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**Release by Treaty, part of a short story collection of futuristic space opera romance from Kayla Stonor.**

*The scent of his attraction drives her wild. Can he accept the war's over?*

After decades of war, the Qui Empress ushers in a new galactic era when she signs a peace treaty and takes a human consort. She orders the K'lahn, the Qui's warrior class, to surrender all human prisoners of war.

Hand selected by the Empress, Dol'ce is tasked with the mission to retrieve Colonel Abe Marcel and bring him home. Having lost his entire combat unit, Marcel is barely surviving K'lahn imprisonment. Dol'ce delivers him into the safety of her ship, and through delicate care, nurses his soul and body back to health. But his savior is a member of the Qui, a sophisticated alien race of shape shifters who rule a galactic empire, the very same Qui who once ordered the decimation of Earth. Dol'ce has never met a human before and the overpowering call of Marcel's unruly male pheromones unleashes havoc on her senses. Her exotic beauty and powerful desire leaves him with a hard problem only she can relieve.

**Marcel must accept that the war is really over, or lose the alien glittering gem who saved his life.**

This sexy scifi romance tale is the first in a futuristic collection inspired by Under By Treaty, a space opera romance in Kayla Stonor's Surrender collection. Each tale in the Qui Treaty Collection is a standalone novella set in the Qui galactic empire, with annihilation of mankind held at bay only through the Treaty consummated between the Qui Empress and the human consort abducted under its terms.

**Reader please note:** Kayla Stonor's stories can be dark and edgy, hot and wicked, punishing and uplifting. If you find certain themes uncomfortable reading, these stories may not be for you. Although this shifter story is standalone, it is set within a wider space opera saga and it is recommended that the short stories are read in order.

## Release By Treaty Details

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## Marianne says

This story came highly recommended by an author I trust. I decided to try it out, and thanks to Eve Langlais I now have a new favorite series. I owe her a debt of gratitude:-)

Release by Treaty is the first novella in the Qui Treaty Collection, but not the first in the Qui story universe. The prequel, Under By Treaty, tells the story of how a new Qui empress ascended the throne and took a human general as her tribute, thereby sparing Earth from total annihilation.

When I first read Release By Treaty, I had not yet read the prequel and I was - at times - a little confused. For example; I spent a lot of time wondering if the K'lahn and the Qui were the same species or just part of the same empire. To get the full understanding of this story universe, I suggest you start with the prequel to avoid the same pitfalls.

Even though Release by Treaty is a fairly short story, it is also a great tale about a high ranking member of the Qui shapeshifter race and the human POW she is charged with bringing back to Earth. Against their will, both fight a losing battle as their mutual attraction is just too strong to be denied.

Throughout the empire, the Qui are used to having things their way. Due to the seductive nature of their pheromones, they can enthrall other races into submission; sexually and otherwise. In fact, their subjects offer themselves freely for the honor of serving a Qui. But there is a great twist to the story. When Dol'ce first encounters colonel Marcel, she learns a stimulating, but inconvenient truth: While humans cannot wilfully control their pheromones, colonel Marcel's pheromonal response to her own, acts as a mating call she is unable to deny.

Teetering on the brink of sexual torment, colonel Abe Marcel continues to deny his smutty thoughts and rampant sexual desires. Giving in means he'll be bedding a member of the shape-shifting race responsible for killing not only millions of human beings, but also his comrades in arms, because enemies can never be lovers.

Meanwhile, Dol'ce faces a dilemma. Is she willing to risk a diplomatic crisis by forcing the unruly human who continues to deny his attraction into her bed. His pheromones call to her day and night in a way no Qui has ever come close to matching...

There were some pretty hot scenes in here, and the Qui empress's theory regarding the effect of human pheromones, was intriguing. I will certainly be reading the other stories in the series as soon as they are published.

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## **Fabi says**

I'm a sucker for a good sci fi romance and these are well written with a perfect pace. I tend to shy away from novellas, but these give enough character development to keep them satisfying. I've already bought the next in the series.

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## **Meigan says**

The war between the humans and the Qui, a shape-shifting race of aliens, is over. With a treaty signed and put in place by the Qui Empress, all K'lahn are ordered to release their human POW's and return them to Earth. Colonel Abe Marcel is one such prisoner. Taken hostage after a failed mission, his fellow soldiers presumably dead, Marcel is weak, malnourished, on the brink of shutting down when he's released and taken into custody by Dol'ce, a member of the Qui race. Stuck in close quarters, their attraction to one another is immediately palpable; the Qui can't seem to resist the human pheromones, while the human males can't seem to resist the cinnamon-caramel essence given off by Qui females. Both are fighting temptation; Dol'ce, because she doesn't quite understand the feeling she gets from Marcel's scent, Marcel because he will be betraying his team if he were to succumb to pleasures from the enemy.

