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It should have been a one-night stand.

I never intended to seduce Taushen, but things happened. I don't dwell on the past and while it was great, I'm not looking for a relationship. Of course, try telling that to Taushen. The big blue alien's in love after one night, and it's making things darn awkward. We've got bigger problems than whether or not I'm his woman, like the 'cargo' of the space ship that landed here.

But Taushen's not giving up. He thinks I'm his mate.

And he'll do anything to keep me.

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B.E.Love says

4 1/2 stars

Of course this book was great, with each book I am impressed with Ruby Dixon's ability to keep this series fresh and new and add new twists. I couldn't wait for this book and it does not disappoint. I will say that with each new book recently, I have wanted more of the stories about whats going on because theres so much going on. I love the stories with each hero and heroine but with all that is new I want more and more. Though I know she is making us wait so that we can have new books.

I am so excited with what will be coming next in this series and..... I don't normally read authors notes at the end of books but I never miss these because we get so much information on whats to come. Ruby Dixon Has yet again set us up for some amazing stories to come. I will say I was scared for s second that (view spoiler)I loved Taushen and Brooke. I will admit when I found out what happened on the ship when everyone was being held captive I was a little irritated with Brooke but she makes up for it in my mind. Taushen is of course an amazing hero and I am so happy this series continues.

Rosebud says

Brooke has had a hard time adjusting to living among the sa-khuri on their own little ice planet as her skills set as a hair stylist/beautician don't contribute in any meaningful way towards the survival of the tribe. Trying to fill in as a jack of all trades, Brooke helps where she can knowing that it's all filler until her khui resonates with one of the males at which point she goes into baby mating mode with her new mate.

Taushen has watched as each Terran female has resonated with a male other than him. Time after time he hopes for his turn to be matched only to have his khui remain silent. For whatever reason he is cursed never to know the warmth of his own female mate though there is one available female yet unclaimed, Booke, who spent one night in his furs never to return. He, on the other hand, can't get the memory of that night out of his head wanting a chance to prove his worth to her as a pleasure mate.

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The 16th installment in the Ice Planet Barbarians series that is basically a feel good romance between Brooke & Taushen. It parallels the Barbarian's Rescue timeline featuring what actually happened to the members of the tribe when they were captured and held aboard the *Tranquil Lady*, the slaver ship. It also provides the frame work beginning regarding Brooke & Taushen's romance. The time line then jumps one week ahead after the tribe members are rescued to continue the story.

The romance between the main characters was sweet and romantic. Brooke is a street smarts sort of girl. She's genuine in that what you see is what you get with her. Taushen has esteem issues though he is a respected warrior and skilled in providing for the needs of the tribe. These two needed a matchmaker as all the signs pointed to them being perfect for each other but for various reasons they just didn't believe that concept because of the lack of khui resonance slant. Adult content is included in this story for those who like to know if it's there or not.

Overall though, this story had more a return to the Ice Planet to find out how things were and who the new couple was. I'm sure die hard fans of the series will love this installment for that fact alone. The problem, for me, is that this story doesn't do more than that except to tease that there are 20 new pods and thus 20 more people to add to the future pool of possible couples. The ending does hint at things to come with the future of this series but no spoilers on that whole thing.

My personal issue is the ongoing changing khui slant that morphs from book to book. Hard to root on and anticipate how things are gonna play out when there is no real consistent rhyme or reason to how the khui will come into play, if it comes into play, when it comes into play. I'd be more impressed if a couple became pleasure mates only to have resonance happen and it progresses into a menage relationship. That's me anyway.

The point that was a game changer is an added author note at the end of this story that includes info regarding a new stand alone *Icehouse* spin off series. To be clear, the author is going to continue the *Ice Planet Barbarians* series because after all we haven't yet heard Gail's story and that would really upset me, but the plan is to splinter off in some way. Guess for that reason it might be a good idea to read this book to get the 411 on the frame work for that whole set up.

I am a fan of this author and have loved the series and it's hard for me to say but I've outgrown the whole concept related to this series. Adding more characters into the pool does provide future for this series but, for me, the lack of anything other than a core romance between the main characters supported by conflict, drama, angst, etc gets stale. Excited though that the author shared that *Fire In His Embrace*, 3rd installment in the Fireblood Dragon series has an August release NEXT MONTH pumped over that.

