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He was being held down, unable to control the thing that was now on top of him. He didn't know how many arms, legs or tentacles this thing had, but they were all over him, and in him. With everything that was happening around him, all he was able to do was take what the monster was doing to him. Why they were doing this to him he had no idea, but all he could hope for at this point was death.

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love's Landscapes**" 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.

Dear Author,

He has been down here for a couple of days already; he could tell by the streams of lights through the small openings high up surrounding the edges of the high wall. At first he thought it would be stuffy and hot, curiously it was rather cold. It must be the damp packed-earth wall around him. The wall was at least several metres high. Even so, that was not the only deterrence stopping him from leaving this prison he had been unceremoniously dumped into. He knew that he would be a permanent fixture here unless someone saw fit to release him from the sturdy chain attached to the iron collar resting on his neck.

They would come in two or three persons, at fixed intervals each day, to provide him with sustenance and attend to his personal grooming. He had no idea why they were fastidious about his cleanliness and health. He couldn't shake off the ominous feeling that he was being fattened up like a lamb before a sacrifice.

Photo Description:

A statue, that looks as if it is floating in water, of a man with an octopus surrounding the lower half of his body. The man appears to be fighting it off and in pain.

This story may contain sexually explicit content and is **intended for adult readers**. It may contain content that is disagreeable or distressing to some readers. The M/M Romance Group strongly recommends that each reader review the General Information section before each story for story tags as well as for content warnings.

The Archers of Kynthos Details

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From Reader Review The Archers of Kynthos for online ebook

Mandy says

I'm a little confused about this one. When I started reading it I thought I would be reading an erotic tentacle sex story. That's what I was in the mood for and went looking for. The blurb led me to believe that was what I was getting. Don't get me wrong it was a good story and well written, but I was in the mood for something specific. There was tentacle sex in the beginning of the story. Not erotic at all, more like monster rape. Then I thought perhaps this octopus god like creature would come back and mate with the MC and they would raise its baby and it would get better. I got to about 40% of the way into this story and realised I had no idea what I was reading. I went back read some reviews got more of an idea what the story was about and picked it back up. It got better for me then. I'm a person that needs to know what I'm reading. Which characters I should be rooting for and who to despise and wish death upon. So, for the rest of this book I was hoping Brian and Marcus would have their HEA. Suffice to say I was not happy with the ending. It didn't end, it was full of loose ends. It could have been worse, but when I invest my time in a story I want to know what happens, lucky this was a short read otherwise had I got more emotionally involved with the characters I would have been pissed. I have no idea how I feel about this story. I think it is still worth the read and gotta love authors who share their work for free so for that it gets an extra star.

Cleo says

Nope! Nope! Nope!

This one goes to my 'what did I just read' list.

Gave this a 1 star because I despise the 'abuser loves me so he hurts me' trope.

Melanie says

Oh my Gods!

I loved it.

I want more.

I *need* more!

Tentacles **and** m-preg, oh the satisfaction.

Aiva says

Ewww, I am too weak for this! Rape and Death everywhere. DNF at 25%

Jeanne 'Divinae' says

So, the beginning of this story, I thought I would very much dislike it. But somehow... the author made it end wanting to know what will happen next. This is a bit on the dark side. We have betrayal, rape, forced-marriage.

Marcus is a strong character. He was living a blissful innocent life. He had found the man of his dreams and was very happy with the life he was living. Then... it all falls down. Like someone kicking over a sandcastle. Perfect one second, completely smash the next. He is woken up and finds out he is living in hell and the person in charge of this hell, the love of his life, Brian.

He is taken a prisoner, treated horribly. Then, he finds out he is the 'sacrifice' of a special ritual. This group of people, called the Archers of Kynthos, assist in helping getting him raped and impregnated by a some tentacle 'god'. It is pretty detailed, and pretty horrible experience. Sadly, that isn't the end. He finds out he is pregnant and will be giving birth to a half-god. If he wishes to stay alive and not taken prisoner again(until the baby is born then he will be killed) he will have to marry Brian.

As I said, he is strong. Even though all this is happening to him, in the end he wants to survive and will do what is necessary to stay alive, even if he has to marry the man who betrayed him.

Marcus is not want this thing/monster. He does not want a child, especially one formed through rape. He hates everything. But finally, he comes around. His fatherly instinct kicks in. He even starts to have feelings for Brian again.

Brian was searching for the 'right' man who can give birth to his cult's half-god child. What he doesn't expect is to fall in love with the man and his child. Even though he understands how he broke Marcus' trust and love, he know there are bigger bastards out there. He does what he thinks he has to do to keep Marcus alive. He truly believes that Marcus was meant to be the father of his 'child'. He tries to explain why Marcus should feel privileged for being the 'chosen' one. Marcus tries to explain that his what happened. He was given no choices at all. He life was stolen form him and taken over without his consent. Brain is also betrayed but people within his group.

The Archers of Kynthos is a world-wide cult. I use the world cult, other may chose a different term. There are factions from all over the world, and Brian is in charge of one of the factions. There are leaders within the group who have their own plans with the baby, and Brian wants to do the best he can to protect Marcus and his baby now. He finds out that his plans for Marcus and the baby are not the same as the leaders of the cult have in mind.

The action and suspense last up to the end. It is definitely left open to continue. You may be shocked by how this part ends.

