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Her Alien Bodyguard: The Guards Of Attala: Book One



Synopsis

Diana is Earth's last hope. The courageous explorer leads her team to an ice planet across the galaxy in search of a mysterious compound that can jump start our dying sun. The Attalans vow to give Diana everything she needs. And one thing she doesn't: the Attalan Guard, an elite group of mate-less warriors tasked with keeping Diana and her team of Earth women safe in the remote ice mountains. Diana's brooding bodyguard, Mallyk, shadows her every move. He's strong and capable and makes her feel things in places she's forgotten about, but there's no time to worry about her D.O.A. love life when the fate of a planet hangs in the balance. Her orders are clear: complete the mission and return to Earth. Mallyk has other plans. And they all involve getting the feisty adventuress in his giant fur-lined bed. His insatiable lust for the Earth woman has him questioning his role with the Guard and cursing the day he took their oath of celibacy. Will his loyalty to the Guard stop him from claiming his long-awaited mate? This science fiction alien romance is the first in a series that features feisty Earth women, giant alien warriors, and lots of steamy action. The romance concludes with a HEA, but other story elements (i.e., will they save Earth?) are resolved in later books. With that in mind, they are best read in order.

The Guards of Attala Series:
Book One: Her Alien Bodyguard
Book Two: Her Alien Protector
Book Three: Her Alien Commander (September)
Book Four: Her Alien Warrior (October)
Book Five: Her Alien Defender (November)

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Customer Reviews

I now equate the word FEISTY in relation to female protagonists with the word STUPID. I see this trend all the time now. Going forward, anytime I see the word feisty I will know this really means TSTL (too stupid to live). Whew! Good thing I know the secret code word now. Example: All female crew has just crashed their ship on an alien planet. The sun is going down and they are outside the city walls. They are expected so the locals are waiting to welcome them. When they crash, the local guard rushes out to help them and tell them they must get within the city walls by nightfall, for their own safety. They try diplomacy. They try reasoning. The woman in charge of the expedition objects and refuses to budge because they need their stuff (how is she possibly in charge?). The men are forced to pick them up and carry them to safety since they won't listen to reason and will probably die if they don't (and nightfall is coming, no more time to argue). The head woman then kicks one in the nuts because, how dare these men lay hands on them and not listen to their needs? Then she tries to run, on a planet covered in snowdrifts, with no landmarks. Right, this is all about men being Neanderthals and has nothing to do with being ignorant and not listening to reason (again, on a planet they just crashed into and know nothing of the dangers). Like I said, stupid. Maybe I'm just getting too old to swallow this type of pedestrian effort to create momentum within a story. I do apologize to the author for my harsh review herein, especially as this seems to be a trend with lots of authors (not just this one). But please step back and think about how some readers may perceive this literary approach. A couple stars for effort though. These authors are still putting themselves out there and opening themselves to criticism, which is tough to do.

This was not an ARC, but rather a book I selected for my prime. Mira Maxwell's Scifi romance is excellent! I've added her to the short list of my favorite scifi romance writers and look forward to reading book two. Earth is in serious jeopardy of dying because their sun is finally failing. Their scientists have determined their only hope is to find a source for Eclaydian to jump start the sun. They found a source for the rare element, but it is found on the planet Attala located on the far side of our galaxy. The competition to lead and fill positions for this vital expedition is fierce, but Diana Barnes, a brilliant scientist who has climbed every major mountain on Earth is the best qualified.

She quickly assembles a stellar team to add to the ranks, all of them female. They must reach Attala as quickly as possible. She lists off her priorities: 1) visit the new to Earth planet 2) establish diplomatic relations with the leaders 3) convince them to let us mine for the precious Eclaydian 4) return to Earth as quickly as possible 5) restart our sun and save Earth. They were able to communicate with their leaders and were given assurances of a warm welcome and assistance. Their pilot, Margo disengages the warp drive as they prepare to enter the atmosphere of Attala. They expected a bumpy landing, but not the 6 G's they experienced. Margo calmly states that they have lost their horizontal stabilizers, then the vertical stabilizers, smoke starts spilling from the console. Margo states that life support is now on backup, then calls out that their engines have stalled out. They crash into Attala at a 90 degree angle. Their engineer, Natalie appears to have a broken leg and their doctor, Savannah stabilized the leg and inflated a temporary cast around it. Everyone else has only minor scratches and a few cuts. They were incredibly lucky. Margo determined that electromagnetic waves around the planet caused the failures and crash. It's snowing hard and visibility is almost non-existent. Diana determines that she must step out of their ship to try to get their bearings, perhaps triangulate their location somewhere 1-2 clicks from their intended landing site. She steps out into at least 4' of new snow and looks up to see approximately 30 men racing to their site. The men are all at least 7' tall and although it is freezing cold, they are 'dressed' in leather breech cloths, wide leather belts, boots, and wear a fur cape over their shoulders. They are running in formation with their leader at the head. To be a guard they must be willing to give up everything for the safety of their people. If by the age of twenty-five, they have not found their mate they can be given enhancements that will make them taller, stronger, faster, with enhanced senses of smell and hearing. But, they may never see their families again and must take a vow of celibacy on pain of death. Commander Mallyk has just come face to face with his mate. Thus begins a delightful tale that I found hard to break away from until the end. Adventures, scary vicious creatures, clandestine trysts, the threat of execution by his fellow guardsmen. But we do get our HEA. Now, on to book 2 to find out what happened to Margo back at the space ship. A most worthy book to read if you enjoy scifi romance.

I received an advance copy of this book. Here is my honest opinion. At the core this is a story of two people who desperately want to fulfill the promises they made to their people but are drawn inexorably towards one another. Our heroine, Diana, is a headstrong scientist whose specialty is research in arctic environments. She is also an expert mountain climber. This makes her the perfect leader for an expedition to icy Attala to retrieve the only thing that can save earth. Our hero, Mallyk,

is the commander of the Attalan guard, a group of genetically altered warriors that are bound by oaths of celibacy and tasked with the protection of their people. The premise of this book is a good one. I enjoyed the internal struggles that each character had to wrestle with. Diana can't abandon her mission to save her people just because she's falling for Mallyk. And Mallyk doesn't want to betray the men who are like brother to him by claiming Diana as his mate. The book was fast paced so I wasn't bored, which is important to me. The sex scenes were steamy, which is always a good thing, and I really liked the characters. There were a few things that I wish the author had fleshed out more though. This is obviously the first book of a series and it seems like many of the issues that were brought up in this book will be resolved throughout the series. That being said, I wish she had resolved a few things that I felt were left hanging. But overall I would recommend this book for anyone who is looking for a fun sci-fi romance romp!

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