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Former military man Mason Larue is into one-night stands and big, burly guys, so he is not happy to find himself attracted to a sweet, slim young man wearing eyeliner and dressed in a fairy costume.

After a night spent with Avery, however, he begins to change his mind about what he wants. Can Mason get past fear and stereotypes in time to get what he never knew he wanted?

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From Reader Review The Carpenter and the Fairy for online ebook

Bubbles Huntly Honest & Direct Opinions says

Omg I fucking love this cute story! Wish it were longer!

Jax says

There is no story here. None. At. All. It's basically just sex. We are given no reasons why these two supposedly care about each other. Even at only 8,000 words I expect better. And thanks to there being no indication by the new publisher - or any other outlet selling this - that this is a rerelease, I paid for this clunker twice!

Shell says

I loved this! It's perfectly short and sweet!

Mason is a big man, a carpenter, who doesn't flaunt his sexuality much and generally enjoys men similar to him. So, when a costume party finds him being drawn to a small, slim man, dressed in a fairy costume he's surprised and a little frightened. That fear leads to him making a mistake later in the novella, but he more than redeems himself by the end.

I adored Avery's character (the man in the fairy costume) in this story. He's sweet, fun, and undeniably enchanting. Loved, loved, loved him!

Mara Ismine says

A great short story that I would have missed if I hadn't read the reviews! The title caught my attention, the blurb sounded okay, but the cover seemed to suggest something completely different. Ex-marine and carpenter Mason has short hair and brown eyes. Baker and fairy Avery has green eyes and curly hair, but he is supposed to be pretty and androgynous. The red eyed vampire-type on the cover really doesn't fit too well. The Goodreads reviews convinced me to give the story a chance. Thanks folks!

Td says

What a fun read! A lot packed into this short story. Just what I needed to bring a smile to my face. :)

V says

I didn't want to read this book because I find the cover really creepy.

It reminds me the horror movie The Grudge.

This story was lovely. Avery was so adorable, and I love Mason. It would be great if the Author write a sequel.(and change the cover)

Ami says

My, my, this one starts off hot and sexy. I can imagine the scene of two unlikely pairing, the carpenter and the fairy, as they go from the club to the house and go at it. Then, the last half is more tender and romantic (the scene where Mason brings Avery flower as token of apology is so, so sweet). It closes with a promise of HEA *sigh*

Ann says

Cassandra Gold sweetness in an adorably well hung package. This would have been an awesome novella at the least, I really wanted more of these two.

Heller says

A cute story about opposites attracting. A fun little fluff read.

Imogen says

The writing was amateurish, and the plot was uninspired. The characters would have been interesting, but their dialogue was kinda cheesy and they don't behave/interact in realistic ways. Another thing that annoyed me is that the author does that thing where she'll have one character say something that is supposed to be witty or funny, and then have the other character silently acknowledges in his head how witty the first character is... ugh, I don't like it. Especially because it wasn't even that witty! So um, no, I didn't like this little book very much.

N.B. The sex scenes was also boring. Not horrible. Just very bland, so no saving grace there either. If everything else is mediocre, then at least write me some steamy sex scenes so I can save you to my smutty book list to revisit when I need something to fap to. Now I'll just mark this as done, and never think about it again.

Honey says

Dragged to a Halloween party by his best friend, Mason doesn't expect the instant attraction he feels to a man who is nothing like his usual type yet has eyes he drowns in and is sweeter than candy floss. Avery is a fairy in every sense of the word except the paranormal, described as "too gay" by even a past partner, he's learned to accept himself even if others don't.

This book was a little gem. I loved how even though Mason and Avery fell into each others beds so quickly they didn't fall into each others arms as fast. Mason stood back so he could take stock of his feelings and even though it hurt Avery and annoyed me it made sense considering Mason and his expectations of what it was he wanted.

They had a wonderful connection and watching them discover each other was very sweet. My only complaint is that I wanted more. It's something that normally happens when books are this short, but in this one specifically Cassandra Gold set up a relationship with such potential that I can't help but feel the loss at not being able to watch it develop myself.

Serena Yates says

This is a super cute story about a man, a tough ex-Marine in this case, overcoming the obstacles his own perceptions and prejudice have put in his way to finding true love.

Mason has a definite fixation on "his type of man": powerful, as tall and strong as himself, and not "too gay". I suspect it comes from his time as a Marine, when that was probably the type of man he was around all the time, the type he was taught to think of as "manly". Whatever the reason, he cannot even imagine hitting it off with any other kind of guy. Until he meets Avery. In fact, he likes him so much, and believes his attention to be so impossible, that he runs after their first night together. Something he quickly learns to regret...

Avery is a baker, loves bright colors, dresses flamboyantly, and is a great guy. He spoils Mason when he comes home with him, and creates the kind of intimacy between them that he loves – and that scares Mason to death. Luckily, Avery is a forgiving guy, and has fallen for Mason just as hard as Mason has fallen for him. He still needs an apology, which is well-deserved, but he's realistic enough to understand fear.

If you like sweet stories about men finding themselves and what they really need, rather than what they think is good for them, if you enjoy tales about opposites that attract, and if you're looking for a read that is as romantic as it is hot, then you will probably like this short story.

NOTE: This book was provided by Amber Allure for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

~RMG says

I originally read this story when it was first published by Phaze, and I'd rated it a 1 star, for reasons beyond my memory (or as it turns out, my comprehension). Decided to pick up the most recent version, and I must say that I really enjoyed it. I liked how Mason got his act together, admitted his mistake, and went after Avery, asking him for a second chance. And Avery was a cutie, so brave in giving Mason another shot. A really sweet short story.

Nancy says

Mason Larue, former Marine, now working as a carpenter, is really not into masquerade dances, but his friend Stan drags him along and wants him to have fun. Mason prefers large and muscular men, much like him, and is most comfortable with one-night stands.

Mason's life changes when he sets eyes on an enchanting young man dressed in a fairy costume who is so not his type.

I really enjoyed this steamy and sexy story about two very different men who discover they are not so different after all. Despite its short length, the characters were fully developed and the romance was very sweet. Great title too!

Lily says

This short story is very sweet and also very sexy.

Mason Larue is a former Marine now working as a carpenter. The week before Halloween he accompanies a friend to a club and there he meets Avery Adams. Mason is usually attracted to big muscular men like himself and although Avery is the total opposite of that he can't help but be drawn to the stunning younger man dressed as a fairy.

After some dancing and a few hot minutes in an alcove they head out to Avery's place but morning after jitters lead Mason to slip away before the other man wakes up. A few days later Mason goes to Avery and after apologizing and explaining how he feels Avery gives Mason another chance so that by the end of the story we see the beginning of what could be a nice HEA future for the carpenter and his fairy.

I really enjoyed this story. Even though it is very short Cassandra Gold was able to pack quite a bit into it. Both Mason and Avery were developed enough to be engaging characters. The storyline is sweet while at the same time the sex scenes were sexy and hot. No big drama or angst just two men meeting, discovering their physical compatibility and then finding that they just might also have a happy future together. This story will appeal to readers who enjoy well written romance with a sexy edge.