Melissa_lifeinthebooks says

This book just left me satisfied and excited about what's to come. I'm super excited from the new series that will feature all the new characters, so a lot of anticipation for what's to come. Brooke and Taushen, they were not my favorite couple, but I still really enjoyed them. I like how they built a friendship and getting to know each other and not just jumping into things. Brooke kind of annoyed me with the back and forth but eventually she did get it together. Brooke and Taushen's story didn't have much danger or action, I wish there was a little more excitement beside them becoming mates. Other than that, it was a really enjoyable read.

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

Can you believe we are on book 16 of the Ice Planet Barbarians series? AND that I love it just as much as I did when I started. Normally, by book 16 I would expect some serious series fatigue, but, it still hasn't happened. If you haven't started this series than start at book 1, although the romance itself can be read as standalone, everything else would be very confusing.

Despite my aforementioned love of this series, for some reason I wasn't looking forward to this book so I put it off for ages. On one hand, poor Taushen has been in this series since book #1 and has had to watched

everyone but him get mated; I was almost as desperate as he was for him to find his special someone. On the other hand I wasn't that keen on Brooke, which is what ultimately stopped me from gobbling it up as soon as I got it.

I can't believe I didn't have faith in Ruby Dixon, she never lets me down. Although Brooke isn't my favourite of all the ladies I very quickly got sucked in. Taushen and Brooke were, of course, the perfect match and as well as the romance we get a glimpse of all the other characters that you have fallen for in previous books.

If you haven't read this series...why not? If you have, make sure you don't make my mistake and put off reading this book.

Sophia Triad says

Taushen and Brooke

Blue aliens and mates are held on the enemy spaceship and here we get Taushen and Brooke's point of view. Brooke tries to be friendly with their abductors and keep the couples together, while she will need also to use Taushen in a way that makes her feel guilty.

Taushen was a virgin and he was seduced by Brooke who was dragged.

That is the main reason she tries to stay away from him afterwards, when they are saved. Taushen has high hopes for Brooke but he cannot really express what he feels.

There will be a time in the friend-zone for these two, a bit of old fashioned kidnapping because of course Taushen is a hot-blooded barbarian who wants Brooke to be his pleasure mate permanently.

Brooke and Taushen are super cute together – although their resonance does not happen immediately. I thought their story was very funny and sweet!

“Humans have a saying, you know. Home is where the heart is. I thought it was just silly nonsense until I met you. I love everything about you, Taushen, and I'm glad I'm here with you. Icehome really does feel like a home now. My home, because my heart is here.”

I feel him nod against me, his face buried against my neck. “Even though I was born here, I feel I did not have a place until you kissed me.”

What will move the story forward are the pods with the human females and the non-human males.

“Icehome” is about to start its new stories.

I am super excited for the new series which I have already started.

? Garima ? says

So that's all! IPB series ends folks....RTC

BookPauper says

2.75

I'm done trying to stop reading this series. It's just going to happen and I need to embrace it.

I didn't feel this one. I'm happy Taushen gets his HEA, but Brooke was a frustrating heroine. She would monologue about needing to understand that the blue guys are not human and have no concept of dating. They have an innocent viewpoint on relationships. But 80% of the book is Brooke playing games. So she says 'I need to be more upfront' and then immediately comes up with one dumb scheme after another to get her way. Like I said: frustrating. There's a lot of good qualities to Brooke, but they kept being overshadowed for me.

The fun part of the book is that it's opening up a spinoff series. Just in time for my new era of unabashed IPB acceptance.

★ Belle The Bibliophile ★ says

I don't know how to rate this book because I was mostly incredibly annoyed when I was reading this and I skimmed a lot of parts because the heroine got on my nerves.

I should have expected it from the "tease" part in the title but god I couldn't stand the heroine's flair of dramatics. She's so annoying. Throughout my skimming, I noticed some scenes where she intentionally seduced Taushen (despite how wrong it went the first time) and was all fake outrage when he didn't respond the way she wanted him to. Like... okay?

It's unfortunate because I'm very fond of this series. I love Ruby Dixon's work. The last book with the Asian heroine was awesome (I'm all about POC heroines) and she was actually likeable. And then in this one we have a bratty white girl with the pink hair and the big tits who really need to shut the fuck up.

Overall, I hated this book. I can't wait for the next book in Dixon's dragon series though!! Please don't disappoint me. ?

