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*A natural follower meets a natural leader. The only question now is who will have the biggest influence over the other?*

Elijah is a natural follower, but he's never thought too much about the way he lets his cousin talk him into all kinds of crazy schemes. What he has thought about, a lot, is the fact that he's pretty sure he's not entirely straight. When a drunken game of truth and dare sees Elijah's cousin, Louisa, find out he might be gay, her influence leads him straight into his favourite sexual fantasy.

Aaron has always believed that he's a much harder man to manipulate, but that doesn't mean he's never been hurt, or that past pain doesn't influence his actions in the present. Aaron might be dominant to the core, but that doesn't mean it's all easy for him.

As meddling family members, former submissives and large amounts of alcohol all come to bear on them, Elijah and Aaron are about to find out just what sort of influence they are destined to have on each other.

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### **Serena Yates says**

This newest volume in the Perfect Timing series explores what happens when a novice submissive, who doesn't even acknowledge he is gay, falls under the influence of an experience, somewhat jaded and disappointed Dom.

Elijah is so innocent and determined to be 'normal' that he's been unhappy for years. He just doesn't know it. This story may start as a 'dare' for him to establish whether or not he can admit that he is gay, but the stakes quickly increase. He discovers he wants more from his first-time lover, even if Aaron gives all the signs of not being interested. In a very un-submissive like way Elijah goes after what he wants.

Aaron has been hurt badly by a past lover. He is a Dom who feels every ounce of responsibility for his sub intensely, and nothing could have hurt him more than the accusation of being callous. Of not caring. As determined as he is to leave it at one encounter with Elijah, he simply cannot resist the younger man's allure. The discussion they have about where to take their relationship is very much one between equals, and I loved that.

If you like stories about men falling in love despite themselves, if a D/d relationship with a curious and totally inexperienced submissive partner fascinate you, and if very hot sex scenes that are tender at the same time are your thing, I am pretty sure you will like this story.

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### **Katy Beth Mckee says**

Elijah's cousin kind of throws him under the bus. But for once it might turn out okay. There is sweet and gentle leading. Aaron wants all of Elijah's experiences to be perfect. And we seem him sort of pull back because of his fear that he might not be perfect. But Elijah is strong enough to begin to let Aaron know what he needs and the difference between special and perfect.

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### **Teeny says**

2.7 stars

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### **Sue bowdley says**

i really enjoyed this book was so disappointed when it ended..it could have gone on for at least a couple more chapters..but still very enjoyable to read x

### **Elena says**

I liked the premise more than the execution and maybe it was me, not the book. Kim Dare did everything right here, but I just didn't connect with the MCs.

Still, an enjoyable short story.

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### **Chris says**

Very good kinky m/m romance about a guy who's in denial about being gay. He foolishly mentions it to his cousin when he's drunk, thus setting in motion her plan for him to find out definitively whether he is or isn't.

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### **Kris says**

A 2-3 star read.

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### **Hurri Cosmo says**

This was so good. I love Kim Dare. I was a little confused about the POV shifts which sometimes happened in the middle of a paragraph but the story, the characters, all made up for it. I loved the perceived slow falling in love, the way each MC struggled with their own demons. I am so glad I bought this book because I can read it again and again. Definitely a favorite.

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### **J. Taylor says**

2.5

I preferred this second book in the volume I read which goodreads doesn't have an edition of so putting it as two separate ones. It focused more on the dominant which is more up my street. It was cute and Elijah had a little bit of spunk to his submission that made it easier to swallow. Don't think I'll be reading many D/s books though because submission is so foreign to me.

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### **Wax says**

Hmm, I think I was expecting too much out of the book. It didn't quite meet what my expectations were, but it was an interesting set up.

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## **blade says**

Kim Dare does it again! The "Perfect Timing" series of stories explores many types of D/s relationships; this one (No. 8) is now a favorite. Elijah and Aaron are wonderful characters, each dealing with their own set of fears and insecurities and finding they can conquer them together. Soooo "sweet".

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## **Sammy Goode says**

Ah...here's the deal--this story--such a lovely story--but...the end...or lack of end...or a WTF you are stopping there??? kind of end. I must put my reviewer foot right down and throw just a bit of a tantrum on this one. Ms. Dare delivers to us a sweet coming out story coupled with a wounded character in need of healing in her novel While Under the Influence. Elijah, a young closeted submissive who is in deep denial is set up by his best friend so that he can act out his favorite fantasy--rent boy in the men's room. Not only is Elijah in denial that he is gay, but he is also running and hiding from the fact that he is a true submissive at heart. When he reveals to his bestie that he has had a secret crush on a coworker,(Aaron) AND that Aaron figures prominently in his men's room fantasy--well she is off and running to make fantasy reality. However, Aaron is hiding a fragile psyche beneath his confident Dominant exterior, and herein lies the crux of the problem with the ending to this story. We never really hear what it was that happened between Aaron and his last sub that left him wounded and insecure. We DO know by the end of the story that there is a future relationship for these two men...but what ghosts lie in wake to disrupt that relationship is unclear. We are left with an ending that is abrupt and a less than satisfying HFN.

I truly love this author so it pains me to give this little diamond in the rough a 3 star rating. Unfortunately, the abrupt feel to the ending, the murky past of the MC Aaron and the potential impact that could have on his burgeoning relationship with Elijah left just a few too many loose ends for me.

However, this author has a proven track record for satisfying and well written stories so never fear, I would advise us all to keep her on auto-buy--I know I will!

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## **Jane says**

lovely dynamic between the sheets

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## **Blackmermaid says**

### **3.5 stars**

I'm a huge fan of Kim Dare's and I know I won't be disappointed when I read one of her books. This was no exception. It was a little difficult figuring out who's POV it was, but it didn't take away the enjoyment of the story. The only thing I was only disappointed with was it wasn't longer! I read the end, turned the page, and then I had to turn back because I couldn't believe that was the end!!! Ughh...I needed an epilogue. Overall, I enjoyed this short story!

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## **L-D says**

This was a sweet story about Elijah who confesses a gay fantasy to his cousin in the midst of a session of drunken "Truth or Dare". Latching onto his confession, his cousin is determined to make his fantasy come to life.

I liked the characters in this book. Elijah was very sweet and innocent and his fantasy was one that he would never have voiced out loud under normal circumstances. I thought that while his cousin, Louisa, was brash and loud, she really did love him and wanted the best for him. I also liked Aaron and thought that he treated Elijah really well.

I only gave the story 3 stars because I felt it was a little short and may have benefited from a little more plot development.

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