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In this urban fantasy novella set in New York Times bestselling author Eileen Wilks's world of the lupi, a family holiday provides respite from an ongoing war—but not without a few skirmishes of its own...

Benedict would do anything to make Arjenie happy, even spend Christmas meeting her large, Wiccan, entirely human family. As a lupi warrior who's lived most of his life at Clanhome, Benedict is more than a little nervous. He isn't used to fitting in with humans, let alone a family who celebrates the Wiccan holiday of Yule.

Benedict even asked his brother for advice about clothes, hoping to create the right impression. So it's a shame that things go wrong from the moment he steps out of the car . . .

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Gail says

Great little novella, basically an adventure set in the midst of Benedict the lupus meeting Arjenie his mate's family at Christmas. Coyote shows up, and a bear, and Arjenie's twin cousins mix things up. Good stuff. Although anything Eileen writes is good stuff. So you should read it. :)

Jilly says

So far in this series, the half-books have been really important. The events and new characters that are introduced become vital later in the series.

This is not one of those instances.

This book is more like an episode of Scooby Doo where Scoob and the gang head out to Uncle Clay's farm to spend the holidays and happen upon a mystery. A bear has kidnapped someone! Scoob and company have to catch the bear, along with help from the annoying Scrappy-Doo and some other country bumpkin cousins. Aw, it's the suspicious guy that appears for no good reason in the story but to give us a person we knew all along was in a bear costume!!

Bookmom says

Originally released in 2011 in the anthology, Tied With a Bow, this story takes place after Death Magic. Benedict is somewhat nervous about meeting Arjenie's entire extended family, not knowing if he'll be accepted. But they are going for the Yule celebration and it's important to her.

There is a mystery involving black magic that starts off fairly quickly and Benedict and Arjenie both get involved. Arjenie's family gets to see a different side of her.

I've got to say first off that I've enjoyed all of the novellas in this series, but this is the one I've reread the most. Love the fact that you can now get these without the anthologies. Got to love Arjenie's family and their dynamics, as well as how each of them initially responds to who and what Benedict is.

But this one will pull on your heart strings and will leave you feeling good. And one character we meet? I hope he shows up in a future book.

This is not a good place to start the series, but if you are reading the series, you really need to have at least gotten as far as Blood Challenged to really appreciate this story.

Sally says

I love Benedict and Arjenie, and it was great getting to know her family and understanding more of her background. It was also fun seeing the Super tough Benedict feeling uncertain as he's presented to her world. A bit of excitement and a happy Christmas. A delightful novella in one of my very favourite series.

Trix says

[As far as I can tell, twin cousins of Arjenie invited a Native power to help them figure out if Arjenie had been compell

Emilye says

I loved this book for its insights into Benedict, Rule's older brother, as he goes with Arjenie to meet the family she grew up with. Family pushes to understand inexplicable behavior, and they all have opinions of how this Lupi came to have such prominence in Arjenie's life. But Benedict and Arjenie are united in their acceptance and pursuit of their mating, and the understanding they have of each other makes this read satisfying!

Sophia says

Benedict and Arjenie! I love that the author tucked this novella in between the other books of the series with this pair as the main characters. It was a 'meet the family' style story when Benedict goes with Arjenie to spend Yule with her Wiccan relations.

This big, in charge alpha wolf is a tad nervous about making the right impression on the in-laws. Unfortunately, things go south almost from the moment they arrive. Magical trickery, suspicious relations, a dead body, a killer bear, and a whimsical surprise ally have Benedict and Arjenie scrambling for their lives and the lives of her family.

This was lighter than the novels and I found the suspicious relations and the unexpected 'guest' humorous. In true World of the Lupi fashion, though, there is an investigation and a lethal situation that finds the couple who thought to have a quiet holiday with the family.

I was happy to get the story that featured this pair because I thought their secondary story line in the series was a nice one and I just wanted more- to see how their new mating is doing. Benedict is a wolf who gets things done and naturally takes control, but he is so respectful and appreciate of Arjenie. He makes sure her relations understand clearly that he treasures her as his mate and partner even while she is disappointed that her family still sees her as the injured and grieving little girl. They both get some good scenes tackling the issue.

