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*Before Ness, before Corny, before Leopold and Heckle and Mac, there was just Shax and Verin and a newly stolen, er, acquired cargo ship. Join Shax on his first adventure in space in which a pampered demon prince has a lot to learn.*

When a steel trap of celestial and infernal politics threatens to close around them, Shax and Verin flee Earth's system in a stolen ship, leaving everything behind. It's an elegantly simple plan, with a new ship and a new life as carefree brigands among the stars.

But the ship seems to hate them, and in order to have any sort of life they need funds. A frightened man offering them a contract to deliver three mysterious crates comes just in time, and Shax is sure their troubles are over. Out of his environment and in over his head, Shax scrambles to understand the players and the consequences of his new life. With cargo that's not what it seems, shadowy motives around every turn, and a gorgeous rogue named Julian for a dash of added confusion, Shax's grand schemes of a new start may be his demise before he can even begin.

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### Ami says

A prequel to Brimstone: Demon Owned & Operated, the story is (basically) about Shax and Verin's first adventure of transporting a valuable, at-risk cargo. See, they might look like potatoes ... but they're not ;-).

It's weird, it's imaginative, and Ivana Cockatoo the AI is as entertaining as ever...

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### Meep says

DNF at 30%

It's light, it's fun, just for some reason didn't hold my attention, no quibbles, just got so far then never picked it up again or had the desire to.

Enjoy.

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### Melanie says

A Scattered Thoughts and Rogue Words.com Review

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from that review, "Angel Martinez' imagination is fearless. Her demons may know other demons that fit within our prescribed notions of what demons should look like and how demons should act, her demons may even be related to demons that act that way. But Shax? He is one surprise after another, loyal, with an endless and often troublesome appreciation for the "pretties", his charm is as boundless as his enthusiasms. I adore Shax..."

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### Sheri says

Or maybe that's what Shax would say?

This story was...out of this world!!!

Loved the writing. Loved the cast. Loved the amusing story. Extremely entertaining!  
Think I'm going to need to check out the series...yep.  
Hooked.  
Fabulous prequel!

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## **Sophia says**

I've enjoyed several of the author's ESTO Universe stories so I thought I'd give this series a try. This was so fun that I'm definitely coming back for more.

The world of Brimstone is mostly sci-fi with a dab of paranormal because in this world angels and demons exist wing to horn with humans and other aliens. It's future space adventure with Shax, Demon Prince of Thieves and his childhood friend Ver on the run and exiled from trouble back on earth. The pair of them steal a space ship with a Drag Queen AI and have a few false starts before they work out how things work in the galaxy- space sharks, dubious dealers in information, shady cargo deals, a murky mercenary trans, and gem-colored potato surprises notwithstanding.

This was light and absurd, but a fun swashbuckling space pirate adventure for the Brimstone crew. Shax steals the show in his own roguish way.

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## **Love Bytes Reviews says**

5 Heart Review by Vicki

This could be a little spoilerish, be warned!

What a cool little story! I have read and LOVED the other Brimstone books, but it always felt like we started in the middle of shax's story, now we get to see the beginning.

Demons Shax and Verin are on the run, and steal a spaceship, really having no idea what to do with it, or where to go. They end up at the back-end of the universe, with no money, no plan, and a limited understanding of their stolen ship. After a bit of an argument and Verin getting rough with poor Shaxy, they are able to convince the ship it's now theirs, activate the AI (computer persona that runs the ship), and get moving. They head to the closest planet of ill repute to begin their new life as pirates.

There they take a job to transport three crates. Seems so simple, right? Well, no, nothing is simple with Shax being curious and clueless! He gets them involved in a bizarre plot involving stolen gem bugs, and a pissed off politician.

I loved this story! I am a HUGE fan of Angel Martinez books, her sci-fi and fantasy stories are fabulously creative. This one, although it's short, is right up there with the quality of her others. Shax is a fantastic character, a bad boy with a good heart, a penchant for stealing pretty things, and the arrogance that goes along with being a demon. Verin is the perfect counter to that, and provides some wonderful snark. This book is before the arrival of Ness, Shax's angel lover, and that was a little hard to see, but I loved the look at this early part in the story of Shax and Verin. The additional characters are great, especially Julian. Ivanna, the drag queen AI, is just so perfect. The bugs were cool, and just the perfect temptation for Shax. The plot was quirky and creative, well written and fast paced. Just what I expect from Angel.

I love Shax and his little black heart!

If you have read the other Brimstone books you'll love this one, if you haven't, you should give this one a try. It's not really a romance, that comes in the next book when Shax meets the love of his life, but this is still a great story and needs to be read. If you haven't tried and Angel Martinez story, this would be a good place to start. Then go read more!

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### **Dee Wy says**

4.5 stars. These short sci-fi stories in this series are little gems as far as I'm concerned. This was the sexiest one yet - who knew Shax was such a sexy lover? Cute, hot fun all around. Loved it.

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### **AliciaJ says**

The more I read by this author, the more I love her books.

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### **Alison says**

I absolutely loved this prequel to the Brimstone series. Ms Martinez is one of my favourite authors and she certainly delivered with this one. Brilliant ideas, intriguing plot, and as always in this series, Shax and Verin.

Definitely a must-read.

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### **D says**

Absolutely fascinating!

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### **Marge says**

A fun book with a Firefly or Millennium Falcon vibe. I look forward to reading the whole series.

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### **Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

Really enjoyed this one! Loved such an awesome trans character. <3, <3

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### **Jax says**

This was fun! Lighthearted scifi with great characters. I loved the interplay between Shax, Verin and their ship's AI Ivana. Will definitely try the next book.

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### **Liz (Bugetta) says**

This was so much fun! I've really enjoyed the Brimstone series and this prequel tells the story of how Shax and Verin acquired the Brimstone with it's fabulous IA Ms. Ivana. It also tells the tale of their first delivery job. Of course it's not what it seems - gem toned potatoes that aren't actually potatoes and of course it doesn't go as planned.

There is a romance but the lovers aren't meant to be together and that was okay. Normally I need an HEA, but knowing that Shax will meet his true love in the next book, I was okay with Julian being Mr. Right Now and the two parting amicably. This was my first romance with a trans character, which I need to remedy ASAP. I really liked Julian and would love to follow more of his adventures.

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### **❁~Amy~❁ says**

Loved this!!

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