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Official Description: Matt appears on Denny's doorstep four years after Matt's mother -- Denny's stepmother -- put Denny on the first bus out of California. Loving his very closeted stepbrother cost Denny everything once: his home, his family, the safety net of his trust fund. Everything. Denny built a new life. Matt finally coming out has stirred his stepmother's wrath, though, and four years of *not* loving Matt is about to cost Denny everything. Again.

Or is it?

Original Prompt:

Dear Author,

Sometimes you can find the love in the most unexpected places. He was younger and so full of himself that I couldn't even stand the sight of him. Unfortunately, we've know each other our whole life, so I couldn't ignore him. And then he decided to prepare a surprise...

I've fallen in love with this picture and I'd be really grateful if someone wrote a story about these handsome men. It could be about close neighbours or even brothers (but not friends :). When I look at this picture I see sparks of love, passion and admiration flying between both men and the story should be the same.

Photo Description: Two dark-haired jean-clad young men stand chest to chest, faces angled together, eyes closed. Bare muscular abdomens touch. Their mouths hover a breath away from each other. The taller, his back pressed to a rough wall, has a finger tucked in the other man's waistband, pulling him close.

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From Reader Review The Importance of Being Denny for online ebook

Wendy Ann says

shivers Some serious chemistry between these guys! I loved the nickname Mateo - just something very intimate about it. I also loved that it was the younger stepbrother as the aggressor. I would love, love, love a longer version of their story with more about the guys, but also the demise of the wicked witch;) Wow, I couldn't gobble this one up fast enough - awesome!!! Spectacular story:)

Don Bradshaw says

Just beautiful.

? Irena ? says

[It seems I should stick to K.

Bubbles Huntly Honest & Direct Opinions says

Oh man i don't know what to say i hated Matt and what he did and he didn't redeem himself IMO but i loved the writing and couldn't stop reading it

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

This was a short, hot, free novella that fulfilled my smutty desires. The downside is that there wasn't much in the way of substance. I would have liked to know the characters more and get a real feel for them. It felt one-dimensional to me. However, it was nicely written and got my heart racing!

~☆~Døni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

The evil stepmother in Cinderella has nothing on Anna, Matt's mother.

This wasn't kinky in the least. The characters were one-dimensional, and the plot thin at best.

Ridiculous & contrived.

And the play on Oscar Wilde in the title? INSULTING.

Macky says

3.75* Rounded up.

Emotionally charged sexy short dealing with the attraction and lust/love between two stepbrothers, forced apart by a very bitchy money grabbing step mother, who reconnect 4 years after a traumatic event forces Denny (the elder of the two) to run. Matt, the youngest, and son of Anna the Bitch from hell finally finds Denny and the two of them escape to Matts cabin where they thrash out the past and the effects it's still having on both their lives... Needless to say the love and sexual pull is as strong between them as it ever was and the obvious happens ...

A good story that would probably have been even more enjoyable if the story had been expanded as there are quite a few threads that felt unfinished in the story and the ending does leave you wondering what will happen to the two of them as Anna is still on the warpath, but that can be put down to the length. For a free story though its well worth picking up. Part of the Don't Read In The Closet anthology.

Laura says

Kari Gregg's The Importance of Being Denny pulls readers into a family and love torn apart. Matt and Denny are stepbrothers, who lusted after and fell in love with each other as teens, but were forced apart by a bitch of a mother-stepmother with shame and pain. Now four years later, Matt shows up at Denny's door hoping to convince him to trust and love again. But can Denny open his heart to Matt again?

Shall we get right to the elephant in the review—stepbrothers? :o Yeah. Stepbrothers. A forbidden love, but damn hot! :D These pages merely hint and glimpse at the smoldering, pent up, “We shouldn’t” do this forbidden relationship as teens. The younger brother, Matt, going after his older stepbrother adds a very sexy ingredient to the couple's captivating chemistry. *whistles* Very hot! Matt knew what he wanted at 15 and went after him! I longed for more of their history and struggle as teenagers, but that is not Ms. Gregg's style. This short story is focused on the characters here and now. Plus the longing does add a delicious degree of mystery and suspense to the heat. Nothing wrong with leaving readers wanting more!

”There’s nothing sexier than you on your hands and knees, shaking with how much you want me.”

Matt's cocky-confidence, lust, and guilt paired with Denny's vulnerability, hurt, and sweetness create an extremely potent, sharp, sexy chemistry. With quick banter, humor, attitude, and sparks, Matt and Denny set these pages on fire! Kari Gregg, once again, introduces readers to two strong, sexy characters to love, root for, and drool over. :D Her characters are unforgettable!

Hope you jump into this free short story! Kari Gregg has a fun-can't-put-it-down style and way with words that makes me smile.

p.s. Favorite word here—"dumbfuckery". :D

CAS says

Heya Kari!

This was definately one I have been eagerly waiting for and BOY HOWDY did you deliver!

I love the use of "The Importance of Being Earnest", it tied everything together perfectly.... with a big bright shiny bow.

You are so full of incredible awesomeness and so is this one of a kindness story of love lost and found.

I love **YOUR** boys and thanks so much for playing nice and sharing. :)

Britta ★ Nachteule ★ says

*****Read as part of the free Don't Read in the Closet: Volume Two anthology. Story #12*****

See I've read this some weeks ago and forgot to update it here.

Now I can't remember it enough to review it properly.

I only remember the plot and that it didn't left me with a bad nor a blown-away feeling.

So I won't rate it.

Kat says

Time better spent doing grocery shopping.

Shelby P says

Too many questions left unanswered. At what age did Denny and Matt become stepbrothers? Why did the stepmother hate Denny so? How did she find Denny with cum dripping from his ass but Matt was nowhere in sight? Why would Matt think Denny thought it was rape if Denny explained how he kissed Matt's shoulders, neck, etc?

I didn't find anything sweet about this story as some reviewers claim. The story was confusing at best. I

didn't care for Denny or Matt. And if you're gonna name your character Mateo but call him Matt, why not just name him Matt in the first place? Are nicknames really necessary?

? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

The evil stepmother Anna should be shot. How Allen couldn't and didn't know she'd be a cunt to his son, I'm just baffled. Kill the bitch. I don't like her. She must die. Denny should have fought back. Kind of a weakling, isn't he? Mateo is not the brightest either. I think Anna just really wanted to fuck Denny and was pissed her son popped Denny's cherry first. I'm mad.

Tamela says

I enjoyed this story and really felt for Denny and Mateo. What a pity to have a mother like Anna, though she sounds more like prison guard than a mother. That was one thing I would have loved to have seen, Anna getting "hers". Too bad this was a short story. Oh well, maybe next time.

Andrew says
