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Miki St. John's life has been turned upside down but it's the best thing that's ever happened to him.

His best friend, Damien Mitchell, is back from the dead. He has a dog named Dude. And more importantly, he and his lover, SFPD Inspector Kane Morgan, now share Miki's converted warehouse.

For the first time ever, Miki's living a happy and normal-ish life but when Valentine's Day rolls around, Miki realizes he knows next to nothing about being domestic or domesticated. Nothing about the traditional lover's holiday makes sense to him but Miki wants to give Kane a Valentine's Day the man will never forget.

Can he pull off a day of wine and roses? Or will his screwed up childhood come back and bite Miki in the ass?

Again.

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Karen says

Here I am...still in that happy place...

So this was my original review...

This was a wonderful, but short Valentine's story in the world of Sinner's Gin. It was sweet, sexy and filled with romance. A very enjoyable interlude with these men. I look forward to reading more from this author soon.

I know it's short and sweet...well then it matched the story didn't it?

I'm not changing that except to say that this was every bit as enjoyable on audio and I'm still over the moon in love with all of these amazing characters. So read the books or listen to the audio it matters not the experience is awesome and the stories are so worth it.

Ok, I'm done now...because next it's Connor's story and "sighs happily" he is the alphaest of the alpha for me. Have a happy Sunday and wherever you are and whatever you're reading, enjoy!

Update: August, 2018 just another go round on a series I love nothing new here...love the series and still thinking that MC + TJ = Karen's happy place.

Susan says

I love Rhys Ford's "Sinners" series, which is curious because I actually don't like books about musicians typically. But if you've read "Sinners Gin" or "Whiskey & Wry", you'll find that the characters are imperfect, broken, grouchy, emotionally closed, fight love all the way...and yet, you care...and yet, you hope...and yet, you get your happy ending.

The Devil's Brew is a novella that takes place after Whiskey & Wry but features mostly Miki from Sinner's Gin. He's trying to do something nice for his lover Kane for Valentine's Day. Now, if you've met Miki, you'd wonder WHY he'd want to do this...and you'd devour this novella to see HOW he fares. Miki doesn't do the flowers and chocolates thang. So you know you're in for a ride...and it will be bumpy...

I love Miki. The kid is insecure and you can almost taste how scared he is to fail. Yet, he's so completely himself and doesn't know how to be anyone else. He is a GREAT character to sink your teeth into. And I always love Kane...the guy is a solid rock and he loves Miki for who he is. So getting more story of the two of them felt like a treat. Add in some Damien parts, a tiny bit of Sionn, and a good bit of Donal (the dad, who I love!)...and though only a novella, the story felt FULL.

Now...as a real bonus...this little novella is HOT! Gah! I was reading this on a plane (note to all: do not read this on a plane) and the intimacy between Kane and Miki...holy freaking smoking HOT! I was dying! I may have reread a few of those pages (it was a long flight). Worth the seat squirming and the blushing...for sure!

This does not work as a standalone and needs to be read in order of the series. So if you haven't started this

series yet, you really should! It has a dark edge to it, but some silly laughs, and a lot of smexy...and GREAT characters throughout. Enjoy!

Christy says

I've really missed the guys. All of them. Miki, Damien, Kane, Sionn, and the entire Morgan clan. So, getting this short story was a gift that I really treasured. Plus, it's constantly heartbreaking to see Miki doubt himself in every arena except songwriting, and I always want to reach into the story and comfort him in some way which wouldn't terrify him. No hugging. That's still a little too scary coming from Brigid. *grins* Miki is somewhat domesticated now with Damien's return, Dude, and his life with Kane. But, when Valentine's Day rolls around, Miki is reminded that he still doesn't fit into what most would consider normal. It is time for Miki to put on his big boy britches and give it a try.

Thank goodness for Donal (gawd I love that man) and his steady, calm words which always soothe Miki. It helps for Miki to get that reassurance that he deserves to be loved, he is loved, and he's worth everything, and then some. Donal has a way about him and his presence soothes Miki, which made the gift giving for Kane ever so much easier. All in all, regardless of how ridiculous it makes Miki feel, he does great at his first Valentine's and I loved seeing Kane and him together.

I'd ask the author for more, but Rhys Ford would give me "the look" and grumble, so I have to be content with this short story in the series. Doesn't mean I'm not always sincerely happy and thrilled with more.