Nile Princess says

Wow! Really well done. I skimmed most of it, pre-pregnancy, but once Marcus found out he was with child I was strapped in for the ride! Very realistically paced and the exploration of Marcus's reactions was very well done. But that ending?? There IS another part coming, right? Oh wait, I just saw that the author is working on the second part. Whew! Re Brian, he grew on me. I could understand why Marcus felt the way he did.

Yblees says

[The potential victim character actually turns out to be strong enough to save himself. Good job! (hide spoiler)]

Kynthos-the-Archer (Kyn) says

My name is emblazoned on this book and it's my first story prompt. How cool is that?

This story is based on my first ever story prompt. I finally had the courage to try writing one this year for Love's Landscapes the M/M Romance Group's yearly story prompt and writing event where both readers and writers come together creating countless free stories for the benefit of M/M fans.

Since I am those extra deviant type, I had to try my luck fishing for a story that blends two taboo erotica themes together; **Tentacle Sex + Mpreg**. In my case, it's the best of both worlds for me. Truthfully I have been waiting around for such a story to happen yet I couldn't find any so far. I knew I had to take matters into own hands for the birth of such sexual boundaries pushing story and hope for it to be a catalyst to bring forth more of such stories in future.

THIS IS MY PROMPT PICTURE:

Artist: Rune Olsen

Sculpture Title: For Everything I Long to Do

MY STORY PROMPT:

I have hidden my prompt under this spoiler tag for the benefit of shortening the length of this review. (This is NOT A SPOILER. So click click click):

(view spoiler)

HERE'S MY FEEDBACK ON THE STORY:

I am going to draw a list here on the important parts.

~ **Captivity/Confinement:** All is well here other than why on earth did they need to be so abusive to the protagonist since he is someone the captor deemed as utmost importance and worth? Shouldn't he be pampered and kept safe for their later depraved usage?

~ **Forced Breeding/Impregnation:** Rough. Plain torture. There wasn't much details on the impregnation process just rough painful fucking.

~ **Tentacle Sex:** Uh oh, it didn't trigger my happy button here. Zero erection. Being a tentacles sex fan, getting aroused by those rapey perverted tentacles is a MUST. It's the climax of reading tentacles erotica. Sadly this was more of a horrific torture event than an arousing encounter. Besides I was really hoping for some forced orgasm action especially those forced multiple orgasm. It's unfortunate the tentacle sex here was used as a torture tool instead. Obviously it's a turn-off for tentacle sex fans since we would naturally look for the sensual and erotic appeal of tentacle sex. (view spoiler)

~ **Male Pregnancy on troubled waters:** Love the way the MC struggles to adapt with his pregnancy; trying to come to term with his bizarre situation. Watching his coping mechanism alienates him from the baby in his womb. The explanation on how the pregnancy could occur was a bit vague but I do appreciate it was at least there.

~ **Birth Scene:** On-page birth scene just as I wish for. (view spoiler))

~ **Forced Seduction & Forced Marriage:** Not bad, I kinda enjoy the angst here. This is where the story rack up points from me.

Why 4 stars then? Well, irregardless of those niggling issues I still find this story to be engaging and interesting. Especially enjoyed the whole drama between the protagonist and his controlling borderline psychotic lover plus his denial about the whole pregnancy thing kept me reading and wanting more.

I am happy to say that K.M. Harty make it a point to deliver everything I've listed on my story prompt and more. For that, I am deeply grateful and thankful for her effort.

Hey, I just found another this other picture which has the view of what's happening at the other end.

Artist: Rune Olsen

Sculpture Title: For Everything I Long to Do

And this one is another perspective with a close up.

Artist: Rune Olsen

Sculpture Title: For Everything I Long to Do

Apparently this awesome sculpture was based on this **PHOTOSHOPPED PICTURE**

Sorry, I am too chicken-shit to post it here. So you will just need to follow that link to the goodies kay.

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PREVIOUS COMMENTS on 25th July 2014:
(view spoiler)

Emma Sea says

aw, what a great title

Buttons says

I really don't know how to rate this... It was kind of sick (the rape part and the days after that were sickening - it was well written) but the cold brutality and setup for more was really good.

Lilia Ford says

[as we get into a real Stockholm scenario as Marcus the hero is forced to play house with Brian, the boyfriend who set him up to be raped and impregnated. It reminded me of one of my fa

Ayanna says

I saw the words "tentacles" and "mpreg." Well, consider me sold twice.

A Girl Has No Name says

5 stars for some truely terrifying tentacles!

Fifi LaFleur says

Terrifying tentacles. Truly. This was one of those stories that I liked and it made me squick. I love tentacles but am currently trying to block these tentacles from my memory.

The story itself was interesting and made me think of a violent MPreg version of Cabin In The Woods.

There were many things unexplained. I really never understood why Marcus needed to be tenderized with beatings for a few months. Moody Brian would have had me running for the nearest stabby thing to place in his temple, that is if I hadn't used it in myself already to get out of this nightmare. The biology needs some explaining with the ass birth. Escape seems unlikely. There were a few awkward POV moments as well.

Creep factor is high and it's far from perfect but I did enjoy it.

Don says

One scorching hot read that I inhaled in one sitting. There is nothing formulaic here, which is refreshing to find in any MM literature. Instead, we get generous helpings of non-con tentacle sex, bondage, m-preg, imprisonment, betrayal and an ending twist that's totally unexpected. What's not to like?

The only thing I didn't like was searching high and low for more from this wonderfully talented writer and coming up empty handed. I only hope she's in front of her laptop even now, banging out more like this one from that extremely creative brain of hers.
