby god but naming him Eros removes all that so yey. Gah, I am in love with this plot. Plus, as I said, Jessie Harrell is such a good writer, she captures Eros so fine. Though it felt weird that a Greek god was speaking English but as if I can understand Greek! Haha! She has a way with words that flows smoothly and a whole lot more I dunno the technical terms to. She's witty, funny and her descriptions are so rich!

And that cover? So amazing. I do find Eros, if the one pictured is Eros, to be too young in that pic but nevertheless, all the elements of the cover just screams READ ME NOW!

I will definitely read Destined when I wake up. For now, I will read its first chapters for free!

<3

Sarah says

So I have been holding back reading this book so today I decided to actually read it and I finished it in 10 minutes it was nice and all but no details whatsoever. When I started to read it the book was done.

Dani says

Eros has taken things a bit too far this time with his mischievous fooling around in the gods' love lives. And so, he is temporarily banished by Zeus to live amongst mortals who will show him no reverence or special treatment. By all means, a cruel punishment for his various minor infractions, right? But Eros just might begin to discover that he's treated love a bit too flippantly and that when it comes to affairs of the heart, the consequences are never minor.

Telling the story of Eros before he met Psyche, Before gives readers a little more insight into the Eros we see in Destined – the events that color his view of mortals, the reasons behind why he behaves the way he behaves, and why he reacts the way he does toward Psyche and her decisions in Destined. His experiences in Before are eye-opening, are telling, and, in a way, they humanize this arrogant god so that he's more relatable.

Overall, Before is a wonderful character building piece for Eros and a great companion short story to Destined that should not be missed.
