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*Dear Author,*

*My friends and I love cosplay, and this year we're going all out for our city's con. Yup, we're going to go as members of the Justice League. I'm going as Batman, but I can't figure out who's going as a Superman. My friends are being a little cagey. What's going on? How did I go from not knowing who Superman is to making out with the guy?*

### **Photo Description:**

In a cartoon drawing, Batman and Superman are locked in an embrace, kissing. Superman is taller and clutching Batman to him. Batman has more muscles and has visible tattoos on his arms. Superman has broader shoulders and dark hair. Batman is stretching up to meet him and has one foot kicked behind him. Behind them is a graffiti-covered wall, and Superman's rainbow-lined cape swirls around them. The prompter specified that the picture is two men in cosplay costumes at a Comic Con convention.

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love is an Open Road**" 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.

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## Waiting for Clark Details

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## From Reader Review Waiting for Clark for online ebook

### Ann says

Oh story, I love you! This sweet tale spoke to all the geekery that I love without overdoing it and taking away from the reconnection between the two MC's.

Man, I really can't wait for Comic Con this year. I'm totally going to be looking for these two the whole time I'm there.

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### Jennifer?Pher? says

*“Sometimes you just have to don the cape and pray you fly.” Clark laughed, a lot of relief tingeing his voice. “But I think it’s easier when you have a partner.”*

Boys and girls, stop what you are doing and read this. This is just such a great book and truly it needs to be read right now. I freaking loved it, so very much.

*Thanks to all the Group members who provided awesome prompts with lovely pictures, the authors for writing free stories based on those prompts for all of us to read for free and the M/M Romance Group for all their hard work in putting this years Don’t Read in the Closet event, Love is an Open Road, together.*

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### ♣ Irish Smurfétté ♣ says

*He smelled different. Not the aggressive, mountain-scented soap he'd favored in college, but something more expensive - a subtle herb-laced scent that tickled my nose and made me want to nuzzle him all over to find its origin. Hair product? Bodywash? I was game for a full-body scan.*

I mean, come awwwwwn! You simply cannot go wrong with this.

This has a lovely cadence to it, a rhythm that skips and then ambles, all the time keeping pace. A few hiccups, a couple of skips in the record were all that I found in the way of interruption.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: in order to write a good short story/novella, you've got to know your characters, your objective, and have confidence or be fantastic at faking it when it comes to structuring your story. Win win win in this winner, yo.

*I liked toweling him off as much as I liked washing him. I'd never known a guy so in need of pampering - or so resistant to it.*

There's a load of heart in this. Some stupidity and bravery. Definitely some maturity and... not so much. There's definitely humor and fun.

Bonus points for "Frak." Oh, yeah!!

I like that both Clark and Bryce were established in their lives, having direction, making their attempt at trying again all the more difficult and real.

\*stage whispers\* and it's hawt.

Well done!

One more favorite:

*Clark was the scrap of driftwood keeping me from drowning. Or maybe he was the undertow that was going to do me in, but either way, I was powerless to move.*

I'm not fucking kidding, my heart was all goddamned a-flutter at the end.

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**.Lili. says**

What a great little treat this was!!!

- \*Friends to lovers ✓
- \*Second chance romance ✓
- \*Steamy ✓
- \*Low angst, feel good story ✓
- \*Humor ✓
- \*Great characters!!! ✓

Can't gush enough! This is freebie from the M/M Romance group but I would've happily paid for it. I can't wait for more books from Annabeth Albert. 5 Stars!!!

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**Alvin says**

I love free reads, and for those who didn't know, I have been reading Superman & Batman fanfics. I love the "World's Finest" getting it on! Le sigh.

That's why I'm expecting to love this.....

AND I DID! :D

Fluffy, yearnful, nerdy, awesomesauce.

Just don't get too much annoyed by the stubbornness of Bryce and Clark. You'll live.

#### **4 STARS!**

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PS:

We should have hot gay MAINSTREAM superheroes. I hope one who has the guts create them.

