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January 27, 2027 - One day around the world.

Weeks after the last page of the In the Company of Shadows series, seven stories show glimpses of the lives of fifteen characters, scattered across the globe. In Ireland, an unexpected reunion takes a terrible turn. In Australia, the tides are changing while those involved never stop watching. In Mexico, fear brings uncertainty into a once strong relationship. And in the United States, worlds are about to collide.

1/27 answers the important question: What happens next?

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# From Reader Review 1/27: An ICoS Anthology for online ebook

## Simone says

Rating removed!

### And they rode off into the sunset...

I can't tell you how I wish this would be true!!!

Yes, I got my answers after the whole mess Fade left at the end, but only to get even more questions. Much more.

The situation Sin and Boyd and all the other guys I came to love so much during this series (especially my Emilio) were in, reminded me a bit of the Hydra mythology: if you cut off the head of the snake, two more will be growing back and I wonder if there will ever be a solution for the whole Agency thing and if all of them will see each other again.

BUT... the author's note at the end of the book gave me hope. Someday there will be a sequel and I'm comforting myself with that thought.

I'm overly sentimental right now because it's hard for me to say goodbye, now that it all comes to an end, so I will cut this short.

One thing's for sure: ICoS will always be the favorite of my favorites! No doubt about it!

Sin and Boyd will always have a special place in my heart and I can't get them out of my head, not while reading the whole series and not for a long time!

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## Deborah says

Re-read 18/01/18 to 21/01/18

I say again please don't let this be the end.

I often wonder if I'd have been better stopping after Fade (best book ever) because while it left me wanting more it was manageable but this, this book has me needing more. I didn't like how any of the characters or situations were left so please continue on, publish and charge for it.

Original Review.

This is a short book especially when you consider the rest of the series but it's taken me ages to read it. I was worried this would be the end and somehow it didn't feel like the end while I was still reading so I

dragged it out. Also these guys have been through so much, I wanted them somewhere perfect, I had visions of sun, sand, sex and contentment totally unrealistic I know and unlike me they'd be bored to tears. Stupid dreams aside this book is a must read, we catch-up with the escapees and life is not idyllic for them nor for me because now I need more, I mean I did before at the end of Fade I needed that next book but now it's essential, these guys cannot be left with this for their lives they need and deserve better and so Sonny and Ais you need to continue what you started, get writing and charge for this, the whole series has been free which is incredible but I was hooked after the first few pages of the first book like most people I would imagine and we'd pay for more.

There's nothing I can really say about this book without giving something away, all these stories affected and shook me but Emilio's and Zach's was the hardest to read.

So please continue this series, you've created something truly amazing here, it's unlike anything I've read before and it's without a doubt the best most haunting series I've ever read and that's saying something because I read a lot so please please please write more.

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## Shelley says

### **This review is uncensored**

It's been 3 days since I finished this anthology. I had to wait before I could even *think* about voicing my motherfucking feelings! But it's made no difference ...

I am still so PISSED! No, pissed is not enough - I'm fucking LIVID!

You have to understand that for more than a year these characters, this story and this world have haunted me! I compare EVERYTHING to ICoS. And I can't help it; it's an obsessive disorder that fucking cripples me and I just can't stop!

I read about a blonde haired twink? I see Boyd.

I read about a man with dark hair and green eyes? I see Hsin.

Adorable curly haired blue eyed geek boy? Yup, I see Ryan.

A book with assassins? I'm having ICoS flashbacks!

Dystopian novels? Ha! You must be joking! I can't even ...

And then there's the labels like angst, UST, intensity levels that get slapped on other books to which my inevitable response is: You labelled *that* angst? PAH! YOU DON'T KNOW FUCKING ANGST! I scoff in the face of their unresolved sexual tension and roll my eyes at what they deem sexual intensity. Nothing compares to the UST here, nothing compares to the heat of *that* balcony scene! Don't even mention Mexico cos I'm not so on the same page as you! Every single song I hear? I automatically pair it with a scene or character from ICoS - yes, every song - and when it doesn't fit? My subconscious deems it shit!

PAH-THETIC <-- that's me!

Oh I know it's ridiculous, I'm ridiculous but this series is just so damn intrusive it's rude! It crossed the

boundaries into my RL more than a year ago and it has never fucking left! I have created a hundred happy endings in my head; I have obsessed, daydreamed, ~~masturbated~~, fantasised and stewed over this series for more than a year. Every. Single. Day.

This anthology was meant to be my closure, the end of it all. I was supposed to get over it; this was supposed to be me moving on and leaving the debilitating comparisons behind because enough is enough! This was supposed to be my fond farewell ... I should be feeling relief, I should be filled with gratified nostalgia, my heart should be full of love and happiness and my body sated from the release of months of tension and worry. Bloody hell man, I am so tired of being an emotional slave to this series ...

