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Barbas, the Demon of Healing, has a secret. One he'd do anything to keep. Until the day that he meets his sworn enemy and finds himself drawn into her world. Certainly a Demon strong enough to survive being chained for a millennium beneath the Earth's crust can resist one virginal princess when she demands his help. To reveal the truth would make him a traitor to his people. So why does deceiving the princess make him feel like a traitor to his heart?

Warning: This erotic romance novella contains sex outdoors, virginal sex, sex between sworn enemies, and lots of smokin' hot Demon and Fae sex!

This futuristic fantasy romance series is set in the near future after a massive earthquake unleashes magickal Demons who have been trapped beneath the Earth's crust for the last thousand years. When they burst to the surface, their energy fries all electrical systems and throws the Human world into an industrial apocalypse. In this post-apoc, dystopian world Humans are caught between the warring Demons and their mortal enemy, the Fae.

Demons and Fae draw magickal power from Human emotions. Each side gains victories and suffers defeats. But lately the Demons have been increasing in power exponentially, while the Fae are growing weaker.

But the Fae have plans to change their luck.

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## **Shelly says**

I read the stories in this series back to back and it made for one heck of a ride. For a novella, Adler got a big bang out of so few words. This is my absolute favorite story in the series. It's always good to see the other side of the conflict and with Demons taking up space on the first three stories, it's only fair that it's time for the Fae to have their say.

Full of secrets, Barbas - the Demon of Healing, will give and do most anything to keep them. But there comes a time when he decides that his secrets can no longer bind him. Aine, a Fae Princess, has her own problems with her father, the King - I think he's going a little crazy but hopefully it's lack of 'the sex' and if he can stop killing folks long enough to go get some I think he'll be alright. Okay, I'm off that horse now. Aine is also a truthsayer who no one wants to touch and that makes for a lonely existence but it all changes when she meets Barbas. Can these two overcome being enemies and find their a happy place among their people?

For as much sex as this story had, there was a decent plot thrown in there too. Thanks Adler! Barbas was sent by his Prince to spy on the Fae. During his adventure, Barbas on his first day out meets Aine who unknowingly challenges him to not just spy but to find out the truth. The relationship between these two was tumultuous to say the least and that made for interesting reading. There wasn't a great deal of angst because the Demons and Faes really, really hated each other and each side wanted total annihilation of the other. When you've got that going on, there's no time for self doubt. Some of the characters from the prior stories did make an appearance, it's always nice to catch on what folks are doing after their story is told.

I'm not sure if there's another volume on the horizon but I'll tell ya that if there is I hope it's about the Fae King because I see interesting things in his future but either way I'm reading it.

Happy Reading folks!

Rating: B+

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## **Wendy coling ( trowbridge) says**

Loved bath as and aims story. Can't wait for the next one. Do hope there is.

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## **Emma says**

3.5 stars. Whilst I didn't enjoy this book as much as the other 3, it was still a good read.

Shame that there appears to be no more in the series as I would like to read more stories in this world and how/if the war will end.

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### **Lady~Lola says**

SPICE BOX: SIXTEEN STEAMY STORIES

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### **Linda says**

I got this book in a boxed set and as I detest stories re vampires, shifters, thrillers etc, I will not be reading or rating it. No offense intended.

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### **Anya Champagne says**

#### **Love this series**

Barbas the demon basket is tasked with finding the fae soy, but finds love with Aine, a fae princess, instead. They struggle to admit the truth to each other, and the hot steamy fun along the way, makes the journey quite interesting.

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### **Anna says**

I have LOVED this series. Short, sweet and incredible sexy, the stories give just enough world building to make for an interesting story line as well. Aine and Barbas are sizzling hot together and along with the necessary complications with their unlikely relationship it just makes for a good read. I wish there were more books in this series.

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### **Anette says**

I was given this book by the publishers in return for an honest review.

I have not read the previous 3 books in this series, but the author did a good job of introducing us to the storyline. The grand plot I believe is a truce between the two races, the Demons and the Fae. In order to find a spy, the Demon Barbas uses his secret ancestry to try and infiltrate the Fae, but ends up falling heads over heels for the Fae princess instead, leaving him torn between his duties and his heart.

Again, I think the story would have been better had it been given the time to breathe. I read 50% of the story in one morning before even getting out of bed, and it all felt a little rushed to me. The main characters have sex the first time they meet, before even knowing the other's name, and without really talking together besides dirty-talk, they fall in love, all while her guards are hunting a deer. Color me cynical, but I just don't

believe in that kind of love at first sight (or penetration).

Still, I did like the characters and the underlying grand plot of the series, and while Barbas and Aine came off as slightly shallow; the other characters are more intriguing. The Fae king who hates all Demons (why?! I want to learn your secrets, you powerful and paranoid man!), the Demon prince Gaap, and the demon Leraye who was once trapped in stasis. Something about these characters made me either like them or become desperate to know their secrets, secrets I might have known had I read the previous books, which I might just do if I can get my hands on them.