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#### **Ami says**

##### **4.5 stars**

Friends-To-Lovers. Reunited (and a touch of "the one who got away") theme. Mutual Pining. NERD ARMY!!

From the moment I saw the prompt photo (and the author who snagged it), this was one of the prompts that I was excited about. And it delivered to my expectation and so much more. I love friends-to-lovers stories. LOVE THEM! They have better chance to make me feel happy compared to enemies-to-lovers theme. Albert did a very great job in this one.

Bryce and Clark reunited again after several years, and after one kiss and Clark going away for university sort of kept them apart. I totally loved their characters -- grumpy Bryce and logical Clark. I loved that Clark didn't easily back down when it came to confronting Bryce (even if he needed pointers). Albert wrote the scene from the prompt photo perfectly. And all of these all equal to me with mushy love-tears in my eyes and stupid happy grin on my face.

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"Waiting for Clark" is definitely my favorite DRitC 2015 story so far (Day 9) and cemented Annabeth Albert as one of my go-to authors.

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#### **Ele says**

\*4.5 stars\*

YES! Annabeth Albert picks up a prompt with a cartoon picture of Batman and Superman kissing. It's bound to be awsome, right?

This is a story for second chances. Bryce and Clark, or Batman and Superman (<-----see what she did there?), were college roommates and best friends. They always had amazing chemistry but acted on it only once and shared a kiss. But Clark had just gotten an amazing scholarship and had to leave, so things between them ended on a bad note, along with the friendship.

Now, years later Clark is back, dressed as Superman for the comic con where Bryce and his partners promote their business.

**There is slow burn that leads to an explosive first-time sex scene, an admission of love that will make you all misty eyed and an epilogue with a funny but swoon worthy HEA.**

There is also a Superman with a rainbow cape, a hot tattooed Batman and all kinds of Superheroes.

You might want to smack Bryce's head upside down at some point. Please be patient with him. He has reasons for being afraid to let his guard down.

Overall, a great light and steamy story. Recommended!

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**~◊~Doxni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says**

**~4.5~**

And this, my friends, is why Annabeth Albert has become one of my auto-read authors.

**What a FUN & CREATIVE interpretation of the prompt!**

*Waiting for Clark* is one SWEET, SEXY story about estranged best friends reconnecting after half a decade apart.

***He tasted like the memory of all my favorite things. Sunshine. Coffee. Laughter. Cinnamon. Clark. Mainly that. He tasted like Clark and that made him automatically my favorite flavor on earth.***

**Bryce** Bryce and Clark, dressed up as Batman and Superman respectively, meet again during a comic convention.

Bryce has hardened his heart against the man who broke it in college, but Clark wants nothing more than to get back their easy, close friendship and hopefully something more.

*The tattoos totally fit who he was, and I wanted to spend hours tracing them with my tongue.  
All man. All mine.*

This is such a light, ADORABLE read told in alternating first-person POVs. You can't help but smile and cheer for these slightly geeky superheros.

I loved the banter, the slow burn, the sexy shower scene, the couch cuddles, and the awkward perfection that was the epilogue.

Being fearless is overrated.

*"Maybe being scared is the only solution,"  
I said at last. "Sometimes you just have to don the cape and ... fly."*

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### **Dalia says**

Enjoyable and adorable geeky read. I totally love the photo prompt of Superman and Batman kissing!

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### **Trisha Harrington says**

#### **This was amazing!**

I was expecting a cute story that I would love, but I didn't know I would love it this much. It's going straight onto my favorites list.

Bryce and Clark were friends in college. But one kiss changed everything and things haven't been the same since. Bryce hardened his heart against Clark. But Clark, after five years apart, wants his friend back and for them to maybe become more.

*The tattoos totally fit who he was, and I wanted to spend hours tracing them with my tongue.  
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These two are adorable and sweet together. They were also a little awkward, in a really sweet, adorable way.

The history between them strengthened the chemistry between them and I loved the little bits of jealousy between both.

The ending was perfection. It left me with a huge grin on my face!

