

Fallout By Lisa Henry By Lisa Henry

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~~~~~\*Henry and Caspian stopped by to answer questions about the story for the BDSM group's Buddy Read of FALLOUT and their answers can be read: HERE~~~~~

~~~~~\*\*Thanks to my friends you provided moral support and jabbering opportunities while experiencing this story. It's a fascinating look at human nature and its capacity for both good and evil during a catastrophe with the central characters being an established gay couple who are in a low point in their relationship. The first chapter hooked me and I initially thought Fallout was going to delve into the difficulties of sustaining a relationship after the honeymoon's over and life has dealt them some hard knocks. If you're familiar with these two authors.

Wielded it with artistry in both the characterizations and the narrative which drew me in like a tractor beam then threw me around like a piñata at a party of seven year olds jacked up on cake and Mt. They folded in legitimate environmental concerns through the underbelly of this story which appealed to me as an environmentalist and illustrated the challenges of mundane daily activities by someone who has suffered a spinal injury. My blurb skim for this went a little something like: blah blah two dudes who've known each other for a long time yada yada KRAKENRY!!!!!!! during which there was much squealing squeeing and if I'm totally honest it should come as no surprise that they are comfortable and even revel in darkness. We hope you guys like it! If anyone's got any questions here would be a great place to ask them :) Fallout By Lisa Henry High-school boyfriends Jack Haldane and Bastian Wade thought everything would be perfect once they reunited at college putting disapproving parents and small-town attitudes firmly in the past. When disaster occurs and the world unravels will Bastian and Jack manage to hold on to each other or fall further apart as they try to survive? Fallout By Lisa Henry



I like to tell stories. These young men provide the early tension— they are in trouble before the real trouble begins— as they are dealing with a past event that acts as a festering rift between them. Clogging everything... any machinery with moving parts grinds to a halt cars can't go cell service is disrupted (radio wave interference? I couldn't figure why the cell system would go out) and even breathing the ashy air brings a threat. I tell you if the apocalypse ever hits I will run for the hills far far away from people... ok... ... now I'm thinking about the Yellowstone Caldera its super volcano of such a size that with one eruption it could destroy all of North America. Do dark days bring out the best or the worst in us? Do we give rise to the dark side in us all? Do we band together or is it each person for themselves? The problem is it only takes a few bad apples to tip the scales towards anarchy. Especially Bastian... There are delicious hints around a D/s thing between Jack and Bastian that I really wished had gotten explored just a little more... The story ending is HFN but don't let that bother you it is well worth the journey. This writing team (A dream team— I was so excited to hear about this collaboration!) knows how to deliver the sweet and tender as well as the grisly and gory without ever losing sight of two young men fighting for survival and for love. And I loved the part about how in rehab they are telling him to be thankful and grateful but he can't imagine feeling

that and he's thinking back on all the things he's taken for granted and how much worse it could be. Knowing both these authors I definitely wasn't taking anything for granted in fact I was wondering at one point if Bas was going to dump Jack for Red or if Jack was going to just scale that fence and leave with Ally. *Fallout* By Lisa Henry Lisa Henry is one of my favourite authors she writes books that make me feel they hurt guaranteed... She does it so well it's bloody scary! Having only read one book by M. Having now read *Fallout* I'm hoping these two will put their heads together again... because they delivered a brilliantly crafted dark thriller that truly delves into the darkness of human nature and left me sitting on the edge of my seat inwardly screaming at the traumatic experiences our two main characters endure during the course of this book and how their own moral compass is more than definitely put to the test. They subtly move the story forward and I liked how they built the arc in intensity essentially endearing me to both Bas and Jack two men conflicted in their relationship it was so sad to watch and I hurt for them. Because despite their reservations and the crossroads they were at the foundations of their love had been formed and securely bonded at a young age best friends and lovers... and I wanted them to get past all the guilt and resentment and just see their love for what it was. The story is cleverly weaved together with alternating POV's and flashbacks providing more understanding of how