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When his life takes a dark turn, billionaire Theodosius Vardalos purchases a deserted island in the Bermuda triangle. It's accessible only by plane- the better, he thinks, to hide his scars from the rest of the world. What Theo doesn't know is that the island has an incredible secret, one that gives him hope... hope of future happiness, despite the horrible scars that make him a recluse. Hope to be had in the arms of a mysterious blonde he hasn't yet met...

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From Reader Review Master of the Island for online ebook

Tina says

I cannot wait to read the story of Mr. V and his sexy island nymph!
He is a very intriguing character! I love the set-up for the series. It has definitely piqued my interest.
I really enjoyed Joely's character as well and am looking forward to her story.

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Bogormen says

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Jodie Bivins says

This was an introductory book to give you an idea how the island came to be.
We meet the Master and get some history on him. We meet Joely and how she becomes the pilot for the island. It has a cliff hanger but that was to be expected. I love how you get a preview of the woman the Master is waiting for. This is a great way to start this series.

Kathy says

Invitation to Eden #0.5

This is the prequel to the Invitation to Eden series. The book that explains how the wheels were set in motion. It was well done, but way too short in my opinion. Hence the 3 star rating instead of 4 stars.

Read:

February 1, 2018 – FREE for Kindle

Sky says

Master of the Island is a prequel to the series “Invitation to Eden” --- a series that I am genuinely disappointed at myself for not finding sooner! The series consists of a different installment each written by another author, a brilliant and creative concept!

This particular “prequel” was short in length – four chapters – but definitely was enough to get my curiosity piqued about this mysterious and broken Greek man with a marred face named Theodosius Vardalos.

Mr. V-- as dubbed by a young lady named Joely who seriously reminds me of Kaylee Frye from the show “Firefly” -- purchases an island six months prior to the rest of the story. Joley comes into the picture when

Theo is bantering back and forth with the charter employee at the private hanger after finding out his scheduled pilot called out sick and there's no one else available to fly him to his new getaway, the getaway he'd been vying for for months to seek refuge from gawking eyes and his broken past.

Joely offers to fly him out there herself. He was skeptical at first, but desperate enough to take her on the offer. Upon arrival to the island, things get a little interesting to say the least.

That's where I should leave it since it is a short snippet. But ah-my-gosh, lemme tell ya, it's h-a-w-t!

I can easily admit that the ending left me wanting more; more about this lively, jubilant yet enigmatic Joely, more about the mysterious incident in the thicket of the forests when Mr. V awoke the next morning, and even more so, wanting to get to dig into his past to discover what in the hell happened to him?!

Luckily, there is an entire series out there finished and ready to be in my hands and read!

If you haven't read the series before the release of this prequel, this was a little something delicious to begin with. And hey, maybe we can read the series together, yeah? Let's go!

MsRomanticReads says

*Purchased and read as part of THE BAD BOYS OF EDEN: Billionaires, Alphas, Bikers, and Doms Boxed Set.

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Invitation to Eden #0.5

Tags: Contemporary, Erotica, M/F, Billionaire, CEO, Beauty and the Beast Theme, BDSM, Kink

Length: Prologue + 4 Chapters

This short story introduces us to the man we will come to know mainly as The Master throughout the collection of books, and we learn how the magical island known as Eden came to be. Growing up, I loved the 80s tv show Fantasy Island. This collection is reminiscent of that, only kinkier.

The eccentric billionaire and CEO, Theodosius Vardalos, was once a handsome man and in love. But then his lover had deceived him, stealing almost all of his money and leaving him badly scarred, forcing him to wear a balaclava for the sake of others. He needed to heal, and because he could, he purchased an old Irish castle to be rebuilt on a small island in the Bermuda Triangle. While surveying his island, he had an experience. It seemed to know what his greatest desire was and gave it to him. Filled with hope and a new outlook on life, he knew what he had to do to make his dream a reality. As the saying goes: If you build it, they will come. And so the exclusive island resort Eden was born.

As a prequel that was available for free, I thought this was a decent introduction. Short but adequate (then again, this was included in the box set The Bad Boys of Eden, so I was able to just keep reading books with the same theme). I wasn't disappointed that his story was cut short here or not immediately available in the box set.

