

Interview
**With An Alpha, Furry Guy's
Girlfriend Diana Ridley-Weremones**

Buffi: Hi everyone! Today, I'm going to interview Diana Ridley, the not-so-furry alpha heroine from Weremones. Good morning, Diana.

Diana: Good morning to you too, Buffi. Thanks for having us. By the way, this is Mark.

Buffi: (smiling down at a fidgeting blond boy) Well you're both welcome. Let's move along to the interview, shall we? Diana, you're married to the, *wolven*, Adam Weis, right?

Diana: Not exactly. But you do have the terminology right. I...

Mark: But you said I could be in the wedding.

Diana: (eyes narrowing at the boy in warning) What I *said* is that we'd see how things go after everyone settles into school next year.

Buffi: So you're not married yet? Engaged?

Diana: I'm mated. Which is more of a commitment than marriage. (extracts a pencil from Mark's hand and puts it on opposite table.) But then our pack consists of mostly teenagers, so it's a commitment no matter how you look at it.

Buffi: Oh. I can see that. What is the difference in marriage and mating?

Diana: Well, for starters-- *Mark, stop kicking the chair.* (takes a pen from boy and places it beside the pencil) For starters, a *matebond* is permanent. It psychically, or magically, connects the couple.

Buffi: I thought magic and psychic powers were different.

Diana: (shakes her head then reaches out and tugs boy back into his seat) No, the energy used to perform the task is the same. The distinction is in the way it's used. I'm a human psychic. For me, manipulating the magic is an innate ability.

Buffi: What powers do you have? Can you do things like manipulate fire and read minds?

Diana: (laughs) Oh, goodness. No. My most obvious gift is empathy. I can feel what others are feeling. (boy yelps and settles down. Diana gives him a stern stare) I can also cause a sensation or feeling in those I'm strongly connected too. But that is more recent since becoming an alpha over the pack.

Buffi: What other kinds of gifts do you have?

Diana: My gifts are growing and changing because of my association with the pack. Also, until recently, I never thought to test my limits. I was more or less trying to fit in with the world. Raise my kids. You know, normal stuff.

Mark: Mom, I have to go to the bathroom.

Diana: You went before we got here.

Mark: (looking pitiful) But I got to go again.

Buffi: It's right down the hall. (points)

Diana: He doesn't have to go. Trust me. And you don't want him loose in your lovely home.

Mark: *Mo-om.* (slumps back down into seat)

Buffi: So what did you think of Adam Weis the first time you met?

Diana: I thought the idiot was going to get us eaten by

werewolves. Then I passed out.

Buffi: (blinks) Oh.

Diana: (laughs again) You wanted romance, didn't you? Adam is hot, possessive, and very intense. And overbearing. But romance with five, no seven kids, counting my two, is difficult.

Buffi: But worth it, right?

Diana: (Dreamy smile and fans herself) *Oh, yeah.* Very worth it.

Mark: (looks affronted) *MOM!*

Buffi: Are all the wolvern like Adam?

Diana: You mean hot? (grins) All my guys are heart-breakers.

Mark: I'm not a heart-breaker. (leans into hair ruffle by Diana)

Diana: Like I said. All my guys are heart-breakers. Heaven help the woman who eventually takes this one on.

Buffi: You haven't mentioned your other adult pack members. What about them?

Diana: (nods) Mack, Tank, Chase, and Tamara. Mack is our beta, and a human psychic as well. Tank and Chase are my wardens.

Buffi: You said "my wardens"...does that mean anything special?

Diana: Oh, no. They are the pack's wardens. Protectors. It's just that they saved me from a very bad situation and I have a special connection with them.

Buffi: (leaning forward with a conspiratorial smile) Does Adam mind this "special connection" you have with two admittedly, hot, intense men?

Diana: Um... It's not like that. When a wolveren shares blood with a psychic, it creates a special connection. Yes, before you ask, it is an intimate thing. But not necessarily sexual. And yes, it does create possessive feelings. But as far as me having a *thing* with either of them? No. My heart belongs to Adam.

Buffi: You didn't say how Adam felt about your connection.

Diana: (crossing her arms and leveling a look at Buffi) I'm an independent woman who can stand up for herself. Adam understands the relationship, because he has a similar one with Mack. Like I said. The blood-bond is a special connection. It doesn't have to be sexual.

Mark: Mom.

Diana: No.

Mark: But I didn't ask anything yet.

Diana: It's still no. You're grounded and not leaving my sight.

Mark: That's so not fair.

Diana: I'm sure the school custodian thought it wasn't fair rounding up all those snakes.

Buffi: *Snakes?*

Mark: The custodian didn't have to catch them. They had a special snake handler. And none of them were poisonous. (slumps back into seat again) It's not fair.

Buffi: (eyeing the boy in a new light) Well, I suppose you have your hands busy with such a big family. Where do you find time for a relationship?

Diana: (laughing) Oh, you have no idea. It is work. But very worth it. (gets a dazed, happy look again) Adam may think he's

top dog. But I've got him right where I want him. (Looks around)

Buffi: (smile fades as focuses on empty chair) I guess he had to go to the bathroom after all.

(CRASH from outside.)

Diana: (Jumps up and runs to door) MARK!

Buffi: (sighs and looks out living room window) I guess that's it for today. Hey! *How did the goat get out?* (Jumps up and runs for door) NO! Not the rose bush!

Happy Reading! ~Buffi