both Bas and Jack are so entwined and even though they are separated for the most part seeing what they go through and watching their bravery whilst still clinging on to hope only increased my anxiety and nervousness and like them I wanted to disconnect from the horrors. *Fallout* By Lisa Henry Well what do I write about this one? I can say that I started this last night and had no intention of finishing it in one sitting when I began but finish it I did. So I give it 4 stars because it made me want to read more and I was in suspense throughout! But it was exhausting and draining because my God what else could happen? :) I was prepared though as Lisa Henry is a favorite of mine. The connection with a story and its title are a pretty big deal for me and I admit it wasn't until about halfway through that I Googled the word *Fallout* and had to push my jaw back into place as it was hanging open in a not so attractive way. It hurt so much to read because it's obvious both men are deeply in love with one another have been best friends since the fourth grade and one unfortunate incident leaves them with a chasm between them. Have I told you anything about this book yet? I can't wrap my mind around a proper review to tell you it was fantastic to tell you that it has its moments of darkness and that there a lot of them but this was truly a tale of strength:

An apocalyptic love story where the true colors shine through, They go on a hiking vacation back to their home town in an effort to rekindle their relationship, I don't mind saying at one point I had serious concerns one of the MCs wasn't going to make it: But the level of research they must've done to build this world is what made this stunning. in Environmental Science and they get stuck on vacation during a freak volcanic ash fallout. Bas has a spinal injury that requires frequent monitoring and treatment: They gave them both depth by focusing on the details of what makes each of these men tick: Bas and Jack spend the majority of *Fallout* apart after being separated shortly after the fallout begins: Their faith in their ability to survive is repeatedly tested and they both find themselves thrust into situations they never could have imagined, They discover truths about themselves.

Even in darkness Love will find a way: Jack and Bas as a couple are perfect in all their imperfections, The are rendered so frighteningly realistic in the areas of conflict synergy and shorthand communication that it is simply impressive, In fact the relationship is rocky and both are considering cutting their losses. Hell cracks open when an ecological disaster occurs and bellows forth unforeseen challenges: Under stress the veneer of humanity is very thin and cracks so easily. Jack and Bas are swept into a maelstrom of struggle and violence in their attempt to survive. They have a history together and there's the good and the bad: Sometimes the bad leaves you with mementoes that don't go away--constant reminders, Do they pull you together or are they the wedge that drives you apart, This is NOT a romance story but it is a beautiful love story. Not the kind with champagne

and roses and sweet nothings whispered in ears but the kind that has sacrifice and fortitude and forgiveness: Love isn't born in the smooth sailing but rather how you manage the rough seas, When things get ugly is it cut and run or grab hold and forge ahead? During this story I had my doubts at times the emotional realism was great: Jack and Bas they've weathered the worst managed to hold on and find unknown strength in themselves, It is entertaining and runs the reader through a gauntlet of emotions: So I've read all of Caspian's and a majority of Henry's works, Violence and cruelty are weapons they both can wield magnificently, I psyched myself up for this one but honestly it wasn't necessary. Yes there is unbridled violence and rape but--BUT the emphasis isn't on the sensory details or reveling in horror of it, No the characters are aware and traumatized but they're moving forward, Even when things are at their worst they still have a sense of agency, It is not depressing and it is not folding to the inevitable. But after that he could crawl another fifty feet and then another. Overall aka Fallout Gang bang\*\* Fallout By Lisa Henry If we want to survive we adapt, I really do but under certain conditions I tend to lapse: Now that I've gotten all the warnings out of the way I'm going to gush: I think the cat's out of the bag regarding my feels on these two authors but they hit it out of the park here: I do hope they collaborate again because this felt like something special, For as dark as it can be it has pockets of beauty that left me a little verklempt a feat in and of itself. They manipulated the English language to their will encounter atrocities and meet some extraordinary people: The genius for me was the plausibility of the catastrophe and by extension human nature under extreme conditions, How does one reconcile actions committed under extraordinary circumstances with their