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A Bayou Boys (Sean and Rusty) short story:

Rusty Duchene and Sean Delahunt are each other's first loves. Emotionally rough high school years and financially draining college years have drawn them closer together and now, with Sean graduating, they are ready to enjoy all the good life their beloved city, New Orleans, has to offer. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

After a tough job search, Sean is offered his dream job—in Boston. But for Rusty, moving to Boston means leaving the career and the family he loves.

Stay or go? Either way, someone loses. Will their love survive the sacrifice?

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love Has No Boundaries**" 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.

Meant To Be is the first story in the Bayou Boys series and is for free as a single download or in the Love Has No Boundaries anthology volume 3

## Meant to Be Details

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### **Sunne says**

Haha, okay, I'm biased, I admit it. It was my pic and prompt and I really was curious what would happen to it because to be honest - it wasn't the most original prompt ;)

But that makes it even more sweet because Chris Cox managed to build a whole relationship, two elaborated MCs with enough background to make me feel like I knew them their whole life, and a storyline exactly to my liking.

So she did something really heartbreakingly sweet with my prompt \*sniff\*.

I was feeling Sean's anguish and pain so much. Why, oh why did I ask for some angst again?

Thanks, this was really good. I loved how you built up the contrast between Rusty, so confident, secure and settled and Sean, insecure, rattled and searching.

I would have loved for the ending a bit more elaborate, Rusty's change of attitude came a bit too fast for me, but it's a short.

Thank you - you did more than I expected with less words than I assumed. Really clever :D

4,5 stars

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### **Vivian says**

Tough decisions.

These are the ones in life that tear you apart. Rusty and Sean have a choice to make--it means a sacrifice for one of them--and their relationship is on the line. Love requires constant tending, it can't be ignored. With or without right or wrong to make the easy call, which will they decide.

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### **Camille Adams says**

This was wonderful.

...emotionally evocative for me.

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### **Melanie~~ says**

A very sweet story. I loved Sean and Rusty. Can't wait to read more!

[NOTE: I rate most writing event stories (free reads) 4 or 5 stars because of my appreciation of the author's participation.]

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### **Tailtiu says**

[Rusty goes from fighting and big NO to relocating to YES and proposal(compete with rings!!!) in one night (hide spoiler)]

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### **Roger - president of NBR United - says**

This is a good solid read and it seem to me who read book 4 first to be a returning to rusty and sean going to try to get in all four in this series in the middle of two now just need to get a hold of three and I will just have to love the entire series. I just love Sean and Rusty.

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### **Mandy\*reads obsessively\* says**

A very sweet picture prompt and an equally sweet story to go with it from the great LHNB event.

Sean and Rusty, best friends and the love of each others lives.

They have been a couple forever it seems, they have made it through Rusty being disowned and now after finishing college with a boatload of debt Sean can't seem to find a job.

Stress and decisions are weighing on them.

It's a short, sweet read, Sean is so shy and quiet and feels like he *needs* to finally contribute and support himself. I can very much understand his thoughts and wishes, although I get Rusty too.

These two are going to make it, I have no doubt.

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### **Trisha Harrington says**

This wasn't bad at all. But the way this ended was kinda unrealistic in a bad way. I don't think you normally make up with someone like that after such a serious argument.

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### **Kinga says**

[HEA!!!!!! (hide spoiler)]

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**Helle says**

Gift from Debbie :-) Thank you sweetie Merry Christmas with family, friends, love, happiness and laugh  
\*Hugs\* \*Happy\*

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**Don Bradshaw says**

This was a short, sweet look into the lives of Sean and Rusty. They have been friends then lovers as Sean went through college and Rusty worked for his family's landscaping business in New Orleans. Now Sean has a job offer but it will mean Rusty moving away from the only place that has ever been home. I liked both of these well developed characters and their reactions to the stresses of tough decision making. That there is a sequel story is pure icing on the cake.

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**Janie says**

I really liked this story, but it was such an angsty deal for Rusty when he heard Sean wanted to take the job, and then he just decides its okay. I felt like the ending was seriously rushed and it ruined the story for me after that.

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**Exina says**

The blurb tells it all.

It was an okay story with an abrupt ending. Not bad, but nothing spectacular or memorable either.

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**Meggie says**

This story didn't appeal to me, mostly because it was to short and boring.

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**Brooklyn says**

Good story but I hate how it ended. I felt nothing was truly resolved between them and Rusty was just giving in. Maybe not, but that's how it came across to me.

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