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A J2 AU in which Jared is a secret agent and Jensen is his handler/support tech. Yeah, I know. Leave all expectations of realism at the door, please.

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Susan says

DNF at 70%.

I just cannot take anymore of this!!!! I think I have pulled out all of my hair while reading this. I am supposed to like BOTH MC's, aren't I? Why on earth write Jensen like this?? Even some weird plot twist (if there is one) is not going to redeem him in my eyes. I cannot stand him.

The romance was not believable no matter how hard I tried to really get in to it. I never felt the connection between Jared and Jensen. Why on earth they fell in love still puzzles me.

And after Jensen (view spoiler) everything just goes downhill. Whatever story there was it was just more of the same, but with Jensen (view spoiler).

The writing is not that bad, there are several errors, but overall the story had a nice flow to it. I just really have to like both MC's to actually like a book and that was not going to happen in this one.

Tiferet says

Ah, this is one of the Great Ones, no doubt about it, the one everyone knows and loves, and for good reasons. In the fandom that has thousands of authors, Fleshflutter remains steadily in my Top 3 (actually, she remains there even if I include all the other authors in all the other fandoms in the run).

I must have read this story a dozen of times over the years and it's still an absolute pleasure every time I start it anew.

Dreamer says

4.5 stars. Jared is a top class government agent in this fanfic and Jensen is his new handler. The plot twists and turns, bit of a Jason Bourne vibe going on.

'Jensen sounds so calm, like this is all perfectly rational, and Jared has the sudden, blistering urge to grab him by the shoulders and shake him until his eyes pop out of their sockets. Or maybe kiss him until his brain fucking reboots and he comes to his senses.'

Julesmarie says

This was spectacularly great fun. I adored all of the twistiness and the double-crossing and the never knowing who could be trusted. Honestly, the plot of this one is better than many published spy novels, and I would totally have paid money to get to read this story.

It's clear the author had fun trying to fit every CW actor/producer/director EVER into the story, but I was actually just distracted by it most of the time. There were a few funny lines (Mike Rosenbaum not quite being "shave-his-head" crazy, Tom Welling being their "Superman", etc), but mostly it pulled me out of the story.

Some Favorite Quotes:

It takes Jared a second to realize that this is actually happening in a real-world context as opposed to the thoroughly deviant confines of his imagination.

a t-shirt that could only be more creased if it had been used as a rug by a herd of excitable bison.

and he's only lucky he's too pretty for Jared to leave behind to get shot at and blown up.

Jared can't blame Krantz for wanting to switch sides. His side is much better looking; it has him and Jensen on it, after all.

Not exactly sane, but really really smart: that would be Jensen.

Mike is undoubtedly living on the exciting side of mental health.

Robin says

For an unpublished book, this was very good. Very creative, excellent descriptions so you felt the emotions of the characters & loved the banter between the 2 MC.

I was surprised that I liked this so much & I hope that Fleshflutter continues to write!

I do have one small issue, many many times I would see the misuse of a word or it was a word used that didn't make sense. I will have to get a few examples of what I mean later(when it's not 3:30 am & I'm not falling asleep!!) Anyway, there were hardly any spelling issues or stupid mistakes like we see from a lot of Kindle bks. However like I mentioned above you'd see a total misuse of a word & it was just kind of weird. Ohh well no-biggie!

Day-thief says

I almost DNFed this after a couple of chapters because the story seemed so very predictable and dull. Boy, was I wrong. Can't say I enjoyed large parts of the story, though. Still, this was different. And I'm all for that.

Myriam says

This is the kind of fic that me want to go and explore the traditionally published m/m scene because if fanfiction produced for free by people writing as a hobby could be this good what would stories that people get paid for be like?! Well, tbh I still haven't actually read one that was better than this story. Equally good, sure, but outright better? - nope.

I strongly believe that you could file the fandom serial numbers off this one and publish it in a heartbeat. I'm happy that it's still available for free :)

'Someone You Might Have Been' is pretty much THE spy!AU in the J2 fandom. I came out of this story with a new understanding of what fanfiction could be - it definitely raised the bar for what I consider 'good fic' and only a very few authors can measure up in my opinion.

What makes this fic so special is how layered it is.

"Jared is tall, good-looking, has great people-skills, and a huge heart. Jared is fluent in five languages, highly proficient in the use of advanced surveillance technology, an expert marksman, and knows eighty-seven ways to kill a person with his bare hands in under a minute." And this beautiful package gets paired with Jensen: Ice cold, professional to a fault and pretty much everything Jared wants.

