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Nico Johnston is a nerd with a grudge. The top of his class in the Chemical Engineering department at his university, Nico has everything he could ask for in his academic career. Until Jin Rogers transfers from Penn State and usurps his position as highest ranked student in the department. To add insult to injury, Jin has just joined the research project Nico is conducting for the department head and it doesn't matter that Jin is gorgeous, kind, and talented, Nico can't risk getting even professionally involved with a man like Jin again.

Jin Rogers fell for Nico the second he laid eyes on him. Nico has proven himself to be intelligent, talented, and driven, qualities which Jin finds to be incredibly intriguing. Unfortunately, Nico has always been oblivious to Jin's crush. But, Jin is hoping that their shared research project will lead to more than just good test results.

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Shanu says

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Catherine says

For me, this short story blew hot and cold so often in the beginning it gave me whiplash and the whole thing ended up feeling amateurish and clunky.

Morgana says

3.5 stars

Zaa says

I read this one after finishing Always MJ by S.J.D. Peterson.

Serena Yates says

This is a very funny story about two nerds pairing up. The competition is intense (at least in Nico's mind), but the heat between these two is not limited to their chosen field of study!

Nico, who tells the story, has one of the biggest chips in existence on his shoulder. He is used to being the highest-ranked student, and actually bases his identity and self-worth on the fact that he is intelligent and good at what he does. No wonder that Jin taking the ranking away from him rankles – a lot. Add the fact that their professor decides they need to work together on a project, and watch the sparks fly.

Jin seems like a really nice guy – even seen through Nico's eyes. The evidence of his adoration is there, Nico just refuses to acknowledge it. Jin is much more honest about who he is: while he is a good student and very intelligent, he is less self-confident and feels awkward in social situations. He does want a relationship, but none of his dates seem to work out. And then there is his irrefutable attraction to the annoyingly arrogant Nico...

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Rachel Emily says

Cute story...took me a while to warm up to Nico but liked the writing.

Tam says

This review can be found at [Brief Encounters Reviews](#)

This is a bit of a typical enemy to lovers story, although the enmity is all one-sided. Nico has been the star of his college faculty pretty much his whole university career, and when new-guy Jin shows up, it completely throws Nico off his game. Not only does the guy usurp Nico's position as top student in the class, but he appears to be gorgeous and nice and everyone loves him, and Nico knows that's just not possible. No one is that perfect, and he's had the experience to prove it.

Nico comes across as a total jerk at first, but it's not merely his arrogance at being the smartest most dedicated student in his faculty, there are some underlying self-esteem issues as well. A bad incident in high school has led him to believe that focusing on his studies is best, to the detriment of his social life. His sister tends to keep him grounded and not let him get too carried away in his rants, but he hides, in essence, behind his brilliance and school work.

Jin manages to get them on a project together, however is hurt to find out Nico hates him and sets about changing his mind. Only the nicer, more perfect, Jin is, the more it seems to annoy Nico, even though he's starting to admit maybe they have something in common. I enjoyed seeing Nico's insecurities under his "I'm a chemistry genius" exterior. While he could behave like a jerk, it came across to me, in part as a protection

measure, especially where Jin was concerned. It was nice to see Jin revealed to be less than perfect, although he was confused that the fact made him more appealing to Nico.

I would have liked to see a bit more background on Jin. He was nearly 24 and I got the impression this was his undergraduate degree, which in North America generally takes four years, so most kids graduate at 22, or was it a Masters program they were in? So what did he do with those two years? He was a top student so he certainly hadn't flunked out. You just don't get to know much about Jin or his 'imperfection' (I'm being deliberately vague here as to leave it to the reader to discover in what ways Jin isn't "perfect").

A bit more time to flesh out Jin's background would have been good, but on the whole, for those who like college student romances, it's a good read and I liked seeing Nico's very pre-determined life thrown off by Jin's determination to forge a relationship of some kind, whether Nico liked it or not.

Kathleen says

3.5 stars

Ari says

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LauraSt says

3.5 Nerdy Stars

Cute, funny, sexy shortie.

Nico and J are two nerds in the same Physical Chem department where they are paired up for a project. Nico had declared he hated J and that he didn't trust him, that's till J found out and decided to prove to him how good he really was...

LDL says

A good strong 3 or 3.5. Good dialog and flow with little magical thinking required.

Mantastic says

This is a fantastic short ... and I love the rivals to lovers theme. Great interaction, even the reader wanted to throttle Nico because of his jealousy. But the way everything was handled was so well done that you knew when he finally let loose, he was going to be fabulous.

Had some great one liners, especially around the end.

Am definitely picking up more from Jana Downs.

Tame says

lovely short read about 2 very flawed, wickedly brilliant men who dared to look past the outside appearance and words of the other to the depth within. AND they love chemistry (one of my college majors)---what's NOT to love?

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 1/2 Hearts

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Nico is harboring resentment towards transfer Jin, because he is now top of the class. knocking Nico off the top spot. Jin is attracted to Nico, but Nico has a wall built around himself that Jin can't penetrate. Until they have to work close together on a project and just as everything is going great, Jin's secret is exposed.

This is a wonderful story about perceptions and resentment and scratching below the surface. Nico is a geek pure and simple and the only thing that he truly thinks he has going for him is his. And when he is knocked off the top spot he is not happy. Jin is a hard worker, but Nico thinks everything seems to be so easy for him. He's good looking, he has money, he's intelligent and everyone likes him. Nico is certain that his friendly charming personality is a front and that one day he will show his true colors. But, as he gets to know Jin better, he begins to realize that with Jin...what you see is what you get.

Ohhh. I loved Nico and Jin. Both of them are geeks, but while one is confident in himself, the other is filled with doubts because of his past. Nico has to put aside his preconceived notion about men like Jin and open himself. And Jin has to be honest and hope that Nico will understand, but that doesn't mean that everything is perfect and that is just the way Nico likes it. Nico sees Jin as perfect and that puts him off. Jin sees Nico exactly like he really is and it isn't until Nico realizes that Jin isn't perfect that he fully relaxes into their relationship.

Jana Downs has written a story that is sweet and touching and both her MCs have their own flaws, even if at first glance you miss them. The characters are perfect together and they get to know each other before jumping into bed (which is hot by the way). Nico's support for Jin was wonderful, when he discovered the truth, and Jin's fear was well written and very understandable.

With this story, I am going to recommend it to those who love flawed characters, hot sex, hot geeks and a happy ending for two sweet men.
