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For someone who can't even think the word 'triangle' without giving into his compulsions, a love shape-that-can't-be-thought is quite possibly the worst place to be.

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Vivian ?(????)? says

I only meant to check this out, find out how long it was, and see if I'd like it. But once I started, I really couldn't stop. The writing is so beautiful, and the characters to perfectly flawed. It was just so utterly sweet and endearing. I *loved* it.

Camille Adams says

Beautiful.

I really liked this one. Tugged on my heart.

Ami says

4.3 stars

Tanner is a young man suffers from -- uhm, I don't know what he suffers from actually. Some sort of compulsive disorder? All I know is that some words "hurt" him; for him they are pointy or prickly, and Tanner has Rules and Things to make his world in balance. He only has two friends, one of them is Japheth - - who recently brought his boyfriend, Roz, to meet Tanner. The thing is, Roz seems to understand Tanner and if he is not, he's willing to 'learn'. And he makes Tanner feels something he never feels before

It is such a relief to know, that when I almost can't find any published MMs to feel anxious to read (at this moment), I can find a free short one, thanks to GR friends. I have only read one story by seventhswan before (I think it was "Drunk Text" -- but I don't remember anything about it). This oneshot (only 11,361 words) is so much better than the last couple published MMs I read.

I love Tanner's disorder -- again, it is so refreshing to read a character who is NOT flawless. AND, even when he does feel like there is something different about Roz, Tanner never crosses the line. He hates it when Japheth and Roz are fighting. He makes dinner for them. Tanner cares for both and I feel so much for him. I want him to find his HEA.

Although I feel sad about Japheth (since he is Tanner's best friend and Roz's boyfriend first), but there are times that two people are not meant to be (in this case Japheth and Roz). And I believe that Roz can take care of Tanner, and that Roz is good for him.

It's a VERY good story, a little complicated and messy (but I love messy stuffs), not simply love at first sight or lust at first sight -- and no sex scenes. Very, very, satisfying indeed.

Vio says

4.8 stars

Chris says

Very good short m/m romance about a college student who's probably somewhere on the autism spectrum and whose roommate is one of his few friends. And then his roommate gets a serious boyfriend...

Tailtiu says

4,5* upgrade because this is free and I paid money for worst books.

Jo says

This is one of those stories that has no reason to be as good as it is other than the fact that the plot is so unique (yes you grammarphiles there can be grades of uniqueness)and the writer is absolutely brilliant.

My philosophy on love has always been that it is not about not seeing their faults it is about the fact that those flaws in anyone else would drive you batcrack *crazy* but you will adjust and work around them for that person you love. That is how you see Roz's love develop and honestly even the love Japheph and when the love is dying that is when even the person's breathing is *annoying*.

Just loved this story so much for all of the newness and freshness of the plot.

Thanks Ami for the rec.

Kat says

3.5 A good and fascinating read about a young student who gets through life with -- or despite -- obsessive compulsive tendencies and possibly a form of autism. I enjoyed the storyline and the fact that the author didn't wrap up each and every thread in a sickly sweet manner. Although I love short stories, in this particular case I thought those 25 pages were unsatisfyingly short. What I missed here was a little more depth and layers. It was a bit dry overall; several situations (the date, sex-next-room) would have lent themselves for a dash of humor.

Highly recommended. But if you haven't already read this... Be careful of the careless spoilers in some other reviews!

Lisa Henry says

[It didn't seem fair that Tanner lost a friend in order to gain a boyfriend. (hide spoiler)]

Vivian says

Got to give it up for Tanner, he manages to function fairly well considering there are some pretty severe triggers in average daily activities. He soldiers on even when his crutches start to disappear. There's an anxious tone that underlies the sweetness that emerges.

Psst! Normal people do not wear mismatched socks. There is something disturbing about it.

Favorite passage:

Tanner starts to stumble back into panic. He can't teach the rules. They're not—they wouldn't make any sense to someone like Roz. Someone who can wear two different socks and say the word 'Carnival.'

Emma Sea says

4.5 stars. No sex, just sweet. Just as good as seventh swan's other works. Hence why I am reading at 1.30am although I have to get up for work in five hours.

Hannah says

3.5 stars.

A good story about a young man with a strange disorder which makes seeing, hearing, or even thinking about some words uncomfortable or even painful to him. He also struggles with some obsessive compulsive tendencies which are very believably depicted. I actually enjoyed reading about the main character better than I liked the romance, which left me feeling conflicted.

Katharina says

4.25

I loved this!!! I really did. I loved Tanner, his relation to words, his personality. I loved how everything was phrased in this story - there's a lot of talent, of instinct in the writing. There isn't one scene or even one sentence I found unnecessary and that is saying something.

For me, it has the perfect length too, and the perfect ending - I don't think that this would have worked as

well if it had been longer. But the shortness still made it hard to fully engage yourself into the story and that is the only shortcoming I see.

Thanks for the rec, Anke, I so enjoyed this!!

Tutu says

[Falling in love with your best friend's boyfriend and ending up losing your friend. I can't even begin to think this could happen with my best friend whom I love. (hide spoiler)]

Anke says

Great read! I was captivated from the first page and couldn't stop reading til the end. I have to confess that I thought the story would move in another direction -all three of them ending up together - but the way in unfolded was perfect.