It's hard judging a book on its own when you haven't read the other books in the series, seeing as the questions I'm left with might have been answered before, so I would recommend reading the other books before you start on this one. Based on the plot and the story, I liked this book and recommend it, even though the love story didn't really appeal to me personally, mostly because it felt too rushed and a bit forced.

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### **Teshai says**

Seriously, there has to be more..this cannot be the last book.

I liked this one too, finding out he's a hybrid and then he bangs a fae? Her father has a pass that I must read, I hope to goodness Ms. Alder writes the other ones quick.

I like novellas, quick and to the point, some might say they had sex too quickly, ummm they are demons and fae..that is what they do..have sex. lol..sometimes however, I want more. This one made me want more, there was no closure, it was just left open. I NEED to know the fae Kings story.

And I was wondering when all this unprotected sex was gonna bring about a lil one..lol..

Good read, enjoyed all of them

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### **Sophia says**

I saw the blurb on this futuristic paranormal erotic romance and just had to give this new-to-me author and her series a try. Normally, I'm a big proponent of reading a series in order and I think that is a good idea with this series, but that being said I was able to read and enjoy this story just fine.

Barbas, the demon of healing, along with his fellow demons are in an immortal battle with the fae who locked their kind away for thousands of years before their recent powerful escape from the lower regions. They know they have a spy in the castle, but have been frustrated in all efforts to find him/her. Barbas feels there is only one thing left to do. He must go and infiltrate the fae and seek the answer there. But how to get into the fae kingdom and how to keep his deepest secret safe when doing so.

Aine, the fae princess, finds her life is hopeless for a few reasons and she thinks losing her virginity is the key to change. Unfortunately, her father has a different opinion and no amount of persuasion will change his mind. He is dead set against the demons and waging war against them has his full attention. Aine hates the

isolated existence that her gift of truthsaying gives her because no one will touch her because by her touch she can read the truth they would hide from others. She devises a plan that will deal with the pesky virginity issue and it works- sort of. Trouble is, instead of one of her body guards, it is a human stranger that gives her what she wants in the forest clearing.

Barbas cannot believe what he is seeing. While settling in to wait in the place where the majority of fae activity has been, he falls asleep and wakes up to the most erotic sight he has seen. A beautiful woman is naked and clumsily trying to seduce her own men. She notices him and tricks her guard into leaving when she sees his interest. What was meant to just be a trifling moment affects both of them and he begs her to return again.

Aine is unsure about her moment in the forest, but the stranger still has a strong appeal so she is not disappointed when her father sends her out to the human village to search out a demon spy who has been asking questions about the fae. Instead of a spy, she finds her one-time lover and they come together again. And this time it is magical, but this time they are caught. Time in the fae dungeon together brings a new level of intimacy to them. But can it survive the truth when it is known- particularly Barbas' truths.

Wowzers! This one was smoking hot right from the start. Barbas and Aine held nothing back in that forest meadow on either occasion. But after the grand opening, the story showed that it had a good plot driving it along and not just the passion. I loved how the tension regarding both their motives added a layer of suspense to the relationship. Plus there was the mystery surrounding who the actual spies were and what the fae king is up to. This is a shorter piece, but there was still time to get to know Barbas and Aine. She was a bossy Princess around him many times, but he liked to dominate too. It was always a test of wills over who would come out ahead in their relationship, but all in all I did like them together. Some of the twists in the end were nice surprises that took things a different direction from what I was expecting. Now this one really didn't get into the backdrop of the story- futuristic post-industrial earth- at all so I assume this gets covered in some of the early books.

After reading this one, I definitely want to go back and read the other stories and look forward to where the series is going. This will appeal to those who enjoy paranormal erotic romance focus on the erotic.

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## **ValerieC says**

OK - this is a cover that I vote #1 for the top covers I have ever seen. HOT doesn't begin to describe the effect this guy has on me.

Aside from the cover, this is a good little light-erotic romance novella.

I think I am disappointed that the author left us hanging in the ongoing story arc across this Demons Unleashed series, so we don't know what happens with any of the couples in the previous books or this one, what happens in the Demons vs Fae conflict, and so on.

So, Lisa Alder, I am hoping you will please at least finish with another follow-up book! I will buy it/them...

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**Maria says**

Barbas has a secret to keep and Aine need someone who can see her. Sometimes things are not as they seems, as is this case. Each one fall in love for the other and finally have a decision to make which may change the future. I loved Barbas alpha protection for Aine and Aine warrior side to protect Barbas.

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**Debbie Chittenden says**

What a fantastic twist to the Demons Unleashed series. Of the other three, this was my favorite. I loved the heat and passion between them. I need the next book in this series

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**Dani Hodge says**

Really enjoyed this addition to this series! It was red HOTT and just as good as the other 3 books before it! Highly recommend this series! Loved the character, I thought they had great chemistry together! Highly recommend!

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**Patricia Eddy says**

Finally finished this. Good read. Steamy sex, decent story. I would have liked a little more detail in one part, but otherwise, very satisfying.

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