And so, instead of my closure I get a brand new beginning. I get *more* angst, *more* attachment; my heart is in my throat AGAIN. Yes, I am blown away *again* ! But I am left feeling crippled ...*again*! Well, fuck that! Somebody put me in stasis and wake me up in 10 years when the next million and a half words are finished. I can't bare it ... I want to puke.

Okay, okay ...just a moment while I stop sucking my thumb and take a breath. That is how most of me feels right now but the rest of me – the masochistic me - is thrilled that there is more to come. The VR's? Holy shit man! That is the coolest thing I've ever read! I loved every single one of these stories and dammit all I felt alive, these characters – all of them – make me feel so fuelled and pumped that I could, could ...I don't know, participate in a drive-by or something? You know what else blew me away? The writing! The author's floored me with the writing; it was in the little things, the descriptions and small character nuances had the impact of an atomic bomb.

God dammit, I didn't expect this, I didn't expect ANY of what this is! I'm in shock and I'm so pissed that I have to wait for more. To the author's I want to say fuck you and thank you and I love you all in the same breath. You guys are ruining my life! But it's still the best thing I've read all year. Here, have 5 stars!

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## Monica Vidal says

REVIEW REMOVED

I may still love the book, but I will not support this author anymore..

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## Cristopher says

OMG. I feel like a huge lion roaring: **MOOOOOORRREEEE!!!!**

What in the world was that?!!

This anthology cleverly made us see how our friends are doing. They were scattered all over the world, not having contact with one another.. And we get a glimpse of what they have become after that tragic ending in Fade.

This would give me closure.

Help me accept that its the end.  
Allow me to finally bid farewell.  
Go to sleep with tears and smile knowing that they are all right and living their happy ever afters..

Or so I thought.

Because this short anthology fellas, combined with that sick Author's Note..

Just got me more intrigued, addicted, curious, sucked in, excited, wanting and whatever else!!!

I was sooo happy and elated for one moment thinking that there'd be more! That I haven't seen the last of these people! That maybe the sequel is in the works. Whomever POV it is, I AM SO DOWN FOR IT.

But then...it was a clear **"IF"** and it's been more than two years. And there's nothing. (*Please let there be something, anything; rumors, drafts, hints, just..anything!*)

*Or is that really the end?*

Please no. Just.. One more. I know I'm being such a drama queen here, but man.. I'm not sure if this solution of letting the reader's imagination wonder what happens next and wait if there's more to come is better than just tying everything up in a neat ending and a walk in a sunset..

Don't get me wrong cuz I damn am grateful for this wonderful one of a kind reading experience..

But I do hope/wish/pray that I haven't really seen the last of them yet. Because *sigh*, after reading what felt like MILLIONS of pages that never seem to end? I'm certain of one thing... ***I still want more.***

***"The Lexington Defectors, and all the trouble they bring."***

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**Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says**

**?????\*Might contain spoilers\*?????**

I ain't all that happy with this one. Sure, I'm glad we got to know a little more about what happened after that open ending in book #4. However, there was still left too fucking open!!! I want closure, for christ's sake! Specially for our main couple.

***"I can take a lot. You know I can. But if they try to keep me in here, I'll kill them all, Boyd. I will."***

***"Hey." Boyd pressed cold palms to Hsin's cheeks, centering their gazes on one another.***

***"You won't have to. I will never let anyone cage you again, and if they try I will tear this place apart getting you out."***

**Hsin 'Sin' Liu Vega (30? 35?) and Boyd Kadin Beaulieu (26?) → was that all we got from our main**

couple? I wanted more! I specially wanted them to know that (view spoiler)!

**Zachary Andrew Carhart** (43? 45?) and **Emilio Alvado Vega** (42? 44?) → I definitely wanted a more personal ending for these two. More closure with them real loving each other. But they are still so damn toxic towards each other...

**Kassian Eric Trovosky** (in his thirties) → still the same. Will we ever know if you really love him, (view spoiler)?

**Ryan Glenn Freedman** (25? 27?) → deserves more, unfortunately, I'm not all that interested in you, nor Kassian. I kinda just want Boyd and Hsin and maybe Emilio and Carhart.

**Vivienne Amarante Beaulieu** (38? 40?) → at least you're opening up a little bit. Getting a bit warmer, but you're still cold, but you're on your way.

**Bree** → really didn't care about you, but at least you get Vivienne to open up more?

**Owen and Jeffrey** → I didn't really connect with these two, specially not with Jeffrey as he was such a douchebag throughout the whole series and I felt like we didn't really get to know on a personal level.

**Harriet, Archer and Doug** → don't really care for Harriet, though Archer seems interesting. I feel sorry for Doug and I really wanted (view spoiler) He deserved to know.

