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Presenting a new original science fiction story, “The Rotten Beast,” by author Mary E. Pearson, which takes place in the same near-future world of The Jenna Fox Chronicles.

In “The Rotten Beast,” a sixteen-year-old girl named Allys, living in a near future version of the U.S., is vehemently opposed to the way scientists are meddling with human and artificial life. In fact, she blames such scientific overreaching for the illness which is killing her. When she awakens one day to find that her parents have gone against her wishes and had an illegal operation performed to save her life and restore her body, she is furious and must come to terms with this new chance at life, which she didn’t ask for and didn’t think she wanted.

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From Reader Review The Rotten Beast for online ebook

Connor Rushen says

I really loved this novella and I was happy to read a little bit up on Allys, since she's a character I absolutely love in the series. Though it was a bit short, I still very much enjoyed it! Read it! READ IT NOW!!!

Nicole ((lost in the book's world)) says

I really want to know what Ally's response after she found out that she is not human like Jenna. I knew that she did told her parents to report on Jenna and her father.

Good to know how she deal with it.

Abigail says

I was expecting something more. This is a short pathetic little narration that has as much depth as a puddle of water. Allys wakes up to find she has limbs and was recreated in a lab. She's angry, it's illegal, she wants to report them all, but she doesn't react much to having arms and legs again. Two lines about having fingers, that's all. She doesn't have anything to say about her second lease on life - unlike Jenna or Locke. She has absolutely nothing to say at all and then eats the chocolate peach and gives in. Just like that. And by eating the peach she's magically accepted it. That's all.

This short little story was completely unnecessary.

Anita says

Mary E. Pearson: The Rotten Beast – egy 1,5. rész, ami Allys újraszületéséről szól.

Bevallom, hogy ez igazán jó elgondolás volt az írónéé, mert Allys egy igazán érdekes karakter. Én bírtam, hogy küzd egy célért, amiben hisz – annak ellenére is, hogy mi lenne a számára jó. Lebénult, elvesztette a végtagjait, haldoklik és mégis hisz abban, hogy rendszabályozni kell a gélfelhasználását.

<http://hagyjatokolvasok.blogspot.hu/2...>

SaraKat says

Short story from Allys's POV after waking up. She is determined not to forget her principles and give in to the temptations the forbidden science has given her.

Vandita says

2 stars!

I really loved the first book in Jenna Fox chronicles. Second book not so much.

This short story is about Jenna's friend Allys who was remade with bio-gel. It was nice to have a look into her mind, not that it mattered much.

Anyway I do recommend The Adoration of Jenna Fox, that is the first book in Jenna Fox chronicles. It truly is a masterpiece.

Jenna says

I don't really find Allys all that interesting. But I found this story after finishing "The Fox Inheritance" ... so I read it. It was a nice little insight into her character. It reads more like a character study than an actual short story. Also, I think chocolate peaches sound disgusting (sure, I get their symbolism and function in the story ... still, gross.)

Mel (Daily Prophecy) says

"No. Not anymore. I'm a thing. You now have a thing."

A chocolate peach. Sounds delicious!

It was interesting to see the character go from 'I'm a monster' to 'Okay, I can accept this.' It was bound to happen. There is nothing you can do about it and let's be real; if you could choose between dying or getting an advanced body, what would you do?

Anja says

I see where she's coming from finding scientific advancement so repulsive. But it isn't all black and white, there are gray areas as well...

A nice little insight into Allys. It fills a gap between last chapter and epilogue of *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. I really wanted to know what happened after Ally's parents asked for help.

Emily says

I'm so grateful to have found this short story! I was dying to know how Allys would react upon waking up, so thanks to the author for satisfying my curiosity!

Adeline Reads says

eh.

Roberta R. (Offbeat YA) says

Excerpt from my review - originally published at Offbeat YA.

Pros: Provides a bridge between the 1st and 2nd book in the series (though you don't need to read this in order to better understand the sequel).

Cons: The only dissident voice in *TAOJF* is domesticated - in an outrageously easy manner.

Will appeal to: Those who need a life-affirming statement at any cost.

Whole review here.

Yolanda Sfetsos says

I read this story in one sitting and really enjoyed it. It was fun to read a story from the POV of Allys. It didn't have the same magical feel that *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* had, but it was still cool. :)

Sarah says

I've only read the first two books in the Jenna Fox series, and those some years ago. This year, I want to be better about finishing up series that I started and are complete now. I also want to be better about reading shorts that are set in the same worlds as these series. I was surprised to see this series had one such short, but happy that it was available to read for free on Tor's website. While I have a hard time remembering the specific character this story is about, I still thought it was an interesting look into how someone can be seduced by taking one tiny step toward something they don't understand.

And now I want a chocolate peach.

Lothfleur says

C'est en fait une nouvelle à lire entre le tome 1 et 2. On se retrouve avec une jeune fille qui a subi le même genre d'opérations que Jenna Fox mais qui, comme nous l'explique la présentation, trouve ces manipulations absolument immondes, immorales.

Ne connaissant pas le monde, j'ai néanmoins trouvé que ça ressemblait beaucoup à *Skinned* de Robin Wasserman avec ces opérations effectuées contre le gré du personnage etc – sauf qu'au moins elle reste elle-même Allys, elle n'est pas plus qu'une mémoire d'ordinateur. C'est peut-être pour ça que je n'ai pas accroché à ses jérémiades, à son rejet clair et simple des modifications sans chercher à se soucier de ce que les autres pensaient. Elle donnait l'impression de savoir mieux que tout le monde et donc que les autres devaient se conformer à son opinion, elle m'était assez antipathique. Mais, évidemment, la nouvelle traite du moment où

elle doit faire face à la seconde chance que ces modifications qu'elle trouve abominables et inhumaines lui donne : une chance de vivre purement et simplement.

Étant donné que c'est une nouvelle, certaines choses ne sont pas traitées, comme les questions sur la sécurité quant à la consommation et la culture des fruits génétiquement modifiés comme la pêche au chocolat, la fameuse « rotten beast », alors je suis vraiment restée sur ma faim. Mais si les romans abordent tous les sujets et pas seulement les modifications sur les êtres humains, ça pourrait être intéressant en tous cas !
