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Every fairy tale has to have some basis in fact, right? That's what Eliza thought as she made a desperate plea to the legendary Goblin King. If he could grant her wish, she'd finally be safe. He would protect her. But what would he ask in return...?

Enjoy this short free prequel and a sneak peek of *The Goblin King*, the first of a highly imaginative new paranormal series by Shona Husk.

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From Reader Review The Summons for online ebook

Cynthia says

A free read of less than 20 pages that got me hooked! The intro to THE GOBLIN KING tells of the initial meeting between Roan and Eliza. It sets the tone of what is to come.

Paraphrodite says

A very short intro to the series. Quite intriguing.

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

Now this is how a prequel should be. Enough of a story and intriguing characters that make me want to read the full length novel. I adored Roan in this brief glimpse. Eliza, too, was interesting. Plus, how many books are there right now with a goblin as the main character?

Currently free.

Wanda Hartzenberg says

I downloaded it this morning assuming it will be a short read. Well that and the cover, seriously, did you see the cover? It was a short read! What I did not bargain on is what a delightful read it would turn out to be. The story of a sixteen year old girl, finding herself in danger from a friend of her brother during a drunken party is one most of us can relate to.

Her cry for help, heard by the Goblin King is one we cannot. I fell in love with the story in only a few pages. This is a series I can't wait to read. If the prequel is anything to go on then this is going to be an amazing story, one which I intend to follow. I would strongly suggest you go and get the book and read it. It is really a fast, engaging story. I give this a 5 * review as it is one of the best prequel's I have had the pleasure of reading.

Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

GREAT BEGINNING

this was a great introduction a short prequel into what will be the main story of the Goblin King. It was well written and does what it says on the tin, in short gives you a real incentive to read the main novel which I am now looking forward to a very short but good start.

Lila Lockhart says

This taster into the world of the Shadowlands series may not have been jaw-droppingly fantastic; however, I really enjoyed this quick introduction to the world. I had been interested in reading the series before now. Now? I'm keenly knocking my currently reading books out of the way to make room for this!

I look forward to... hope for...

Sexy supernaturals

Intriguing alternate dimensions

... and steamy romance!

I hope the following books don't disappoint. Either way, I'm excited to see how things play out.

#TeamAussieAuthors

Kerry says

I'm beginning to think that paranormal stories are not for me. I read it to see if I liked these type of books and I haven't so far. The story: Goblin comes and saves a teenager when she calls for him to save her. Of course they can't be together, at least for now. Hence, why this is a prequel.

Tutti Dolci says

What an interesting avenue in the world of Paranormals: Goblins!

No, they are not pretty in any way, but this PREQUEL NOVELLA gives us a glimpse into a story which combines beautiful man with hideous monster. And I must say that it piqued my interest and curiosity well enough to want to read the series.

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

This is a free prequel. As a mostly MM reader I wasn't sure what to expect but I really enjoyed this short intro and will probably buy the first book soon. I of course hope there is a cute gay couple in the background

Emily says

Two things you should know right off the bat- 1) this is a teaser introduction to a new series that's coming

out, not a separate entity, and 2) it's free, so you certainly can't argue with the price!

Anyway, this story tells about Roan, the Goblin King, whose crappy decision making in the past makes him the sufferer of a curse that seems to be neverending. When he's summoned by Eliza as she tries to escape a loser's drunken advances, he figure he'll grant her stupid wish and that'll be the end of it and his miserable life can go on as always.

Eliza isn't like anyone who's summoned him before, though, and there's plenty of hinting at some sizzle that will come between them in the upcoming series. Eliza is thoroughly a youngster in this book, and nothing gross or inappropriate happens, but it's a perfect illustration of a formative experience that can have dramatic repercussions later.

With the basic outlining of the mythology and the whole goblin king/queen element, this is a series I'm definitely looking forward to. While this story will probably be more enjoyable when read in conjunction with the first volume (Amazon has the release date for The Goblin King as October 1st, so not too long to wait) it accomplishes exactly what it sets out to do, which is make me as a reader want to invest time in the series. Mission accomplished!

Overall Grade: B

Lynsey A says

This was really just a prequel to the book, The Goblin King. It is too short to really write a review but I enjoyed it enough to want to read the book.

Shera (Book Whispers) says

It's starting to become a seriously annoying trend in the PNR genre to have a little "short story" to introduce a new series. Anya Bast's Dark Magick series comes to mind, where you're reading along and you realize that there has to be a short story before. Because while the story is fine, you realize that you're out of the loop and have missed something. Or Kim Harrison's Madison Avery Trilogy. You honestly can not enjoy that series without reading the short story that came out first.

So in my mind the same is true for The Goblin King. You don't have to read this short story to get the book. However, if you read The Summons it will help your overall emotional build up. And I'm saying this after just finishing The Summons and jumping right into The Goblin King. Why they just didn't put The Summons as a prologue is beyond me.

The Summons is a cute introduction to a Goblin who was once a great king. He fights to maintain what little part of his human soul remains, not just for him but for the last of his warriors. The King is continuously summoned as part of his curse by any who call upon the Goblin King. Once he would have to do all the summoner bids him to do, now he can choose to accept it. It's quite a surprise to him when a girl summons him to her. Both giving each other some child like hope to hold on to.

The Goblin King's story is greatly enhanced by this 20 page "short story." It builds an emotional connection

that the author should have realized needs to be there from the get go. It's a sweet and innocent introduction to the beauty and the beast. If you have no intentions of reading *The Goblin King*, leave this be. If you do have every intention to read it, then this is a must! After all it is a free short story.

Sexual Content: Kissing and unwanted male advances. Pretty clean

4/5- Great! Really enjoyed it.

Originally posted at Book Whispers.

Hannah says

This short story is a very intriguing prequel to Shona Husk's Shadowlands series. If *The Goblin King* wasn't already on my to-read list, I would definitely add it now after reading *The Summons*. While I noticed a few awkwardly-constructed sentences, in general I liked this sample of Shona Husk's writing. I also liked what I saw of both main characters, Eliza and Roan, and I'm very curious about Husk's paranormal setting. I look forward to reading *The Goblin King*.

Cat Russell (Addicted2Heroines) says

Well, color me intrigued! This was a great teaser. I'm looking forward to spending more time with the mysterious Goblin King ;)

Wee Shubba's World says

I have had this short story on my kindle for too long. The title and cover, yip I admit it are what caught my attention. I haven't read anything that involved Goblins so I decided to finally give this ago. And overall it was enjoyable.

It is set nine year before book 1, which I think I should have read first. It follows Eliza who at a party summons the goblin king to help her get away. When the Goblin King arrives he helps her but doesn't fully grant her wish. He instead starts to fell human again and Eliza starts to find herself being attracted to him.

Now, this is a just a quick read with only around 20 or so pages. The author has managed to create a good taster to the story. However, I was left a little confused and not really knowing what was going on. There isn't much of a backstory to the Goblin King but I hope we see that develop in book 1.

On a side note. Now if you are anything like me and see/hear "The Goblin King" you automatically think David Bowie! I did I couldn't help it. Even though the author describes her character with dreadlocks and in goblin form a monster. I still kept seeing Jareth from *The Labyrinth* because for me there is and always will be only one Goblin King. Lol.

Go grab yourself a copy of *The Summons*. It's free on kindle.

