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I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD HAVE SOME OTHER EXCITING PHOTO TO SHARE, BUT I DON'T. SO I'LL GIVE YOU A PICTURE OF ADEN JARIC INSTEAD. I'M QUITE SURE ANYBODY READING THIS WOULD RATHER LOOK AT HIM THAN ME, ANYWAY!

Finally! A newsletter!

My gosh, I know: it's been forever! I think when I sent my last newsletter, I was getting ready to move into a new house. It was horrific, and I never would have survived if I wasn't married to the most amazing man in the world, but we did manage to get settled in our new home on December 17th (just in time

for Santa to find us!). I promised my daughter she could finish first grade at her current school, so I'm commuting her back and forth. It's been a busy time, but overall, we've adjusted. My daughter actually adjusted better than the four-leggeds.

Here in Colorado, the winter hasn't been as bad as it's been in other parts of the country, but we're still read for spring. I hope to make it to lots of events this year, and hope to see you at some of them!

Thanks, and Happy Valentine's Day!

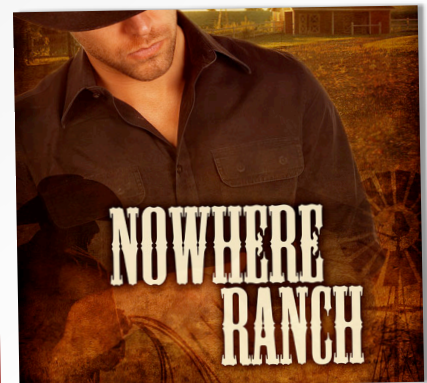
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[A GREAT REVIEW FOR ONE MORE SOLDIER](#)



[LYNN FLEWELLING INTERVIEWED ME ON HER BLOG](#)



[HEIDI'S UPCOMING RELEASE \(HOT AND KINKY!!\)](#)

Upcoming Releases

Putting Out Fires

This is a short little Valentine's Day story about Matt and Jared. It takes place the year after The Letter Z (sometime in the middle of Strawberries for Dessert). It will be released by Dreamspinner Press (ebook only) on February 14th.

IN HONOR OF MATT AND JARED'S NEW RELEASE, I'M HOSTING A 'FIND JARED'S TATTOO' CONTEST ON MY WEBSITE. IT CLOSSES SOON, SO [ENTER NOW](#).

Paris A to Z

Ever wonder what would happen if you put all three couples in the same room? How about for a whole week? This is your chance to find out. This is the third (and final) part of Zach and Angelo's story, and it will be released by Dreamspinner Press (ebook only) on April 6, 2011.

Between Sinners and Saints

I don't have much news to share on this yet. This story *will* be published. I just don't know yet by which publishing house. The soonest it will see the light of day is probably late this year, but early 2012 is probably a more realistic estimate. I'll let you know as soon as I have any concrete information.

Oestend

I'm currently finishing up the first draft of a new story. It's unofficially called Oestend, but the title will probably change. It's something very new for me in that it's not contemporary. It's sort of old-west fantasy. I hope to have more information for you on that in the next month or two.



ESCAPADE

FEBRUARY 25-27

I'LL BE AT ESCAPADE IN VENTURA, CA. I'LL BE WORKING THE DREAMSPINNER PRESS TABLE IN THE DEALER ROOM AS WELL AS SITTING ON A PANEL (I THINK). GO [HERE](#) FOR DETAILS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



GAYROMLIT

OCTOBER 13-16

AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF M/M ROMANCE AUTHORS WILL BE IN NEW ORLEANS FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN, AND YOU'RE INVITED! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT! GO [HERE](#) FOR DETAILS.



CUP-O-PORN

HEIDI CULLINAN AND I HAVE TEAMED UP TO BRING YOU COFFEE AND PORN IN THE MORNING (WINE AND SEX IN THE AFTERNOON). WE HAVE GIVEAWAYS AND MANCANDY. YOU KNOW YOU WANT SOME! GRAB A CUPPA, PULL UP A CHAIR, AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

[COFFEE AND PORN IN THE MORNING](#)

Quick interview by Heidi

H: So, Marie. Tell me about your short story *Putting Out Fires*. What made you write it?

