



## Hot Summer Days

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*Dear Author,*

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*What did they teach him, I wonder?*

*What is he thinking now and who is he waiting for, I wonder? Maybe a young protégé? Or maybe one of his tutors? I wonder what they will do.*

*I would like to know.*

**Photo Description:** A gorgeous young man reclines on a black leather couch, one knee raised, a hand curled against his cheek. Low-cut black jeans and an unbuttoned white shirt expose the perfect cut of his hip and the washboard muscles of his lean stomach. His fine red-brown hair is artistically tousled. His blue eyes stare soberly into the distance.

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Hot Summer Days**" event. Group members were asked to write a story prompt inspired by a photo of their choice. Authors of the group selected a photo and prompt that spoke to them and wrote a short story.

Read the story here or find it in Don't Read in the Closet, Volume 3.

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## From Reader Review You're It for online ebook

### Marte - Thunderella says

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*"You aren't the only one who's dreamed about this for far longer than was wise. But we're here now, and that's what matters."*

*"Roy and Paul know, don't they? Tegan asked. "That's why they left."*

*"Probably," Hugh replied.*

*"Paul asked me last year on your birthday why I didn't kick them out."*

*"Why didn't you?"*

*"Because I didn't think you were ready to hear how I felt," Hugh admitted. "It was easier to play it off as a birt*

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### Britta ★ Nachteule ★ says

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### Bree Nead says

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### Becca Waldrop says

Tegen goes into a gay gym beat up and worn down. Hugh takes him under his wing and builds him up and teaches him what he needs to survive. Over the years year Tegan falls for Hugh and wants him to be in his life and on his college graduation day...he gets his wish. Sweet little short love story

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### Exina says

It is the kind of story that easily could have been a novel (maybe a better novel than it was as a short story), but it is squeezed into a couple of pages.

The narrative annoyed me (lots of telling instead of showing), the story couldn't grab me, and I couldn't connect with the characters at all.

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## **Wendy Ann says**

Oh, I love Tegan and Hugh!! I'm such a sap for romantic lines and gestures, so I was really moved during the birthday present scene when Hugh had Tegan's back even when the 4 guys were messing around, Hugh holding Tegan through the night, and Tegan's declaration: *"This is it for me. You're it. I promise."* The whole thing gave me gooey insides:) Loved it, thanks for a fabulous story!!!

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## **SueM says**

Oh I love this one! Hugh's caring and love was clear from the start, just as Tegan's was too. Of course, Ariel, the problem now is that I want a whole lot more of these two! A very sweet and sexy story, thank you for writing it!

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## **Kendra T says**

This was a cute story for being a free short. There wasn't a lot of relationship/character development for me. The story was written in Tegan's POV so I think I got a good understanding of how he felt in general but it seemed to me to be more of infatuation with Hugh rather than love. And there was no real explanation of Hugh's feelings or how he got there. Would have liked a little more of that to get really into the story.

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## **Serena says**

Don't Read in the Closet: Volume Three

My Rating System:

\* couldn't finish, \*\* wouldn't recommend, \*\*\* would recommend, \*\*\*\* would read again, \*\*\*\*\* have read again

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## **Trix says**

It was a sweet story. I liked the characters' happy ending.

However, I would have liked to know more about Tegan when he was sixteen, how he felt about his attraction to other men. How he behaved first when joining the gay gym. How his relationship with Hugh, Paul and Roy developed. Especially if there were any tell tale signs that he and Hugh had feelings for each other.

But as a short story, this was cute and endearing. A very nice read!

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## **Bubbles Huntly Honest & Direct Opinions says**

this one was an ok short story. we know nothing about hugh at all though and it wasn't my style

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## **Neyjour says**

### ***Story Prompt:***

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## **Heather C says**

This story was just ok. It matched the prompt well, but I just couldn't get into it enough to connect with the characters and find it hot. It's free.,

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## **E says**

A sweet read about first times, love and true feelings. I loved it.

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## **Arlyn says**

I actually liked the components of the story which were set up in the book. The three star rating only comes from the fact that I wanted to know more about the characters, so I could get more emotionally involved in the read. I want to know what Keegan went through when he showed up at the gym all beat up. I want to know how the friendship between Hugh and Keegan evolved, and when/how their attraction deepened from lust to love. What's the history between Roy, Paul and Hugh?

Anyway, if this were a preview of a more in-depth book, I'd definitely be into reading it! (Hint, Hint)

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