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I had a pretty good life going, but then my ex had to march into my favourite coffee bar and back into my life. I hate him. And his stupid sweater. Slash, m/m. Rated for language and some sexual content later on.

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Ami says

3.5 stars

Buried in all those swearing words, there is one good story about one dealing with anger and resentment over a broken relationship. Yeah, Lucas swears A LOT, but his narrations are funny, and amuse me. For example, this one ...

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"Why the fuck aren't you in Paris?" So, I may have taken the first exit off the high road and am now driving straight through the middle of Resentment County. Population: me. Bite me. The high road is for losers anyway.

...

I don't know if Matt has done enough to grovel for his decision to leave Lucas for Paris ... but I think he has justified his case quite nicely. There's a believable reason on why Matt doesn't contact Lucas after he returns from Paris.

A couple of flashbacks/thoughts of the past in the middle of present time throw me off a little bit. However, other than that, I think this is a very enjoyable free story about second chances. Oh, and ugly sweaters ^_^

Emma Sea says

Just as the author confesses, I too don't *like* these characters, but man, this is a cracker of a little story. Lovely pacing, and vivid scenes drawn with a minimum of words. Very talented author. Wanted to tear my hair out a few times: that kind of reader buy-in is hard to achieve in 14,000 words.

P.S. You know how Lucas tells Matt about the boyfriend he caught cheating on him? Read Sparks, that's the story from that boyfriend's pov. Equally good.

Anyta Sunday says

Wow, that's one upset guy.

LOVE the stream of consciousness style of writing in this short story. There's definitely good flow and the sentences are varied in length which really keeps the reader awake. There are some funny thoughts, too.

But I wasn't so keen on just how much swearing was in it--for me it was a bit too much, I think the same intensity of feeling could have come over without the need to spice every second sentence with 'fuck'.

Definitely this author has potential--I'd **love** to read something that was a little toned down with the potty mouth stuff! That could be really awesome.

Also, a bit longer would be great.

I'd give this a 3.5, but round it up for this being free.

Alice says

OMG I loved this story! Thank you, Vio, for recommending it.

It turns out that I really, really enjoy reading about angry ranty men who like to swear **a lot**.

My only complaint is that it was too damn short!

Definitely 100% recommended.

Chris says

Very good short m/m romance about a guy who unexpectedly runs into the ex who left him to take a job in France and doesn't react well. I got a bit sniffly reading this one.

Pixie says

Oh this....so right. I am one of those people who believe that when you love someone you never don't. Sure you may leave them, you may choose to no longer be with them....but sadly, no matter what wrongs they've done you...love just doesn't go away. Trying to not love them...too hard, for me I just try not to be near them, the whole pretending they've died and don't exist is best.

So I got this....

Mandapanda says

3.5 stars. Really good short story about Lucas who is suddenly confronted by Matt, the love of his life who left him for a job in Paris several years previously. The best thing about this tale is Lucas's bitterness and pain at Matt's abandonment. He was only 21 when Matt left and even years later the anger and hurt he feels smashes through every word. It really rips at your heartstrings. Thank God there's a HEA although Matt could have grovelled for several more pages than he did...

Alby Krebs says

I knew I would love this story about the meeting of two men years after a difficult breakup as soon as I read this exchange:

"Matt," I acknowledge his presence. And if my cool, non-resentful tone sounds more like blind panic, he'd better not mention it.

"Oh god, it's so good to see you," he gushes. Gushes. "How are you? It's been ag..."

"Why the f*** aren't you in Paris?" So, I may have taken the first exit off the high road and am now driving straight through the middle of Resentment County. Population: me. Bite me. The high road is for losers anyway.

Loved it. That's all I've got to say.

Christina says

3.5 stars - Cute story!

After 6 years of being apart, Lucas and Matt run into each other at a cafe and Lucas is not happy. Lucas is angry and hurt that Matt left him and he doesn't hide his feelings. It was nice to see a character not hold anything back. I enjoyed reading about these two.

Ann says

Ok, this was fun. The angry/confused/crazy ranting was a crack up and the resolution was very sweet. Given the ages of the two MC's at the time of the big break up, it's pretty believable they would be dumbasses in the communication department, so it was nice to see they grew up for both their sakes.

Thanks for the rec Vio, I really liked it :)!

Sunny says

I loved this story. Normally, miscommunication is one of my biggest pet peeves, but I could easily see this happening. I understood both points of view and they made sense to me.

Lucas' rants were wonderful. They made me laugh even as I empathized with his hurt and anger. How good it must have felt to say all of that. Then, the sweetness as they actually talked. What a cute couple.

side note:

I liked the flashbacks, but the way they were included was confusing.

Camille Adams says

A great story. I especially liked the snark, which I found witty and funny. It had me laughing aloud on the train :-)

Personally, stories of love lost is extremely hard to read, even if the lovers find their way back to each other. Yet, the way in which this is written made this plot point palatable, which is commendable. The flashbacks are well done and serve the narrative well and the dialogue is strong. Plus, I like a little bit of harmless stalking and determination.

A good, short read.

I like this author's voice! And English isn't even her first language: double the kudos.

Vio says

4.5 stars

I loved it! What a gem it had me in stitches with the clever, witty and snarky dialogue. The sweater episode was hilarious, everything about it worked a sweet and fabulous story. More please!

Justin says

4+ stars

Funny & sweet! Very enjoyable free read.

Recommended.

Anke says

Nice, feel-good short story for reading in between. Although I found it rather far-fetched that Lucas and Matt were able not only to run into each other accidentally, but then reconnect and work through their bad break-up six years ago, I pin it on the author's engaging writing style that I enjoyed reading it without the slightest eye-roll.