Despite this being both short and a continuation of a previously published story, *Under by Treaty*, it's in no way lacking any sort of details essential to "getting" this particular tale. I am super curious to know the backstory pertaining to the treaty and the war between humans and Qui, so I will most definitely be going back to read *Under by Treaty* to fill in any gaps and sate my curiosity. I'm also super interested in getting the Empress' story and how Jaden, previously Marcel's General, came to be the Qui Empress' consort. I've been warned by several people, the author included, that that story is darker and definitely more erotic than this story, and it's a warning I don't plan to heed. If the attraction to Dol'ce and Marcel is anything to go by, and their attraction was pretty darned hot, I can only imagine the sexy-times in *Under by Treaty* will set my Kindle aflame :)

Bottom line -- great sci-fi romance novella with a fair amount of steam between an alien and a human. I will definitely be continuing on with this series and also going back to the beginning by reading *Under by Treaty*.

\*\*Many thanks to the author, Kayla Stonor, for gifting me a copy of this ebook in exchange for my honest opinion.

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## **Kristen says**

\*I received an ARC in exchange for my honest review\*

Are you looking for something unique, something you have not yet conceived of? Then delve right in to "Release by Treaty" by Kayla Stonor. The Qui Treaty was first addressed in her previous book, "Under by Treaty". While they do stand alone in their own right, reading "Under by Treaty" will give you a deeper understanding of the "Release by Treaty" world.

In this book, we are treated to a veritable cornucopia of sensations. Marcel and Dol'ce's first interaction is less than ideal for him, but she quickly turns his whole world upside down. With sex, fighting, and some delicious mixtures of the two, "Release by Treaty" is a fantastic escape into the Qui Empire.

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## **April Pawless says**

### **Fun short read**

This book had some very interesting elements that I hadn't read before, I really did enjoy it. The premise behind it is very interesting. I would love to see a full novel based on these characters.

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## **dan says**

Somewhere in this essay there is a book waiting to get out.

Having read earlier work by this author (and completely enjoyed) this felt like a quick slapdash attempt to just get something out. Overall, my opinion of the author has not changed but there is nothing in this "book" to recommend it and I suspect that a lot of disappointment has to do with the high expectations that the earlier works had led me to.

I will read more work by this author but I cannot recommend this particular piece of work.

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## **Thais Lopes says**

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review

Marcel is one of the prisoners to be released and sent back to Earth, and he is in a bad place. Weak, with broken bones, believing all his team is dead, he can barely trust that an alien that looks like the ones who captured him has come to set him free.

Dol'ce was told that human males were hard to resist for her people, but she just understand how hard it is when she is stuck in close quarters with him as they make their way back. And Marcel can't resist her, but he also can't let himself get any closer to her, as it would be a betrayal of his dead fellow soldiers.

Another wonderful and hot story, and beautifully built relationship.

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## **Helen Martins says**

Received an ARC from the author for an honest review. This is the first book that I've read by Kayla Stonor. I typically don't read futurist stories, but I was pleasantly surprised by this one. The story of Colonel Abe Marcel and Dol'ce is another take on the conventional paranormal romance. Very enjoyable read.

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## **Shurrn says**

***I do love a good spin-off...***

Almost as much as I love deliciously sexy space operas...

***He didn't deserve his freedom. He didn't deserve his life. They'd sworn to go down together. Never submit to the enemy. Never.***

This novella could technically be read as a stand alone, but the circumstances leading up to this story are detailed in Under By Treaty - a full-length novel of alien FemDom badassadry which I loved, and highly recommend.

#### **Let's recap for those who are new to the Qui:**

In this universe Kayla Stonor created, Earth has been at war with an invading lizard-like alien species called The K'lahn for generations. The war has been ongoing, bloody, and Earth is hopelessly outmatched by the invading alien technology. In an effort to cease hostilities, Earth is offered General Trey Jaden as a sacrifice - a sexual submissive to the mysterious Queen of the Qui.

As a result of General Jaden's actions in Under By Treaty (which are too glorious and spoilery for me to post here - you'll just have to read it for yourself) a peace treaty was drafted between Earth and the Qui Empire.

That's where we come in with this story - The prisoners of war which have been captured over the course of the war are to be located, liberated, and returned to their home world.

#### **Dol'ce**

Qui Ambassador

***He had every reason to hate her. To him she was nothing more than a marauding K'lahn that had ransacked his planet and warred with his people for decades. She was no different than the enemy who had tortured and murdered his friends.***

Dol'ce has been tasked by the Qui Empress to track down a retrieve POW Colonel Abe Marcel. She is honor-bound to fulfill her duties, but she's certainly not looking forward to it. She's had very little interaction with the human race, and isn't sure what to expect once she extracts her charge from a K'lahn prison.