On the surface these are all the ingredients you need to create a successful J2 spy!AU. You expect witty banter, badass!boys blowing shit up and getting out of dangerous situations by the skin of their teeth. And because we're talking fanfic there also better be icequeen!Jensen inevitably melting under the force of Jared's sunshine smile - in explicitly smutty ways, thank you very much.

And sure, this story delivers on all of the above and does it with fantastic writing and character development. And then comes the part where we get to uncover the other layers to fleshflutter's plot and shit gets real...

Real in the sense that these characters go through the wringer. You will love them and you will hate them, you will fear for their lives and your heart will break for them multiple times for entirely new and devastating reasons.

I won't go into more details because that would just ruin everything. But I will say that the men we meet at the beginning are irrevocably changed by the events of this story.

The timestamps are pretty much the benchmark for what a timestamp to a story is supposed to do: Flesh out a moment in time that for whatever reason was not explored in the main timeline. They are devastating in entirely new ways.

There is no hyperbole when it comes to this fic. It is that good. Go and read it, rec it and be one incredible experience richer for it.

DayDreamer says

4.5 stars

Crazy. Crazy. Crazy.

Just pointing out some references I quite enjoyed.

Michael Rosenbaum. His Lex Luthor is gorgeous.

Sofia. Hey, Jared, you in Sofia? Come visit me. Stay for a drink. Bring Jensen for a vacation. (Well, not in Sofia, obviously, but I could find you a nice mountain/seaside resort.) I'll leave alone the fact that the author doesn't know shit about Sofia. I had a feeling they didn't know in which country it is since it's never

mentioned. :D And the lots of western character names in Sofia, a bit not good. But hey, I'm not complaining, Jared came to Sofia!

Jason Bourne. Both movie and book version. I appear to agree with Jensen about book-Bourne being more bad-ass. And I bet he would give Jared more than an even fight, a run for his money. If either of them existed.

Jack Bristow; Sydney. Alias is a favourite series. Yay!

I'm sure I've forgotten some, but I got the important ones.

As for the ending, all I can say is: Holy shit! I mean, I expected the last bit, but the way shit hit the fan was surprising.

The mind games were very, very nice. I hadn't had experience with a page-turner for quite a while, so this is highly appreciated.

Nina says

Third read:

I keep coming back to this. It's getting ridiculous.

I think this might one of my favorite things I've read in my entire life. No categories or genres or anything, just one of my absolute most loved pieces of writing.

It's that good.

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Second read:

At this point I've come to terms with the fact that I can't string two coherent sentences together when it comes to Fleshflutter's stories.

This is such a fucked up beast of a rollercoaster I'm still reeling a solid hour after finishing it for the second time.

And it's funny to boot.

But mostly it's insanely clever and heart-wrenchingly intense.

The two reasons why I'm not saying more are

a. this is too delicious to spoil even in the smallest details, and

b. I legitimately, genuinely cannot, because everytime I finish a fic by this brilliant fucker I die inside a little (in the best possible way).

I just

Bye.

***Jessica says**

4 stars!

This book had me hooked from start to finish! Now, this review is not going to be elaborate because I cannot give anything away or else it'll ruin everything. BUT, if you like a story with witty banter, a hot romance, a great plot with spies and "James Bond" moves, this book is for you! The plot and the romance between Jared and Jensen was *interesting*. It kept my attention the whole way through.

I do have some complaints.

SPOILERS AHEAD! SPOILERS AHEAD!!!!!!

My problems with the story was Jensen (I know what you're thinking...I have a problem with JENSEN?! He's my favorite in real life but in this story...not so much). I really wanted to love the guy. But how can I when he betrays Jared for like, 90% of the book?! It all came down to trust and putting love above the job. and Jensen, unfortunately, failed in both. Jensen was damn lucky that he had Jared who always gave him the benefit of the doubt, even when he really didn't deserve it. Honestly, I wanted to fall in love with Jensen but his actions kept getting in the way. At the end, I just kept feeling like...hmm, Jared doesn't know the real Jensen does he? Yet he risks so much for him. I don't know. It left me with a weird vibe and I just don't see them surviving as a couple. Which is too depressing to think about.

My other slight irritation is that I didn't experience the "falling in love" part between the characters. They fell pretty quickly for each other. And I understand that that had to happen in order for the rest of the story to take place, but the "falling in love" is sometimes the best part of a story and I was sad not to experience it.

Overall, really fun and exciting read. Would definitely recommend it.