**Bex** → hope you die. You better not touch (view spoiler).

*"Sounds like a good way to die, General Carhart."*

*Zach shook his head, eyes still half-shut. "You won't let that happen."*

*"Goddamn right."*

#### **Quick basic facts:**

**Genre:** - (Adult) Science Fiction (?) - Romance (M/M)

**Series:** - Series, Book 4.5 (?)

**Love triangle?** - (view spoiler)

**Cheating?** - (view spoiler)

**HEA?** - (view spoiler)

**Favorite character?** - Hsin 'Sin' Liu Vega.

**Would I read more by this author/or of series?** - Unsure.

**Would I recommend this book/series?** - Unsure.

**Will I read this again in the future?** - No.

**Rating** - 3 stars.

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#### **Tara♥ says**

Best anthology EVER in my opinion.

This answered all the questions I had after 'Fade'.

And it raised about a million more.

This was so clever and so wonderfully written and I can't say anything else because anything I say will just cause spoilers.

One thing though. I love dual POV's. LOVE them. This is multiple POV's. Multiple! I actually did a happy dance. A really stupid happy dance. One of those multiples also now necessitates me adding this to my 'heroines I love' shelf. She was always loved but now I'm crushing hard!!

I give it all of the stars there ever was.

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## **Wendy says**

I know many are removing their ratings and reviews of all the books they have read, written by Santino Hassell, in light of his despicable behavior. I have deleted my ratings from all Santino books I have read, because I too am shocked and appalled!!! I won't do it with the ICOS series though. I am gonna be honest here and say, that this series is one of the best I have ever read, and I am sure Ais played a big part in my enjoyment. As far as I know, Ais had nothing to do with all that has happend. Until I hear otherwise, my ratings and reviews for this series, will stay up. I am sorry for those who might not agree with me on this. I would also like to say that I am so sorry for all of you who have been hurt....my heart goes out to all of you ;) xoxo

When I first read this series...I skipped the Anthology. To be honest it made me nervous because some reviews were raving while others sounded dissapointed..

I guess I am somewhere in the middle. I loved getting this little epilogue about all these awesome characters I have grown to love so much !!

Of course I am talking about :

**Hsin and Boyd.** ... man you guys gave me some heavy palptitations throughout this series. It's good to see the two of you still together and still gowing strong...though I never had any doubts about this

**Emilio and Zach** ...damn what a fucked up couple you are !! But I can't deny that the two of you belong together...or should I say deserve each other

**Vivienne** ...I will always fucking hate you...no matter what, so you can stick it where the sun don't shine !!

**Ryan and Kassian** ... I really wish you guys the best. I haven't always been the biggest Kassian fan, but once I got to know him, I couldn't help but love him

**Jeffrey, Harriet, Owen and Doug, Archer and Bree** .... you were awesome. Especially Owen, who has made me laugh so much in this series and still managed to do so in this epilogue.

**Bex** ... I hope you choke on a dick !!!

Thank you to all these amazing characters !! They were great. I just wished there was more.



Sure some of my questions were answered, but to be honest... I ended up with so many more !! In that aspect I was a bit dissatisfied :( I really do hope there will be more in the future, but I am not holding my breath.

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## Lenore says

[ICoS fans after learning there'd be a post-Fade anthology coming out soon.

(hide spoiler)]

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## Em says

It was almost exactly a year ago that I finished Fade. I'd always hoped there would be more to come and I would find out if Emilio and Zach made it out alive, Ryan and Kassien were together somewhere and Hsin and Boyd were still surviving.

I can't tell you how relieved I was to find out that Emilio and Zach had made it out and they were still together and doing ok. I just love every word that comes out of Emilio's dirty mouth, I can't get enough! I also have a new favourite to add to the list....Doug! (my god that scene on the bed was HOT)

I'm so familiar with these guys now that it really did feel like coming home and I'm sure I had a silly grin on my face for most of the book. I really don't know how Santino & Ais managed to squeeze so much in but I'm glad they cleared up a lot of the questions I had. I also love the new direction the story has taken and am keeping everything crossed for a sequel, however long it takes.

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## Dia says

*Review to come. I am so happy but somehow I can't gather my thoughts to write anything. But I do feel excited and really, really happy I "visited" again the characters I loved!*

**Well I have to repeat myself with all that "another 5 BIGGEST STARS in the Universe ... "**

I needed time to gather my thoughts and I don't know if now is the right moment but here I go because I know there are no right words to describe this wonderful book. No words would do it justice!

Well I didn't expect to get to LOVE the END of the series... Honestly! But it did give me HOPE and that is what matters the most. Hope for sequel!!! It has to be... someday. Sooner than later I hope!