All in all, this quick novella was a fantastic interim story between the bigger, heavy-hitters of the series.

Lara says

Arjenie's cousins, whose unsanctioned experiments allowed Coyote to enter this realm, are never dealt with/punished for how they treated Benedict as their family's guest. There is never a point at which they say, "Sorry we treated you badly and thought you'd put a spell on our cousin." In fact, although much is made about her aunt and uncle (and most others) treating her like a severely handicapped child, at no point does Arjenie stand up for herself, nor does anyone ever acknowledge that "gee, maybe she has grown up and can make adult decisions."

And when confronting the Big Bad, so much is made about "... surely this was (suspect) ..." that I was seriously expecting a big reveal that it was someone else. A little unusual to bait-and-switch without the switch.

Not the best of Wilks' writing, but I do enjoy the characters still.

Melindeeloo says

My review for this World of the Lupi connected novella that was originally published in the Tie with a Bow Anthology ... Benedict goes home with Arjenie to meet her family and to celebrate Solstice and the "grand explosion of culturally sanctioned greed" (aka Christmas) - I never read anthologies in order, and being a huge Lupi fan I couldn't wait and jumped straight into the Benedict and Arjenie short - I love those Lupi males and Arjenie is charming in her own oddball way as well - this story had a nice amount of mayhem in the background and the pair's now solid bond made me want to go back and reread the last book, Blood Challenge(109 pages).

edge of bubble says

Dr susan says

Not realizing I had read Human Error in Tied With a Bow, I requested it from the library. I love Benedict and Arjenie, and this novella highlights the best in this couple. Benedict's desire to fit in with Arjenie's family and Arjenie's desire to protect her mate from prejudice are only part of this couple's struggle to learn their place in human and lupi society.

Carolyn F. says

I started reading this as a stand alone ebook and then realized that I had read it before. Here's my previous review.

Arjenie and Benedict go to visit her family during the holidays and things do not start out great. In fact, her

uncle pulls a gun on Benedict. Then they find out that her cousins may have unintentionally brought over a bad spirit that is out to get their family. Great story. I just love the Lupi series. *****

Laura (Kyahgirl) says

4.5/5; 5 stars; A

It takes a lot of talent to make a novella as engaging and satisfying as a full length book. This novella is about Benedict and Arjenie, on a trip back east to spend time with the Wiccan in-laws, was really good. It had elements of wiccan and native magic, characters from the main series as well as new characters, all wrapped up in a 'feel good' holiday novella. The same novella is part of the Tied with a Bow anthology.

Marianne says

This was a nice little novella. I liked the focus on Benedict and Arjenie's relationship, and it was fun meeting her family. I'm curious as to whether or not Coyote will return in future books along with Sammy and Seri.

Katie Michaels says

Finally! I have been waiting for more Benedict and Arjenie since they first got together. And while I would have loved to get a full length book for them, this novella does the job quite nicely. These two are such a great pair. I love the way they compliment each other, they way they understand one another, and just... fit.

Here Benedict is accompanying his mate back home to visit her family for the holidays. It's sweet to see this strong, stoic man, nervous to meet the people who matter to her. I really felt connected to him as he tried to make a good impression and to please the woman he loves so much.

Of course, nothing can go easy. As soon as they arrive, things go awry. Benedict is forced into his wolf. There is a strange force operating on Arjenie's family land. And someone –or something– has gutted a man. Benedict and Arjenie team up with her Wiccan family and the local officials to get to the bottom of things.

The mystery is pretty good, an interesting mix of different mythologies. But where the story really shines is with the main characters. I simply love Benedict and Arjenie. They are so great together. The secondary characters are engaging too. Arjenie's family is eclectic and fun, and I hope we get to see more of them in the future.

This story isn't pivotal to the series, but fans won't want to skip it.

Rating: B/B+