Vio says

I was coasting along feeling sad and sorry for Jensen and thinking I was right about Jared, the annoying pest. Oh boy was I wrong, the author led me up the garden path, lulled me into a false sense of security, believe me when I say I woke up very fast. I was literally thrown into the chaotic, dark and murky world of double agents and every mind game possible. Not all is as it seems, a twisty, torturous and angsty gem. I was thrilled with this action packed nail-biter and niggles be damned as Td would say, its free and I loved it. Also Jensen rules and Jared is second best (non negotiable :D) I thought I better make that clear. Jensen is still my green eyed innocent angel, ahem that's my story and I am sticking to it, tragic I know. Oops, I forgot to mention Chad (unforgettable) who brought a lightness and hilarity to a few tense situations. Highly recommended to all fans!

LenaLena says

OK. So. Yeah. This book.

I only add fanfic to the goodreads database if I actually like it. There is lots of dross I've read lately that is

languishing on my hard drive and it won't be my doing if it ever sees the light of day here. The reason is, that while I enjoy getting my snark on, I like to save it for stories that have been beta'd, submitted, edited, revised, accepted, edited, revised, published, marketed, been paid actual money for and that *still* manage to suck donkeyballs.

If you write a bad fanfic, that sucks for me, but you didn't write it for me in particular, and you and your friends had fun with it, and hey, I didn't pay for it, and since I am not going to recommend it to any of my fellow fanfic fan friends (I win at alliteration!), why would I crucify you on goodreads? It seems a waste of time. So only the ones I like end up here and *I am rounding UP!* Because some of you have spent a godawful amount of time, effort and talent on these and I love reading the results. For Free.

That is my very long-winded introduction to explain that, by waiting to list this book on goodreads, I missed out on sharing a long string of increasingly hysterical status updates. This is approximately what they might have looked like (and no, I have no gifs, but if you care send me some appropriate ones, I'd be happy to edit them in later, Lenore). Percentages are total crapshoots.

5% - Jared is a cross between Hsin Vega, a slobbering happy labrador puppy and a gay Johnny Bravo. This is like the Disney version of ICoS. Only the speedos are smaller.

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20% - OK, I get it, Jared, you're awesome. Can you shut up about it now?

35% - Seriously dude. My kindle says the word 'awesome' is used 40 times in this book. This seems low, because you've used it at least 35 times already. Maybe you stop being awesome soon. That would be good.

40% - Total sapfest. This is getting boring. Not sure I can make it through another 60% of this.

41% - Whoa. Wait. What?!? That can't be right. He didn't. He did?!? Oh shit!

45% - Hellooooo, Chad, baby! You adorable foul-mouthed asswipe, you.

56% - Yeah, that's totally justified survivor porn.

60% - Wow. You truly are a despicable human being. Lovely boyfriend material.

63% - Fuck, Jared! You could have taken 5 seconds to blow his kneecap out *before* you jumped into the Danube to save Chad! You fuckwit!

68% - "*Congratulations. You just lost two-point-five-million dollars and an advanced tech microchip, and you moaned like a whore through the whole thing.*" It's ON now, baby! Bring it, Jensen!

78% - Fuck yeah, Ugly Earring!

90% - O.O

No. That can't be right. Seriously?!? ALL this and then this?!? You've got to be fucking kidding me! Why is this file even on my kindle? Who sent me this thing? *searches 9734 messages in the inbox* Eisheth!!! What the *hell*, girl?!?

95% - Why am I still reading this? Do I LIKE stabbing needles in my eyes? No. No, I don't.

98% - OK, so that totally would not work, but I don't fucking care! I'll take it! Realism can go screw itself.

100% - Next: appointment with the chiropractor for emotional whiplash. Then: figure out who Sam and Dean are, because Fleshflutter wrote a bunch of fanfics about them. Actually, who cares who they are? It's not like I've ever watched Supernatural.

So yeah. This one is recommended. Unless you're going to bitch and moan how it is just not *realistic*. In that case, do me a favor and don't read it.

Maygirl7 says

It dragged on a bit too long but the ENDING. oh the feels, the feels! For the first time I think I get what my niece means when she moans about the feels from her fandom. Totally the doomed love story (a la Romeo & Juliet and Lady Jane) that I loved as teenager. whaaa! I'm still feeling the ache in my chest and face.

Katriona says

My mind is broken.
And a little upset.
And a lot unsteady.

Um, there were some issues, a couple bits that lacked clarity but they didn't ruin it for me. The plot was exciting and the heat between Jensen and Jared was incinerating. They were funny and heartwarming and heartbreaking.

It had all the makings for a great spy novel: explosive adrenaline, scorching hot sex, and extra shots of paranoia.

Fun, a bit painful, and absolutely delicious.

Aura says

Me tuvo en ascuas hasta el final. Está muy bien desarrollado y los personajes bien contruidos y muy creíbles.