M: I don't really even remember for sure exactly how it started. I think my husband and I were talking about my Paris story, and about how I love Matt so much, and yet I get so much humor at his expense. Somehow it turned into, "I can just see him trying to do something really nice for Jared and having everything go wrong." And the next thing I knew, I was writing the story.

H: Personally, I loved the story. Very cute and sweet and very Matt and Jared.

Okay, I have to ask even though I know the answer, because otherwise people will ask you. This will save you the trouble. Do you see yourself writing any more short stories about M & J?

M: I said before that I had nothing left to write for them, but I proved myself wrong. I guess the answer is, "never say never." However at this point, I have no plans to write more stories for Matt and Jared. I love them, but that's part of the point. They've earned their HEA. I don't want to make trouble for them. They do of course

appear in Paris A to Z, but they're not the main attraction.

H: Did you enjoy writing a short? I know normally you prefer to write longer, but you seemed to be having a good time with this one.

M: This one was quick and fun. In cases like this where readers already know the characters, it's much easier. It was a couple of days as opposed to weeks of beating my head against a wall (which is sometimes how novels feel). This was much closer to instant gratification.

H: Last question: For Valentine's Day, you get one hour in a hotel room with Aden Jaric. You may supply it however you like, and it can be any hotel room, including that one in Austin, or you can design it yourself. Tell us what you do with him.

M: I'm not sure I can answer that question. There are way too many possibilities. Will he remember later, or can I give him one of those Torchwood pills afterward? Let's just say, there would be rope involved, and there's nothing above his ankles I wouldn't have a use for. ;-)

UPCOMING BLOG STUFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY

13TH:

THE WINNER OF THE 'FIND JARED'S TATTOO' CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

19TH:

LYNN FLEWELLING WILL BE A GUEST ON MY BLOG AND WILL BE GIVING AWAY AN AUTOGRAPHED BOOK TO SOME LUCKY VISITOR.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY

22ND:

HEIDI CULLINAN WILL BE MY GUEST, PROMOTING HER UPCOMING RELEASE, *NOWHERE RANCH*.

ELSEWHERE IN THE BLOGOSPHERE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

11TH:

I'LL BE WHINING A BIT ABOUT PREGNANCY AND STORYWRITING ON [JULIE LYNN HAYES' BLOG](#).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY

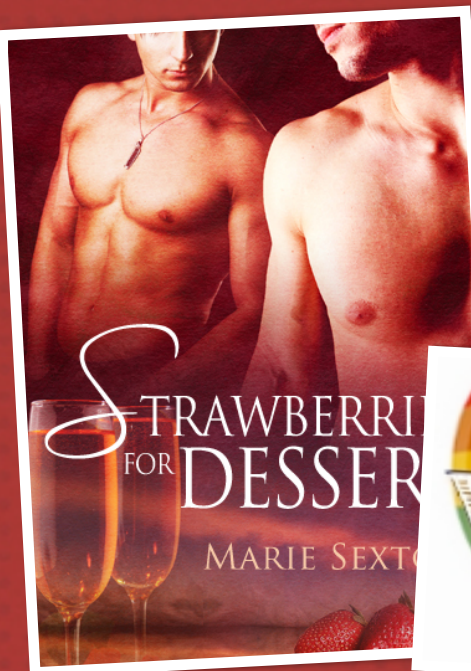
17TH:

I'LL BE A GUEST ON [XAKARA'S BLOG](#). YOU CAN SEE 13 OF MY FAVORITE CODA LINES AND SHARE YOUR OWN.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

18TH:

[JADETTE PAIGE](#) WILL BE HOSTING ME ON HER BLOG. STOP BY AND SAY HELLO!



I'm thrilled to announce that *Strawberries for Dessert* won 2nd place in the 2010 Rainbow Awards for Best Contemporary Gay Romance!