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He tugged me to standing, then stood himself, kissing me soundly. Gradually the kiss morphed from something celebratory to something hotter, more primal, and I had a feeling breakfast was rapidly cooling, but couldn't summon up the energy to care. I had a future to worry about.

### **Renée says**

Now this was my favorite of the LOR stories so far this year. It's the one I've enjoyed reading the most by far! There was another that came close, but didn't have near the character development that this one did.

Ms. Albert is just awesome. How she managed to get so creative with the picture, complete the amount of character development she did, and tie together the best friends to strangers to lovers story in so few pages.....

I bow down to her. This was the cutest prompt and picture. And Bryce/Clark (even their last names were similar to the superheroes). Everything was perfectly executed.

I would kill to have this as a full length. I have to give 5 stars to packing so much punch into less than 100 pages. She was already an auto-buy for me. She just continues to prove it.

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### **Tara♥ says**

I now have an overwhelming desire to go on a Batman/Superman fan fic binge.

**"I'd wanted to know what he tasted like for years now, but in that instant I realized I'd known all along: he tasted like the memory of all my favorite things."**

This was very sweet, really clever and rather hawt. Bryce made me want to punch him a few times but he was afraid of losing more people he loved so I guess he can be forgiven, I just think that his reasoning for falling out with Clarke was flawed and unfair but it all works out so can't really complain.

This is so worth reading and if you are a Batman or Superman fan then it's a must read.

Great fun and a free read as part of 'Love is an Open Road' so what's not to love?

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### Sara says

I am in love. So in love with this story and I have the stupidest grin on my face from it.

This read like a romantic comedy movie, which is one of my most favorite genres where I curl up hugging my pillow and fall in love with the characters and cheer them on while I gush, cringe and swoon over their romance. GAH!

The author NAILED the prompt. NAILED IT and *that picture*, the scene with the picture was full swoon worthy that I looked like one of those girl birds from the Looney Tunes cartoons where they swoon when the Frank Sinatra-esque bird sings. You know, the Swooner Crooner... goodness. Just yeah.

This was everything I love about romance. Second chances, friends to lovers, unrequited love that really was what both wanted... I can't even form a full thought because my head is full of these boys. So full of Bryce and Clark and all that they are to one another. All of it, from the friendship, to the longing, to the dirty talk and beyond.

### **ALL. OF. IT.**

This Story! [Just read it!](#)

I am going to go stalk the authors backlist now because this, her story telling, is what I need.

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### Argona says

I enjoyed reading this story so much that I can't bring myself to give it anything less than 5 stars. It's not an epic story with a complicated plot or something like that. It's just a short, sweet and adorable story and I had a lot of fun reading it. I was hooked from the very first page and I think Superhero fans would enjoy this story the most. What made this story so perfect and fun for me was the similarities Bryce and Clark had to the actual Batman and Superman. Bryce is dark and grumpy on the outside and very kind, vulnerable and even insecure on the inside and he hides this so well that none of his relationships really work since no one really knows the real him. Well, no one other than Clark, his best friend. Clark is charming, friendly, outgoing and knows what he wants and goes for it. He is not the actual Superman so understandably, he has his own issues and fears which makes him a great character. Did I mention that there is a Nerd Army? XD

Anyway, this was a very nice and heart-warming “friends to lovers” story with low angst and a happy ending. Thanks to this story, I can no longer watch "Batman vs Superman" movies without grinning from ear to ear! XD Highly recommended to Superhero fans!

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### ? Todd says

I only have time for a quick and dirty review this time, sorry.

This book was a lot of fun for a quick 77 page read.

And, as part of the **Love is an Open Road 2015** series, also a free one.

The characters were extremely-well developed and the few sexy scenes were pretty hot.

Okay for \*someone\* **unleashing their gruff inner bottom.**

The Comic Con scenes were okay for me, but my favorite part was Clark's confession of love.

***"That's the sex talking—"***

Uhhh, no, it wasn't. : )

**4.25 solid \*volcano-scene\* stars.**

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