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Cody McCall woke up in a hospital with no immediate memory of how he got there. He did remember being on vacation in Florida and getting epically drunk, but after that things were pretty much a blur. When he realizes he's on suicide watch and that Jake Rogers, his best friend and his partner on the police force back home, is sitting by his bedside, things become even more confusing.

And then it all comes back to him—how he'd had too much to drink and decided to try something he'd seen on the internet involving ropes. A passing maid saved his life, but now he's strapped to a bed and his best friend is more angry with him than he's ever been. Jake manages to get Cody sprung from the hospital, but Cody's not out of the woods, by any means.

Jake has something planned for Cody that will not only keep him safe, but also keep him firmly under Jake's control.

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From Reader Review The Keyholder for online ebook

❀~Amy~❀ says

Re-read 9/8/15

Livia says

Good start to a series. Good plot line and well rounded characters. On the short side but a good read none the less.

Well be seeking more from the author

SoCalBookReviews says

It was ok

For a short book it was okay. it felt like there should have been a little more lead in to the story between Jake and Cody. But.. Big pet peeve.... The two MC names were switched (wrong names used) in like 4 spots which is annoying it Needs better editing especially being a short story...

Dee says

3 stars.

It was very short, it ended pretty abruptly and there were a couple of editing issues - however I had an amazon credit that gave me books 1, 2 & 3 in the series for merely £1.50 which works out to only 50p a story so. . . yeah, I think it's an OK price for it - be interesting to see what they charge for the complete series when they've all been released especially if bound in one volume. Otherwise they're 77p each. . . and depending on how long the series goes on, that might p*ss me off a bit because that's almost a £1 for perhaps about a chapter.

Meantimes it was steamy, sexy hotness that required absolutely nothing from me and I enjoyed it.

~SexyBookWorm~ says

Ya know this book had a great start. .but it didn't quite pan out for me. it felt unfinished to me. I liked the characters and the premise but there just wasn't enough to even call it a short.

Lilia Ford says

I read it in less than 20 minutes and found it hot enough to read the second part (which was even less satisfying,) but by the end I felt like I'd read a description of a story rather than an actual one. The idea itself had potential and there are some very steamy moments, but altogether this is too short and undeveloped to really work. Cody is okay, but Jake is more brooding presence than person, with no discernible motivation, and the story was missing about eleven of the steps needed to get Cody from the hospital bed to kneeling on the floor calling Jake "Sir."

Sandi ♥'s way too many M/M books says

2.5 stars

Poppy says

Shannon West has popped on my "recs" for over a year now. I've read all of her work

Her imagination is great and she never fails to deliver. A great little read that honestly left me wanting more

Nile Princess says

Ok, seriously, what is this new thing authors are doing where they split one book in parts and sell each part individually? This isn't a series, or even a short story; it's clearly just a couple chapters in a book that just ends abruptly (there is a clear difference in the feel). Just sell one book at the regular price! Ugh.

Ok, now about the actual (partial) book, it's interesting so far. I will be continuing. I do think that Jake's approach is a bit unrealistic and heavy handed, and Cody just goes from 'I don't even know what a sub is' to 'I want to learn to please you' in the blink of an eye, but I like the characters enough to continue. 3 stars.

Missmeanie says

Can't wait for the rest of the story!!!

Mae Hanley says

I'm going to give these SHORT short-stories a chance by reading the 1st 3. But they are truly no more than what I consider to be a chapter of an actual story. Which is disappointing in that it appears the author broke them down to super shorts in order to gain more income. I get that but I don't necessarily like it.

Cody is a bit too complacent in his acceptance of Jake's sudden proclamation of Cody belonging to Jake. There was never any discussion just this is how it is. And that's not how it works. Had I read this one before the 2nd one (not realizing it was part 2) I would not have continued at all.

Tessi4M says

Cody wakes up in the hospital after something of a fuck-up and Jake decides to take over since Cody obviously isn't capable of taking care of himself.

It's a very short but quite promising start to the series. And it is a real series - no point reading just this one as the end of it it is more a beginning than an end.

I did subtract for the editing, though. I counted at least 4 cases of getting the characters mixed up. Which should really not be too hard to avoid - there are only two of them, after all, and it just takes someone reading the book before publishing to catch those. Quite annoying.

Wandering Reader says

This story started well with MC1, Cody McCall, waking up in the hospital after almost killing himself while experimenting with autoerotic asphyxia. By his side when he awakes is the MC2, Jake Rogers, his "partner on the police force". After Jake checks Cody out of the hospital, Jake shares (decrees?) that not only is he gay but from here on out he and Cody will be in a D/s relationship and as Cody's Dominant will make sure Cody stops the downward spiral that his personal life has become.

This story is a very short *fantasy* BDSM chapter in a series that currently has four installments.

In addition to it's short length, which didn't allow me time to get into the story, there were some glaring errors such as Jake calling Cody "Jake McCall", that also kept me from losing myself in the story.

I do intend to read the next chapter or two to see if this series gets better since the premise is interesting and the chapters are so short I won't feel put out if they don't get better.

Theresa says

Warning - I really liked this first book but gave the second book in this series only ONE star because Jake is a really bad Dom. My Review for The Submissive

Sue bowdley says

I love short reads and I really enjoyed Shannon West's Weekend Getaway books...this one was just as good....Ideal for a cup of tea read.....Cody and Jake were great together even for a short scene book....Apart from one tiny slip up with a wrong name a really great read x
