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Zola spent years traveling the world, studying with supernatural martial-arts masters. Now, as the only lion shifter in New Orleans, she enjoys freedom from politics as well as success in running her own business - self-defense training for psychics, spell casters and other shifters.

Only one man knows why she left home at nineteen - Walker Gravois. He was there when her Seer mother, her mind twisted by magic, exiled Zola from the pride. More to the point, he stayed behind, shattering her young heart in the process.

When he appears on her doorstep after ten years of silence, Zola is nowhere near ready to trust again. But with Walker's life in danger - and the passion between them burning hotter than ever - she'll have to choose between the safety of solitude and the risk of opening herself to others once again.

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Angie (Mind Malfunction) says

[Zola and Walker are Lion Shape Shifters who were once a part of the same pride. Zola was thrown out of her pride when her mother and their leader, felt she was a threat to her. Walker and Zola were romantically involved, but was told to stay away from Zola or her mother would have her killed. Zola mo

RaeBeth says

Zola's Pride by Moira Rogers is a great short read for those who like small quick books. In fact, I feel it was too short. The short story seemed to pull me in from the beginning although it seems to leave out a lot of information I would have loved to know. The plot seemed to be well thought out as was the characters.

With a touch of romance and a bit of action, I give this book four **** stars. I'm glad I had the opportunity to read it and I look forward to reading more of Moira Rogers work. I must say this author is talented and her work is intriguing.

Georgina Parkin says

This would have been a really great full length book. As it was, it was written nicely and got me interested in the world.

Jen Davis says

I was kind of bummed out when I found out this featured two characters I don't know. Zola has been mentioned peripherally, but this short romance is wholly apart from the rest of the series. It's got a quick cameo from Alec, but don't expect much more than a mention of the familiar characters.

I ended up enjoying it anyway. It's a second chance at love story, which often makes for the more emotionally believable novellas. It helps that speedy emotion make a little more sense.

Walker was Zola's first love, when she was just a teen in her mother's lion pride. But in her descent into madness, Mommy Dearest forced Zola away and would not allow Walker to follow. Now, Zola's mother is dead and Walker needs her help to protect the rest of the pride. When he shows up, all of the emotions and all of the heat comes back with him. And Zola has some difficult decisions to make about her heart and her future with the pride.

I liked the story and found Zola very easy to empathize with. I liked that she was strong, both physically and emotionally and that she was an older heroine. I was kind of surprised by how almost effortlessly she got

over a decade of heartbreak and betrayal, but the quick pace is doubtlessly tied to the short story length.

It has that great Moira Rogers sex and holds the tone and feel of the longer stories in the series. A fun read, but not a necessary one to keep up with the series.

LaTasha Watson says

Too short but good

If you have read any of the other arcane books you will already know about Zola. I would have liked a little more depth to the storyline. This is a quick novel that didn't take long to read. Hopefully there will be more books with Zola in them or with her pride included. I would have liked more details about what led to her mothers craziness and what happened after Zola left her mothers pride or what made her stronger. Overall, I recommend reading this short.

Delta says

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<http://www.amazon.com/Zolas-Pride-Sou...>

TinaMarie says

Betrayal and living successfully alone, her past returns, the man she loved, hoping she can save what's left of her former pride

Ilse says

This book is a must read for the series because Zola is mentioned continuously.

A.M. says

Zola owns and runs the fighting dojo that trains shifters and humans. It's in Alec's territory and he owes her a few favours. One of her students tells her there's a guy hanging around outside.

Then the wind shifted, and she smelled *him*. Shock held her frozen in place, a statue of ice that might shatter at any moment. Cigarettes. Leather. Lion. *Male*. His musky cologne should have changed in ten years. The way it heated the blood in her frozen heart should have changed. (Kindle Locations 77-81).

Walker Gravois was one of her lions shifter seer mother's bodyguards. He's come to tell Zola her mother is dead and the pride has been hunted so badly, that the forty or so members are down to six. He wants Zola to look after them, let them move to New Orleans and lead them.

She loved him back then, but he didn't stop her mother - insane as seers often are - when she saw her daughter as a rival and drove her out.

Walker loved Zola, and letting her go seemed like the right thing to do at the time. But he never told her that. Older and wiser, she knows how rare lion males are, too. She's not letting this one go.

3 stars

Kenya Wright says

I devoured this down in less then an hour because I'm cool like that! It was an awesome read! I will probably check out the books in this series now.

Sarah says

Zola's Pride is a short story in Moira Rogers' Southern Arcana series set between books 2 & 3. The story was originally published in The Mammoth Book of Paranormal Romance 2 but is now also available as a free download on Moira Rogers' website. Although set after book 2 in the SA series I don't think it would give any spoilers so you could read it as an introduction to the author's work.

It's hard to mention the plot of a short story because it is easy to give too much away so I'll just tell you that the 2 main characters, Zola and Walker, are both lion shifters who used to belong to the same pride. When Zola was forced to leave she was devastated that Walker didn't go with her but he had very good reasons not to. Now ten years on they meet again & Walker has a lot of explaining to do.

With short stories there obviously isn't as much time to get to know the characters as well as you would in a full length novel but I still liked them both. Zola's Pride is a great quick read containing romance and a little bit of action & I really enjoyed it. I'm sure fans of the SA series will like the story & as I've already mentioned it would be a good way to try a new author if you haven't read anything by Moira Rogers before. Don't expect the plot to be as detailed as it would be in one of the SA novels but I appreciate the fact that Bree & Donna (the 2 ladies behind the name Moira Rogers) offer free reads to their fans to keep us going between their releases.

Now I'm just looking forward to getting started on Deadlock!

Juana "Darkness" Duran says

Zola has all she has ever wanted in her life. After she was exiled from her pride Zola was alone and scared. And now Walker walks back into her life to mess it all up. Sparks fly but can she get passed him backing away from her all those years ago? I guess she can but its going to have to do because they are all over each other. Walker tells Zola that her crazy mother threatened him with her life. And Zola's like he really does love me, he walked away because her mother the seer of the Pride was threatening him. She said that if Walker followed Zola she would find her and him and kill them. So now Zola has gotten the Pride because

of her mothers death and that is why Walker came back. Find out what will happen to the pride? And will Zola take up as the new queen of the pride? Or will she take up with the Werewolf leader or Walker again?

Pamela Rabon says

This was a change of pace. New author to me.

Diane ~Firefly~ says

Super short so I can't say much without giving away the plot. But we have Walker seeking out Zola for help after her pride had turned her out years ago.

Scooper Speaks says

Super short and about what you'd expect to find in a story that's less than 100 pages long.