I'm looking forward to eventually seeing him meet the mystery woman from his dream, and perhaps finding out more about the pilot, Joely who "looks like she's sixteen". There were several references to a darkness or

After surviving the attack that left him both physically and emotionally scarred Theodosius Vardalos is ready to escape. He owns a small island in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle that was originally intended to develop as a resort, but is now the oasis he intends to call home.

Inexplicably drawn to the calming waters and lush greenery, it's the perfect place for him to regain the confidence that defined his dominant nature.

Expertly written and edited; Master of the Island contains elements of mystery, magic, and steamy sexuality. With well developed characters, this prequel sets the foundation for a storyline you won't want to miss and has a cliffhanger of an ending that left me panting for more!

Future Slayer Girl says

I have to do a review on this before I forget my thoughts. That is possible to happen, yet I was so annoyed/pissed/ranty/ragey by the end of this little intro to this massive book collection that I might not forget it.

So, a group of authors are doing what is called Invitation to Eden. For the next few months I speculate three short stories will be released at a time and it all takes place on Eden and island in the Bermuda Triangle. Well, this is the story about how it came to be, and who owns it, and why.

Well, I didn't hate it, but I also really hated it.

You see, I loved the whole concept the author was rolling with here. She was great at the whole Alpha male thing. She also spun the whole 'he's a beast thing.' You feel so bad for him, you want to wrap him in a bear hug and make it all better while allowing him to flog the crap out of you.

Enter Joely.

This is where the story went horribly wrong for me.

They were given great banter, chemistry, even some attraction. Then what does the author do? She has the anti hero hook up with some fantasy submissive that is oh so perfect and like the bestest submissive ever!

I was like UM WHAT!

Now, I had to read it again. And the author basically tried to tell you with all the subtlety of a sledgehammer to not ship this duo. "Oh, your not my type. Oh, we aren't attracted to each other. Oh, I'm not here for your and your not here for me." Those are the exact likes but Joely basically screams at the reader:

DO NOT SHIP THIS COUPLE!

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Well, guess what I SHIPPED JOELY AND V!!!!!!!!!!

The idea of a tiny little spitfire brunette and a man they call a 'beast' and is a huge hulking dominant--

ummmmmmmmm you kind of subconsciously created Belle and the Beast and now I want my ship or I will throw a massive tantrum all over this book series!

So, that was my adventure last night. I like the idea of a bunch of authors writing one similar verse so I'll be reading all these. It looks like in May, Lauren has another book in this series, with a Blonde on the cover, and why do I get the feeling this magical submissive is going to be his HEA?

Sighs....

The only hope for this is Joely getting someone. They just... sighs.... nevermind.... I'm prepared for the disappointment.

Evie Koteskey says

Thanks

Thhanks . It was good anxious to read next book. Can't find it. Where did it go. Still I am looking.

Angela says

28 September 2014: \$0.00 FREE on Kindle

Diane says

Very nice prequel

Entertaining short read about an island called Eden and its new owner. Sets the scene nicely and introduces some of the other players.

Steph says

After reading Eliza Gayle's *Purgatory* story (Hold Me Close), which is also a part of the multi-author series compilation *Invitation to Eden*, I was interested in learning more about Eden and its mysterious Master.

Lauren Hawkeye's **Master of the Island** is a very short prequel (free @ Amazon) that offers readers a brief intro to the man behind "*the island that knows what you need*" and Joely, the puddle-jumper pilot. The island, however, continues to remain a mystery. We know it's located in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle, the Master ("Mr. V" ~ Theodosius Vardalos) relocates a castle from Ireland to the island, and the island has a way of providing its inhabitants with whatever they need.

I kept waiting for Mr. Roarke to pop out and say, "**Welcome to Fantasy Island**"! As a fan of the show Fantasy Island and this genre, I'm tempted to read all of the EDEN installments by its 26 different authors.

But, as a serious series reader with serious series OCD, I don't know if I'll be able to jump into the midst of an otherwise ongoing series just to get another glimpse of this intriguing island and its inhabitants.

(Story rating is closer to 2.5★, but I am intrigued by this multi-author series and appreciated the free prequel, so I rounded up.)