The end of Fade brought tears to my eyes. I was not ready to let them go... But still I couldn't let myself read 1/27: An ICoS Anthology because I didn't want it to be over.

I am happy I got to read it shortly after Fade and it really cured my broken heart. It brought me some answers and HOPE. I know I already said it but it is so true. SO SEQUEL NEEDED!!!

I got to "visit" the characters I got to LOVE with all my heart: besides Sin and Boyd, Carhart and Emilio, Ryan and Kassian - I just couldn't believe how much I've missed them all and their new lives were sooo interesting. I could read another 4000 pages and never get bored!!!

**This must be the best ANTHOLOGY ever and I just can't believe how awesome Ais and Santino Hassell are. I am in awe!!! FOREVER!**

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### **Xing says**

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Rating: 4.5...what the hell, I'm friggin' rounding to 5.

Reading this anthology after the ICoS series is the equivalent of slipping into a lost pair of old jeans that still, surprisingly, fit. I was surprised with how much I still remembered the whole cast of characters, and the events they alluded to within the series.

The anthology is around 40,000 words long, consisting

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### **Isabel says**

I'm relieved! After reading this Anthology I feel so relieved that my favorite characters of ICoS are well... not on the better circumstances, but they are all alive! Hsin, Boyd, Emilio, Zach, Ryan, Kassien... I was so worried about them in the end of Fade! There were so many questions to be answered! Now I have some answers and more questions!

Thank you so much Sonny & Ais, you gave me some rest and more anxiety, but you also gave me the opportunity to "see" again two of my favorite couples ever! **Hsin and Boyd; Emilio and Zach...** the Vega men will never leave my heart!

This series is unforgettable and so are its characters! After this book, there MUST be a sequel, right?

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### **It's just me Shelly B says**

**OMG OMG OMG OMG OMGOMG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**There's going to be MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm as HAPPY as a tick sucking blood right now!!!!!! Horrible analogy but WHATEVER.....you get the IDEA!!!!!!**

**All these pages....ALL theses words....ALL these emotions.....through out this series..... I thought this WAS IT.....the final hurrah.....the ending to it ALL!!!!!!**

**BUT NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!**

**This makes me soooooooooo HAPPPPPPPPPPPYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!**

**These characters are like drugs(if u did those which I don't) they infiltrate your system and you can't STOP because it gets better and Better and BETTERRRRRRRRRR!!!!!!**

**I really should write a real review but I'm just to emotional right NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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**Susan says**

**4.5 stars**

You know what Santino & Ais do really really well? I mean, they are kickass *writers* for sure. But they PLAN stories out so well. Their capacity to see all these interwoven storylines that make this crazy map of a picture for a book is so freaking impressive. It wow'd me all throughout ICoS until the very last word. And it floored me yet again with "1/27".

You see, I expected this anthology to be sort of like...an epilogue?...that just kinda cleaned up some questions we had at the end of fade. What I did NOT expect was for it to actually open up an entire can of worms and 1000's more questions about these characters! And therein lies the brilliance. They've got more planned out, right? THEY MUST!

"1/27" is a series of bits about many of the ICoS characters and what each of them was doing, on the same day, after they escaped the Agency at the end of Fade. It is a bunch of brilliant and delicious nuggets into the lives of our favorite characters. But even moreso, it brings to the forefront some of the lesser-known characters and made them...shine. Yes, I wanted to read about Hsin & Boyd, Zach & Emilio, even Ryan and Kassian. But I was so pleasantly surprised to find out more about Bree & Viv, Jeffrey & Owen, Archer/Harriet/Doug, and Bex. And every story was outstanding. I'm actually hard-pressed to pick a favorite of the bunch.

**Bree & Vivienne's story:** most likely to make me change my mind about a character

**Emilio & Zach's story:** HOTTEST F'ING THING EVER (I read it 3 times before moving on)

**Owen & Jeffrey's story:** fun turnaround and interesting developments

**Hsin & Boyd's story:** forever my favorite characters of the series so every word was a treat

**Harriet/Archer/Doug's story:** surprisingly sexy and a fun tale among previously under-explored characters

**Kassian & Ryan's story:** completely unexpected and I MUST. HAVE. MORE.

**Bex's story:** scares the shit out of me.

My jaw was ON THE GROUND with each chapter...so many surprises and dun, dun, duuuun moments...I couldn't wrap my head around them all.

This is SUCH a must-read for ICoS fans. And it's a bridge...a bridge to what? Well...read the author's notes at the end and you'll see!

So fun, so sexy, so satisfying...but would have LOVED a Luke Gerant story (!!!) and a little bit of Hsin & Boyd smexy...just sayin'... :)

**Review + an interview w/ the authors & a giveaway:**

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