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Dear Author,

"I saw you behind the Fried Twinkie stand with him again! When are you going to get your shit together and show up to these events on time?"

Photo Description: Two men dressed in chain mail and armor stare intently at one another. One grips the other's shirt and appears to be angry.

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love is Always Write**" 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.

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From Reader Review A Hard Dazed Knight for online ebook

?♥? Michaelle ?♥? says

4.1 Stars

I liked this a whole lot more than the reviews led me to believe I would! Maybe it's the geek in me, but I loved the attention to detail for the fights, for the costumes, for the whole Ren-Faire aspect. And the *almost* hate-sex was hot as hell! Now, if only stupid boys wouldn't be so quick to jump to misunderstandings - or be willing to talk out their shit a little more - then the drama wouldn't be so eye-rollingly cringe-worthy. *Le Sigh*

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

I think I'd like this better if he'd been flirting with the twink not hooking up with him right there in the open for anyone to see. Not a fan of how he uses the barely legal twink and can't even be bothered to remembertwinks name.

Also it's his first week? And he is missing performances to hook up with benders right there where any guest could see? He can't manage his sword. Um why would they pay? It couldn't be that hard to find a better more dedicated and skilled actor.

See no connection between the characters and they're kissing leaning against horses?

So like less than an hour after hooking up with the twink the two mcs are having sex? Why? What changed? After months together before story and nothing at Allan's now all I the sudden just boom sex.

Yeah Not feeling this at all. Seems very ridiculous. The oh thing detailed are the horses, the sex, and all their uttu thoughts/past encounters. Not sure why story/plot is supposed to be here

He grunts and sounds like the horse during sex? Nasty

So whole story: boring missed show because he's coming in the twink. A boring shoving match. Feed horses. Oral sex where he gets off while blowing guy. Long slow boring foreplay with a pointless scene where they eat pizza and drink beer. More sex where he comes by being roughly bitten. Then he comes again just from being fucked. Apparently he is just a never ending come machine. And he screams so Lou they hear him the next building over even though it's raining really hard and thundering . Starts using pet names right away mostly "baby". Have a short nap before waking up for more sex so it can just get more and more unrealistic. The whole things is just mundane average sex.

Nothing is developed characters are very plain and whole thing just made me go blah. Least it's short and free

Exina says

Too much focus on the knight performance/games/whatever. I just couldn't get connected with the story nor the characters, but the sex scenes were hot.

Sandra says

Offered for FREE from the M/M Romance Group, *Love Is Always Write: Volume Four*.

MLE says

Funny, sexy, and sweet. The characters, setting, and plot all worked together well. I really liked it.

LutaWolf says

One of the reviews on here kind of pissed me off and while maybe I should keep my mouth shut, I've never really been too good at that.. I'm starting to think that a lot of the members have a total lack of appreciation for the fact that they are getting free reads and as long as the author isn't giving us total horse shit than maybe we should think about showing some respect but hey that's just my openion and you can take it or leave it. The fact is the authors are taking time out of their busy schedules to do this as a favor and I for one personally apologize for the bullshit that they seemed to be having to put up with and BEGG that you not let the actions of a few fools keep you from doing this again.

I really enjoyed this story and can't wait to read more from the characters!

Elizabetta says

3.5 stars

You tend to forget how many great stories the Goodreads M/M Romance Group annual writing event has given its readers. For Free. And I'm obviously still catching up on my reading. This one is from 2012, *Love Is Always Write*.

This is only my second story by JJ Cassidy, and I'm becoming a fan. The writing is very good and this one catches the atmosphere of the Ren Faire as well as peppering it with the humor necessary to the shenanigans.

Here, we get some ‘behind the curtain’ drama as well.

Whooboy, Simon blew it when he hooked up with that twink behind the Fried Twinkie Booth. Did he really think Jay, his hunky partner in the jousting ring, wouldn’t find out? These two Ren faire workers have a simmering hankering going on. Jay comes off as uncertain and... sweet. But we don’t really find out why he’s so afraid to fall for Simon’s flirty ways. Let’s say he’s shy, but there’s got to be more to it.

This is a short, quick read. Over too soon and not very filling. But, fun around the edges, gooey sweet and soft at its center. Kinda like that Twinkie.

Emma Sea says

Wow, that was great! This may be my favourite so far from Love is Always Write.

When authors go for light hearted in m/m it's so hard to get the right tone, but Cassidy manages it for the beginning of the story, and then it seamlessly melds into hot sex and love. The dialog is sharp and clever:

"I think I forgot to pack my tiara, but I'm pretty sure I have my 'Size Queen' t-shirt here somewhere".

I know I already said it, but the sex is HOT. And the kissing is HOT. And the slow caressing touches on the trapezius are HOT!

Highly recommended.

Julesmarie says

[Simon's comment at the end where he tells Jay "it should

Katy Beth McKee says

This is a story with some humor and it was well written but I just never really got to care too much about these guys who seem to spend most of their time getting in their own way instead of admitting there was something there and going for it.

Ayanna says

I agree with Emma.

It was hot and sexy and stuff. I liked the characters, I liked their interactions, I liked their non-asshole friends, I liked the horses (horses are awesome. and the horses had awesome names).

And it still managed to be adorable and sweet, light-hearted, but no frivolous.

In short, I really liked it. There should be more. No, there has to be more. I really wanna read about an epic joust. Really, *really* wanna read about one.

Vio says

I am feeling lazy and Kris's short review, sums it up nicely. Briefly, it didn't hit every good spot, apart from the ups and downs I did like it more towards the end.

Bettye Kanady says

The story was okay. The setting is the Renaissance Fair, between "The Black Knight" and his rival; better known as Jay and Simon. Jay is pretty shy and appears to be an "asshole" least wise to Simon. The first thing I read when I got to this book's page was the words "Behind the fried Twinkie stand? Really?" Well, what makes that real funny is that when I got into the story, Simon had indulged in oral sex with a blond twink behind the fried Twinkie stand! How hilarious is that? Anyway, the story is about the seemingly non-relationship between the two that grows into something more after a "choreographed fight" that happened to end up in the mud. So, we have two hot "knights" mud wrestling and cursing each other in terms that are supposedly scripted in Old English! A prime example? The Black Knight/Jay/Sir Jeremy throws out: "**You are nothing more than a cringing cur, a spineless whoreson --**" to which Simon/Sir Simon replies: "**Cease your foul prattle, you cod-swallowing --**"...The language alone was pretty fun for me. Once they both got out of character and were just Jay and Simon again, reality reared its head and showed us a man who was very shy, with low self-image who really liked a guy who liked to get laid...a lot. The question was if anything more was going to get built? That's what the reader will have answer at the end of the story...

Lauren says

Wow! I really enjoyed this! The picture and prompt were awesome and I was really excited to see what JJ did with it. She did a fantastic job of bringing these two men to life and I really hope she continues on with their story in the future :)

Jerry says

4.5 stars

I really liked this story. I find it hard to categorize with my normal ones. They start out in chainmail and "knight" attire, speaking in the Bard's English, yet it is a contemporary story with current attitudes of acceptance. What a great job of combining the two! If only there was some archery involved and a fantasy would come true. The story is short so there really isn't enough time to make a commitment or call it true love, but it could continue if it got turned into a full novel? Hint, hint.