Tricia Len says

I am really torn on what to rate this one.... I love the IPB series.... I love the hero! Not caring so much for the heroine... she was very annoying... I did appreciate her honesty about herself. She was trying to find a place to fit in and that can be very hard when you think you have nothing to contribute. She was no virgin.... just a modern girl...? Really? Do modern girls really sleep around that much? I guess I am just too old to know the answer to that question. So she has experience and he doesn't... so to her it's just a wham, bam, thank you alien.... I really did not like that at all.

I know, I know... I am so old fashion... yeah I am...

I loved that they decided to help the 'sleeping' people. The Barbarians are really good 'people'. They do the right thing even if it could mean big changes to their clan and danger too. I am looking forward to more from IPB and the new series too...

So I didn't like the heroine very much...again... but I loved the hero and the story and that is why I gave it 4.o.

Whitney says

I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT TO RATE/REVIEW THIS BOOK! Ruby Dixon, I am sincerely sorry. My book slump has come between us, but I will not let it happen again. ***hangs head in shame***

With that being said, I am going to have to apologize once more: I'm sorry, but this book was just *okay*. (So, maybe my book slump did come between Ruby and me again. Oops.) *I'm not going to single out a certain character with pink hair that probably had a lot to do with it.* ***clears throat.***

This installment was all about Buh-brukh and Taushen. *I refuse to call her 'Brooke,' although it is her name, because I like to think that I am somehow annoying this imaginary character.*

Buh-brukh was a cosmetologist back on planet Earth, but now she is just the different human with pink hair. She feels useless. She has zero survival skills, so she will just continue to be the alien beautician. Another thing she is failing at? Resonance. And to add to the ever-growing list, she is failing at whatever type of relationship she has with Taushen. *I really wanted to shout at her that she needed explain things to him better. He's a flipping alien, woman! He isn't used to human customs! He was legit trying, but she had to get all butthurt!*

Now, Taushen's character was lovely... a little on the slow side, but lovely. He is the ultimate alpha-hero. Even with his broken heart, he always looked out for Buh-brukh. Honestly, I felt bad that he was mated to her. She had him so confused and hurt that he walked on eggshells around her. *And it made me so mad!* However, once everything was discussed, they did compliment each other. I accepted it and moved on. Buh-brukh makes him happy, therefore I am happy. ***sighs***

I am sad but happy that the ICB series has come to an end. When I should have been invested in Buh-brukh and Taushen's relationship, all I could think about was the new members. I am super excited to IceHome, and to see what Ruby has come up with in her wonderfully imaginative brain of hers.

3 Stars!

Fatimama says

So sad, this is the first Ruby Dixon I DNF'd and I have read everything before this, even her other books like the biker and the dragon shifter series and other shifter series. I couldn't get past the first few pages of this book.. I really did not like how Brooke (h) was portrayed. She was so annoying, I prolly wasn't in the mood for her brand of annoying. Dunno if I will go back to this book to finish it.

Jacqueline J says

A pretty good entry into the series.

Lit Reader says

At first I did not like the heroine at all, but as always, the blue alien hero was sweet and perfect. As the story moves on by the ice planet standards, it was as enjoyable once again. It would have been 3 solid pleasant stars, but the ending with the new crew set such a nice, optimistic tone, presenting the upcoming Icehome series in a way that makes me crave to read those soon. Hence, 4 stars for the closing chapter of IPB or "life in not-hoth".

Mei says

It's always nice to have a BBB book as a break between other ones!

Even after 16 books, I just love the naïveté of those big hunks! Their gentleness and sweetness somehow makes my days better!

I was sad when Ruby declared that the series is finished, but in the afterword, she reassured me that it would just be the name that changes because of the new arrivals and because all the original characters have found their mates. I hope the future books will be as good as these 16 were! :)

I suppose only time will tell!

Jacqueline's Reads says

4 Stars

Okay, so I was wondering when I needed to read Ruby Dixon's spin-off series. You have to read up until [HERE](#) and then you can start the spin-off series.

Taushen and Brooke are the last couple that aren't mated (I think). I was curious to how Brooke would be because we got a glimpse of her in the last book and there was some fight between the two main characters.

What I liked about this one was bam, we got hit with what happened on the ship and all the steamy details! YAY. Also the angst is low and the steam is high. YAY!

I enjoyed this one and I'm curious to see where the 16 new girls and 4 new males will go. So here's to the spin-off series!