self-schema in the aftermath? He needed to know that Jack still wanted to touch him. He needed that to be the only thing that had never changed and would never change. It's a dark roller coaster of emotions but it's also paradoxically beautiful: If the warning tags don't scare you you will be rewarded by what KRAKENRY have accomplished. An ARC was provided by the authors in exchange for an honest review: I wouldn't classify it as a romance and that's really what I enjoy reading, The story goes back and forth between the two MCs and what they are experiencing during their separation. I would love it if the authors decided on a book 2 or 1: Now Jack's on track for a PhD scholarship and a career as a researcher and Bastian , well living inside a broken body and trailing along in Jack's shadow didn't feature in his lofty teenage ambitions. A weekend camping trip back home offers a chance for them to reconnect but an ugly confrontation with the local motorcycle gang is only the start of their problems, A perfect blend of apocalyptic horror and survival against all odds that manages a thread of a love story too: Jack and Bastian are lovers trying to save their relationship with a wilderness camping trip to a favorite childhood spot. First night on their camp out and they wake up to a whole other nightmare, A heavy volcanic ash from an unknown source falls from the sky blanketing everything choking everything into a downward slide to... stop: But nature isn't the only enemy... a marauding biker gang thugs on a raping rampage also threatens the locals. In no time at all we've bonded with Jack and Bastian frantic for their safety wondering what the hell is going on. And like the best of stories it gives us something meaty to chew on, When you go through a baptism of fire do you come out weaker or stronger? Jack and Bastian find this out the hard way: A warning: there is extreme and graphic violence sexual and otherwise, The bad guys are a believable threat they are fully rendered real assets to the nightmare Of particular interest is Red one of the bikers with a past connection to Bastian, The evolution in both their characters in this short space of less than two hundred pages is a thing to behold. More than anything I loved the suspense the ramp up of tension: I hope there is a lot more to come from this creative force, I received an ARC from the authors in exchange for my honest review: This is going to be crazy hard to review without massive spoiler tags but here goes. I loved the undercurrents of the relationship between the two MCs right from the start. There is so much boiling at the surface and clearly down deep as well so the authors just made the most of it: How Bas found the strength to deal with all the changes his life throws at him, Then in the end with the batteries preferring to not have the relief at all as opposed to having taken away again: Once I started it I couldn't put it down and read through to the end, So the ending was great :) Adapt or get left in the dust, Caspian The Arroyo which was just fabulous I was really excited about this author

pairing. Before getting to the horrors of rape torture and abuse...yes it's not pretty, But when their weekend camping trip to their teenage haunt a time for them to try and reconnect turned to disaster. Firstly by pissing off a gang of ruthlessly violent bikers then a volcanic ash storm hits creating chaos and lawlessness: Which put a series of events in place that had me feeling nervous they were in for a whole heap of shite. They had to survive they had to find a way back to each other not only physically but mentally, I couldn't have willed it so any harder if I tried because what they were going through just broke my heart. For the rest of this review and an excerpt from this amazingly fabulous book, Has anyone seen the movie The Mist? While reading this I had flashbacks of seeing that movie: Although this has quite a few differences it did make me think about it at times during certain sections: This is hard to review because I didn't really feel good at the end: At no point did I wish that Jack and Bas were real and that they would invite me to a Friday night dinner party: They didn't give me that 'I would definitely want to hang out with them' vibe, They were indeed boyfriends but their relationship was definitely strained at the beginning of the book, One of the great parts of this book is that you could feel the love they had for each other MORE when they were separated than when they were together. They were survivors and did the best they could to get out of the situations they had fallen into, Placed into two entirely different situations both Jack and Bas relied on instincts and courage to keep going in order to get back to the other: You should be warned that there are some very dark parts to this and bad things definitely happen to innocent people: Fallout By Lisa Henry Talk about sucking you in! This book had me right away it's rare for a book to be able to do that: PAGE ONE where we meet Bastian and Jack as they