Dol'ce is shocked at the state she finds Col. Marcel in. Dirty, emaciated, and broken - there's no way she can return the Colonel in that condition. She resolves to get him into perfect health before delivering him to the Qui Empress.

The journey home in cramped quarters with the human is driving her mad. The scent of his pheromones triggers a wave of lust she's helpless against. Despite Marcel's obvious attraction, he's loath to fall into bed with the enemy...

#### **Abe Marcel**

Colonel of the United Regions

***He knew she wanted him and perversely that knowledge turned him on. In fact, he suspected that she wanted him twenty four seven, to the point that she literally cut herself off from contact with him to deal with it.***

Col. Marcel did not fare well as a POW.

He wasted away in his cell, listening to the cries of his team until there was nothing but silence to keep him

company. He's the last remaining member of his platoon, and the guilt of leading his soldiers to their deaths weighs heavily on Col. Marcel's shoulders.

He has a hard time believing the Qui Ambassador who pulls him from his prison. She mends his broken bones and sets out to help him regain his strength. He's not sure he can trust Dol'ce or her claims that the war between Earth and the K'lahn is over. She seems genuine, but Marcel knows better than to trust the enemy...

The beautiful blue alien is testing the limits of his control.

They're fighting their attraction.

They're fighting each other.

Honor hangs in the balance for the both of them.

### **SPACE UST!**

*Wait... Is that a thing?*

It is now!

This installment is far less kinky than the novel which proceeded it, but it is no less sexy or entertaining. This is a novella which packs quite a punch despite its short length - about 60ish pages.

I love that we're getting these side stories from Kayla Stonor - the world she created in *Under By Treaty* was wonderfully detailed and extraordinary. I look forward to reading more delicious alien sex in this fabulous space saga!

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### **Denise McNamara says**

Taken as prisoner by lizzards invading earth, Colonel Abe Marcel is a broken man. On a mission for Empress, Dol'ce is to retrieve Abe from his captives and return him to earth. Being stuck on a ship together for days, fighting their attraction for each other gets harder until they finally give in. They are enemies and even though the war is over they try not to give into desire. This was a great story with futuristic intent and some pretty hot scenes. I recommend it and can't wait to read book 2 in this series

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### **Dina Bushrod says**

I liked author Kayla Stonor's story of the relationship between victor and vanquished in a war between humans and a race of alien shifters. These shifters are very different from any you may have previously read. Their Queen has arranged peace between the two races and has sent an envoy to retrieve and return to earth a prisoner. He is torn as his hatred for them has grown; he and his team have been tortured and killed and now he must rely on his enemy to return home. That is not half the problem as they are, without their wanting to, sexually drawn to each other. Can his hatred for their race, as well as their physical difference, keep him away. Will her feelings of disgust be able to keep her away as well? I don't do spoilers and I believe this is enough to peak your interest; if not then you better read it again. Anyone who likes reading sci-fi, with a touch (well more than a touch) of erotic pleasures, will love this book.

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### **Kristy says**

I received a free advance review copy from the author in exchange for your honest review.

Oh WOW, this is my first book that I've read from Kayla & let me just say I was blown away! 'Release by Treaty' was fast paced & full of sexual tension. It was very easy to read in 1 sitting & although it was a quick read, I really enjoyed the flow of the story & can't wait to read the next book in the series or anything else written by Kayla.

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### **Chrissy says**

OMG this book is so good... I wish I could give it more than five stars. It has everything you want in a book and more. This is a must read, it makes you want to read the book in all one sitting like I did.....

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### **Erica Brown says**

I was given a free advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I really enjoyed the story it was a little short for me but most stories are. Had great detail and gave great imagery. The timeline was realistic for the characters involved. Personally could have done with a little more of the back and forth as time passed.

Overall great story definitely worth a read for anyone who likes aliens or shifters or even just a good romance. Can't wait for the next story I find by this author.

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### **Karen says**

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

This was a really great entry for me! I loved both the characters, particularly Dol'ce because she has been warned about what to expect. The characters continue to be realistic and able to make me feel for them deeply. The story is about romance while at the same time being about a wider issue that is just being hinted at.

Dol'ce has been sent to collect a prisoner of war, Colonel Marcel, from the K'lahn prison in which he was being held. Dol'ce does her duty and does not at first believe what the Qui Empress has told her about interacting with human males, it sounds ridiculous. As the journey continues she finds herself more and more drawn to her passenger who does not want anything personal to do with a lizard.

Colonel Marcel has been tortured, and humiliated during his time in the K'lahn prison. He has heard his team go silent during that time and believe himself to be the last man standing. He hates the K'lahn and all those associated with them for good reason. He does not know that the war has ended but feels something for the one who rescued him, though he does not want to.

All I can say is that I really loved it! I would recommend to everyone!

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