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A novella about Jasper, a character from FOR REAL. A giveaway to folks who sign up for Hall's mailing list.

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From Reader Review In Vino for online ebook

Kat ? says

I've been harbouring some serious Jasper feels since reading For Real for the first time more than a year ago. He only had the briefest of cameos in that book, but he was in it enough to have me convinced his was a story that, someday, hopefully, would be told.

So while this isn't Jasper's full story, it is a Jasper aperitif that manages to show what a pretentious, sad, kinky, messed up, inappropriately behaving dick he is.

Needless to say I loved this and I love him.

Izzy says

This kinky, naughty, vignette conveys more emotions and sexy shivers than most so-called erotic romances. Jasper is a man with a story and whether we finally get that story or not he is a character who will stay with me.

A naughty, tipsy Oxford Don, a young virile undergrad and Alexis Hall's writing - sublime.

Oh and currently free from his newsletter !

Dia says

5 HUGE HOT stars!

I absolutely loved this book!!! The only problem: it is too short!!!! But God, it was SO intense!!! Can't believe how much I loved it! Wow. Just wow. Unexpected and extremely hot! These words describe perfectly my impressions.

I thought we'd see Jasper with Sherry, but I guess it was even hotter to see him with his student. And wow, what a transformation! From a quiet and obedient student to such a tease! I liked Oliver. He seemed really sure of himself at one point.

Well the only thing I really didn't like was the way Oliver was treated afterwards. But I hope we're going to have a continuation. I would LOVE to read more about these two. Both relieving some scenes in their minds right in the middle of a teaching class. That should be interesting!

Pixie says

Listen... I like it when people do things they know they aren't supposed to. This was wrong from start to finish....

Kira says

Uhh, guys, don't read this right after For Real
No, seriously, don't even try, you'll spoil all that great aftertaste.

Which doesn't mean that the story is bad, not it all. It's great, actually. But Jasper is not a happy man, and since In Vino happens on the same night that we meet him in For Real, you won't expect that he will suddenly get much happier at the end of it, right? This story is just an episode, not "an ending" for him, and thank God for that.

I mean, it's brilliant. If Alexis Hall ever has enough inspiration, willingness and... fortitude, I guess, to write a full-length novel about Jasper, and if he does it well, it will probably be the strongest of his work. The chances are pretty high, I think. But right now, as he says it himself, "I'd characterise the ending as HFN, meaning Holy Fuck No."

So read at your own risk. Just not right after For Real, okay?

Alexis Hall says

Oh wow. This is on GR. Cool. Thank you.

This is just a freebie I wrote about Jasper (From Real). You can grab it by signing up to my hopefully non-annoying, non-spammy newsletter (which you can unsubscribe from at any point).

Trigger warnings for some pretty vile stuff because Jasper is a pretty vile person.

Also for extreme pretentiousness.

Other details: short story, contemporary setting, m/m (both cis), Spires series, explicit sex, somewhat kinky.

jazmin says

I think that Alexis Hall could write about anything and manage to make it beautiful. You can not read a book from the Spires stories and not feel in it your heart for days afterwards.

Jackie says

A short story about Jasper, a character who appeared in Hall's For Real. Not a romance per se, more of an incident, in which self-loathing Oxford don Jasper has a tryst with a student. Hall's typically brash and evocative writing, with a "hot-mess" protagonist whom Hall doubts can ever star in his own full-length novel. We shall see...

Mel says

Holy Fuck!

Jaspar might even be more ~~painful~~ captivating than Milord to read about. This was... dirty. In every way, heh.

It's free.

Since Alexis says thank you for winning the RITA Award for For Real.

If you wanted to read more about Jaspar, here you have it. Not to be missed...

Gabriella (Gabi) says

Jasper is truly a mess. I understand why the author hesitates to write his story, but I so want him to. ???

Ariana says

This short novella is about Jasper, Laurie's professor friend who we met in 'For Real'. Please do not be put off by the fact that this is not heavy on the page count, or that the MCs of 'For Real' are not the centre of the story.

It is an amazing and really poignant piece of writing, giving us a snapshot of Jasper's state of mind on the day when Laurie and Toby visit his university. And my heart was bleeding for the man. Outwardly snappy, snarky, insensitive to downright mean, he certainly doesn't win any contests for popularity on a first look. But when you get inside his head, the sheer intensity of his anguish hits you right into the gut.

He is desperate to feel, to love, and seeing his lover leave virtually kills him inside. Unable to do anything about it (and hating himself for it at the same time), he seeks his absolution in the truth of wine. And through an alcohol induced haze we find a man full of bitter self-contempt and self-deprecating hatred. A man who won't allow himself to love and accept who he is.

It is utterly heart-breaking to see him try and fill this wormhole-sized void inside with meaningless sex. He wants Oliver to make him feel something, anything really, while he is gasping for genuine affection and starving for love.

As always, beautifully written, I adored Alexis Hall's lyricism and acid sarcasm. Ah, lines like that (both about Jasper's impromptu one night stand, Oliver, and his bodily attributes) make my day...

I decide to forgive him for the inability to recognize rhetorical questions because his cock clearly requires more blood than his brain.

Whatever created Oliver Horatio Baron, late of Winchester College, has been liberal with its blessings. It's enough to make one positively teleological.

Wonderful story by a brilliant author!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Bev says

A nice, kinky little addition to the Spires Universe, but surely Jasper [and Sherry for that matter] deserve a HEA?? Jasper cannot spend his whole life drunk as a Lord and still keep his job, and Mr Baron deserves a little sympathy here too....as will Sherry when he discovers what's happened.

Alison says

So well done. Jasper Leigh was quite an intriguing secondary character in Hall's For Real, so I was really looking forward to this story and it is indeed excellent. It's a brilliant little character portrait of an awful, miserable person who treats people horribly, but it's also extremely funny and completely heartbreaking. This is short, but it packs a powerful emotional punch and the writing is so sharp.

Trio says

wow - that was - interesting, depressing, poetic, hot... as always, gorgeous Alexis Hall prose, beautiful fucked up characters fucking up. Full novel? We can hope :)

Xia Xia Lake says

Only Alexis Hall can make me feel I'm reading Shakespeare and not some kinky teacher - pupil short.