Tara♥ says

Way cute. Valentines day antics and Miki is unsure of himself and his ability to do right by Kane. Kind of lovely!!

Madeline...Just a Reader says

audible edition, Tristan James is ssoooooo perfect for this series.

I just love Mikki and his attitude. The presents they gave each other were perfect, aawwwwww. Of course Dude his usual self, I love that dog. Kane and Mikki are burning the pages hot in this book.

And then of course, my fave, Donal Morgan.. he is the perfect father, the bond he and Mikki have is so special.

I LOVE THE MORGAN FAMILY, cant wait to get into book 3.

Ingie says

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Trisha Harrington says

I loved *The Devil's Brew*. Absolutely loved it. It was a nice quick read that left me wanting to reread the first two books in the *Sinners* series. And I think I might just do that... maybe.

Anyway, this short was basically all about Miki trying to do something nice for Kane, his boyfriend. But he has a lot of stuff going on in his head and it's making him doubt not only himself, but the present he bought for Kane too. And while he was struggling with everything, I felt really bad for him because you could really feel how insecure he was and how he really needed someone to talk to.

So who did he call when he needed help? Kane's father, Donal (YAY!). I absolutely adore Donal and I really hope we see more of him in the rest of the books. Donal is probably my favorite character in the entire series and the scene with Miki was really heartwarming and it left me with a smile on my face. He's such an awesome dad and he always makes me want more scenes with him. Plus I love the fact he's pretty much adopted Miki as his son too.

The scenes between Miki and Kane were also awesome. I honestly adore the couple and I think they're perfect together. And Kane's reaction to the present was perfect! This is definitely a must read for fans of the series.

Otila says

It's Valentine's Day and Miki is freaking out about his gift for Kane. *"Isn't that the point of fucking a guy? That we don't have to do that kind of shit?"* Well, not according to Damien, and now Miki's worried his gift isn't romantic enough or special enough. He's so stressed, he even gets help from Kane's dad, Donal.

This was sweet, funny, sexy and a little heart wrenching. I love these guys and if you're a fan of the series, this is a must read.

Barbara? says

Okay so for a Valentine's Day novella, I was a little disappointed. I was hoping for a little "happier" read. I love Kane but Miki just brought me down. I didn't expect him to be so sad and negative about things at this point. I understand him being a little reserved still given his background and all. But Kane has done nothing

but prove time and again that Miki is HIS and he wants no one else. He loves him the way he is. I just didn't get all the unsureness and doubts from Miki. I hope in future books we see him grown and improve.

Ann says

Tristan James captures Miki so well (all the characters really) but I love his Miki.

Such a sweet and lovey moment between Miki and Cain. I love when Miki is all flustered and grumpy. We should all be so lucky to have a Donal in our lives.

Elsbeth says

3,5 stars

I love Miki and Kane together!! This was a sweet novella about Miki's and Kane's first Valentine's day...

Miki is stressing out in getting a gift for Kane.

"Isn't that the point of fucking a guy? That we don't have to do that kind of shit?"

It was sweet and funny and also great to meet the "Morgan's" again.. Love Donal, Kane's dad!

I'm looking forward in reading Connor's story!!

Jenni Lea says

Loved it of course!

sigh

I just adore Miki. He's so grouchy!

Sofia says

Great to see Sinjun and Kane and the moments with Donal, yes to those too.

This little stories continue to build, which I like.

The Mickey song which accompanied my reading brought back memories.....

BR with Ingela, my Sinners band mate.

Meep says

[can you imagine his bride's face the first time M

Vivian says

4.5 Stars

Swoon worthy and funny.

This is a really nice short to catch up with Miki and Kane. There's a lot of ground covered emotion wise on Miki's part. He really doesn't let you get away with easy; it's roller coaster all the way!

Ever have one of those times when you feel like everyone else got the script but you. Miki's having one of those and he's desperate to figure out how to not screw it up. He wants it, wants Kane so hard.

Funny, thing is... he was perfectly right all along. Just like Donal said.

For a short story this is great. Nice details and depth so that I felt like I got something whole, real and able to sink my teeth into. So in a short space I got teary eyed twice, laughed out loud three times and got so hot and bothered that I forgot to count.

Favorite quote:

“You guys are like a step away from passing each other notes in crayon.”

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