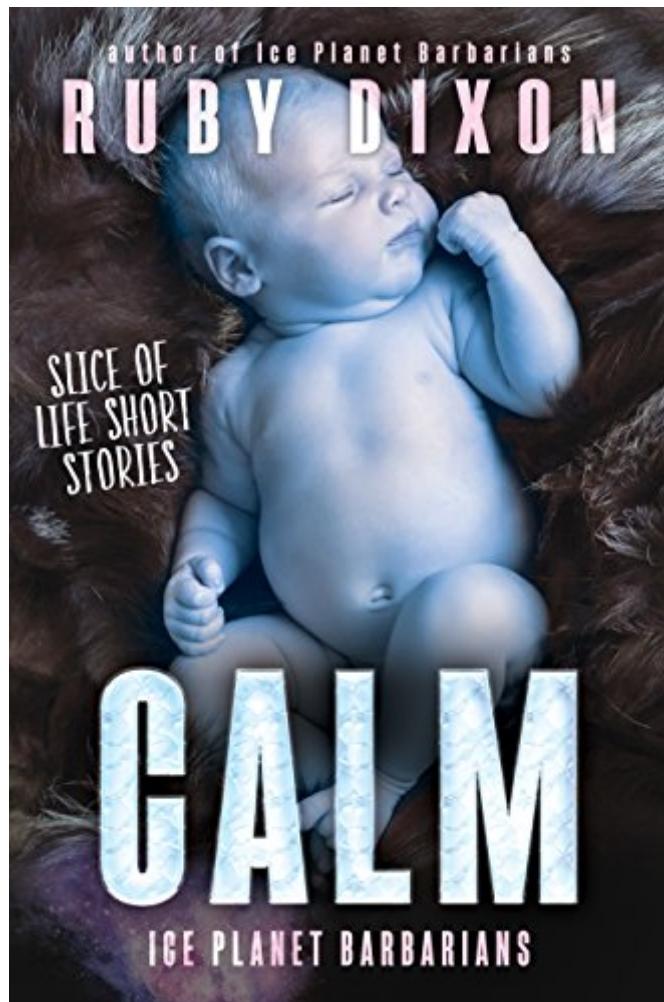


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# Calm: Ice Planet Barbarians: A Slice Of Life Short Story



## **Synopsis**

One morning, gentle Maylak wakes up and feels a sense of oncoming dread. As the tribe's healer, it is her job to ensure that everyone is safe, happy, and healthy...and they are. So what can be threatening her people? This is a short story set in the ICE PLANET BARBARIANS series and does not stand alone. It should be read after BARBARIAN'S TOUCH and is a little bit of sweetness and family life for those waiting for the next release.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I would have liked this better if it didn't turn out to be somewhat of a "tease" as Dixon herself put it. The story uses a clever device to give Maylak a reason to visit almost everyone in the tribe--giving us a peek at everyone and a way to learn a ton of interesting tidbits and surprises about many in the tribe. It was a little less lighthearted and had a bit less of the trademark humor of the series. It was a really important piece for a short story and a must for fans of the series. There is also a super short story from Farli's point of view at the end of the main story. I think this was to give us a glance at Maddee and Asha and to strengthen our bond with Farli (there were some hints by the author earlier

that we would be getting Farli's resonance story further down the road). So altogether I enjoyed the story but not as much as some of the others. Can't wait for the next installment promised by summer's end. Yay IPBs!

This story was good, and it definitely makes me excited about the next book in the series. However, it is just a teaser, and I wonder how necessary it really is to the series. I mean it sets up a story to come, but it doesn't really hold much detail on its own. The best part of both stories was getting a better point of view from the sa-khui, especially one like Maylak, because we haven't really gotten any view points from the women sa-khui, and since she's already married to see how she views a lot of the new customs coming in, like kissing. Even Farli's really short story helped with this. But my issue that brought down the rating was that both of these short stories could've easily been full tales, and I feel a little jipped that we didn't get more from this. I don't know about the other readers, but while I do love the good lovin' side of these stories, I've become so invested in the characters that it's so much more than that now. I like the full story, and even in this where the characters are already settled, and it's more about an unknown threat than any romance really had me drawn in. And I wonder if Dixon realizes that she could easily make a thrilling story out of a lot of this that doesn't really focus on the human relationships and her readers would still love it. Well, at least this reader would.

Ruby Dixon is a dirty, dirty tease! I love these short little glimpses into the Not-Hoth world, but this one more than the others made me desperate for the next novel. We do get a glimpse into all of the caves during this short and that is lovely. I like seeing how everyone is doing. Something big is happening and I can't wait to find out what it will be...

The first short story teases us with something nebulous on the horizon. Maylak's sense of foreboding sends her through the caverns as she checks on each of the inhabitants. While all the couples are hale and hearty, there's something tickling her sixth sense. I enjoyed her wanderings through the cavern and seeing all the human women as they deal with mated life and their new babies. I'm even more excited as the tease of what's to come. Moving Day was kinda sad. As Farli helps move Maddie into her new cave, we see how Asha is sunk in her depression. Knowing Maddie's story is next, I wonder where that will leave Asha and if she can pull out of her funk. \*sad face\* Overall, enjoyable and the vague hints about the future make me want to snap up the next book ASAP.-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

I don't think if I have ever said how much I love this series. I stop whatever I'm reading to know what's going on with the ice planet barbarians and their human mates. I'm worried something's bad coming to these girls and nobody know when or how. I am so hoping that whatever happened there will be a happy ending with a new beginning. I'm hoping that Asha finds piece and Maddie a mate soon. My heart just aches for Asha.

Tease, tease, tease....I loved it!! We get a little look see at what is happening with our favorite blue hunky aliens and their human mates. Also this was Maylak's story and really what she has to deal with being the healer of the tribe. Short and so very sweet, I really enjoyed it and cannot wait for Maddie's story.

Now I realllllllly cannot wait until the next book. Calm just sated my thirst long enough for me to blink and then crave more. However I am very thankful for this small slice of life short that views a bit into the lives of others and allows us to revisit past characters as well. Thank you for the short, Ruby! I loved it!

It was short, sweet, and the author gives you a gleams of what's coming next? I just love this and I'm glad that all the women have found their mates except for, Maggie. Keep them coming and so ready for Maggie's story.

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