head up for a camping trip/research dalliance for Jack's PhD project. There are so many hints in the first few pages of what will happen so much foreshadowing going on and yet you still know nothing: No matter how tight the knot your gut has been twisted into with the possibility you want to know so you keep reading. It was Bas who always said he liked his stories to end where they began, I love a book that not only entertains me in every way but makes me stop reading to do a bit of research: The title the COVER... can I stop for a minute and talk about that cover, It's amazing the layering with the cover is stunning and beautiful. Once you get into the story go back and look at the cover again and really look at it, The elements of the story they are layered and blended in that cover and it's creepy how well it's done and simply gorgeous: Fallout is one of those stories that take you on a twisted journey: It gives you enough history with Jack and Bastian when you need it slowly spoon feeding it to you with precision to not overwhelm you nor to leave you with questions: Caspian before I am curious as to who wrote what with this dark tale of devastation and hope as it buries those who are willing to fight all to make it out alive: What was that quote? Something about when you're going through hell keep going, I can tell you there are heavy elements of Henry's writing in this obviously, The rush to the danger and the edge of your seat feeling all leading to a moment of uneasy stillness, Things are still happening bad things are still being done and it's not anywhere near happy but this numb sense of tranquility washes over you and you take a breath, Not a deep breath one does not simply take deep breaths when reading a book Lisa Henry is involved in... until the last word is read: Jack and Bas are not in the best place with their relationship when the book begins and we are slowly fed the reasons why, These two they go through so much in a few small amount of time: What is happening happens fast and the psychological page-turner sets in. That's really what this is a thriller will elements of romance action and psychology all tossed into one hell of a story that I couldn't put down. I read this well into the night and was in pure rapture with each page each new unfathomable detail of what was going on. I can't get this out of my head how the hell do authors come up with stories like this and thank fuck that they do. Favorite passage: "I can do it." "I know. I know you can. But you don't have to do it on your own. I can help you. Buddy Read April 17th.

An approximation of a jig. Do not let this happen to you. Fallout is not a romance. And all hell breaks loose. Then chapter two happened. Dew. Fallout kept me on the edge of my seat. Jack is working on a Ph.D. It's even more so because things are not easy. Until they lose more. This is a fast-paced

engaging read. But don't worry. You aren't dumped into the abyss. You go full circle. I was nervous going into this story. Maybe he could only crawl fifty feet without stopping. These are fighters and they ain't going down easy. I have a confession to make. I'm a blurb skimmer. I try to read them. This was one of those times. If you're squeamish I wouldn't recommend this. There is on page rape and torture. Fallout By Lisa Henry 4.5 stars I really have no idea how to review this book. It was nightmarish but I couldn't stop reading it. It was so very well done. This book is going to haunt me for many days. A young couple experiencing relationship problems go camping. They get separated. It isn't pretty. My rage level was through the roof. The ending is a happy for now. 5. Fallout By Lisa Henry Review to come. I'm too poleaxed to write anything coherent right now. Fallout By Lisa Henry M. and I wrote this book. . Mostly with hot guys and happily ever afters. They gotta work for it though. No free lunches on my watch. I could not put this down. Gripping and mesmerizing. And each element is well balanced with the other. Without zombies. No zombies were used in the making of this story. Bury us in ash. It's overdue for another eruption folks. Run for the hills. This novella got its hooks in me from page one. Freaked me out. But Jack and Bastian rise to the occasion too. Fallout By Lisa Henry Aaaaaaaaawesome! Truly fantastic. wow. (damn spoilers) The biker characters were perfect so well done. And the story just flows seamlessly. This book is compelling reading... At. It's. Best. The writing excellent complimented by both authors styles. go have a nosy over on the blog. Through some unfortunate circumstances they became separated. Yet I couldn't stop reading. To have me so intrigued and invested from page one. Absolutely nothing but you want to. Good lord. Read a bit further go back and look again. The story being co-written and me not having read M. God what he'd give for hot food. A bed. And Bas. For it to be last week. To say this book was intense would be silly of me. It's beyond that and it's amazing. Goodness this was good. Fallout By Lisa Henry.