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Dear Author,

I'm a SWAT Team Leader; people think I'm fierce. I get my things done, effectively and efficiently. But this time, there's so much at stake. Because that's my lover in there, a hostage on this bank robbery. A lover that nobody else knew about even if we've been together for five years. Because, my lover is a man, and I'm not exactly out. If only I told him how much I loved him this morning...

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love is Always Write**" event. Group members were asked to write a story prompt inspired by a photo of their choice. Authors of the group selected a photo and prompt that spoke to them and wrote a short story.

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Deeze says

3.5

Oh this could be such an intense story with just an extra 100 pages or so lol.

I liked Ty and Ben, but this is the kind of story that needs length for me to feel invested. Suspense/action rarely works in a story as short as this.

That said I enjoyed the read and it's better than a lot of full length reads so I'm uping this half a star.

Meep says

The prompt had me curious. It's a very short fic and ok, but not enough. I didn't feel any tension, any panic, any connection between the two men. The situation was resolved fast without time for discussion or reveals, in fact it seemed almost anti-climatic.

Arthur says

4.5 stars

It's short but packs a lot of story and information. From how Tyler and Ben met to how a hostage situation serves as a catalyst for their relationship. Tyler came out and even suspended for not following the procedure (SWAT agent has to disclose if they have personal stake in the situation, but Tyler didn't say anything when he realized that Ben was instead.)

Like other reviewer said, it's dramatic without being melodramatic.

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3.5 Stars

Though it takes an unforeseen and scary event, such life and death situations definitely show what's truly important.

Short, sweet, feel good!

Exina says

Tyler Czuba SWAT commander is hesitant to come out in fear of the reaction of his colleagues. But when his lover Ben is getting into a life threatening situation, suddenly Tyler's fears of coming out seem insignificant compared to the dread of losing his partner.

A nice story from Love Is Always Write: Volume Five.

A Girl Has No Name says

Tyler and his boyfriend Ben are in a relationship since five years. However, due to his job as a SWAT team leader, Tyler isn't out of the closet and he is hiding his relationship out of fear to lose his job.

When Tyler is called to a bank robbery and finds out that Ben is one of the hostages, he is facing one of the most terrible situations in life.

I liked reading about these two MC's, but considering the shortness of the story, we didn't get much background information on their relationship. The fast moving plot made it difficult to really connect with them. 3 stars!

Victoria love books says

Another sweet but, oh so nice story?

Heather C says

This was a quick free short story that followed the prompt well. I would have liked to have seen Tyler suffer with worry for Ben a lot longer though. Would be great as a longer, better developed story.

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

A really good short story it's just starts five years in a closeted relationship and I wanted more back story. Why'd Ben put up with it so long, we're they really close? They both say I love you but it sounds like they get together, fuck, and then the swat guy leaves. Occasionally he'll spend the night. There is nothing to fill in all this stuff, this is why I don't care for established relationships, it just feels like a lot of the times the reader is left in the dark, or told "here is how it is" and I don't like that, I want to see it for myself.

Anyway it is a good short story, even though I don't know these characters at all and can't even remember

their names I will remember the story.

Sadonna says

Don't pass up the opportunity to tell someone you love them - you might not get another chance. Really good story of a hidden relationship that gets forced out in the open by circumstances beyond control. Well written - tight, dramatic without melodrama, heartfelt. Would love to read more of their story. Hint hint.

Otterpuss says

A teeny tiny story, only about the length of a chapter, about how sometimes it's takes nearly losing someone to make you realise how much you need them.

It's well written but far too short to really have any real knowledge of the characters.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

3.5*

The life and death situation makes people see things differently, its been done a lot, but i really liked this one. Wish it had been just a bit longer, i wanted to see more of Ty and Ben's new reality.

Ami says

3.5 stars

Tyler Czuba and Ben Sullivan have been in relationship for five years. However, due to Tyler's job as SWAT team leader, they are not exactly out as a couple. One this fateful day, Tyler answers to a bank robbery situation, and he finds out that Ben is one of the hostages ...

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I wrote the prompt of this story for "Love is Always Write" event, and actually one of my prompts that made me curious on how the story would turn out. In overall, it captures what I have in mind. I think the robbery part is written well and I love how Tyler outs himself when he tries to make sure that Ben is okay.

ALTHOUGH, I think I would love it if the story is a bit longer, so I can '*feel*' for the characters more and appreciate what they get to lose over the hostage situation. Also, I wish the story doesn't end '*hanging*' like that, because I want to know what Ben's reaction to Tyler's words (don't worry, there IS HEA; it's just the story ends rather abruptly).

Oh, and there is also a couple of times where Tyler is written as Czuba, and that sort of threw me off a little

bit since it takes seconds for me to realize who this Czuba guy is.

BUT, it's definitely a nice one to read in between longer stories.

Gigi says

Awesome hurt/comfort freebie from AR Moler. Short and sweet.

Cindi says

I really liked this. Pretty much everything about it with the exception of one thing. Ben and Tyler have been in a relationship for 5 years. A secret relationship because Tyler is seriously in the closet because of his job as a SWAT team captain. In all the 5 years Tyler never told Ben he loved him? Was he just a booty call for 5 years? It's obvious that Ben had told him but he never said the words back during ALL THAT TIME? How many people in the real world stay in a one-sided relationship like that? That was the only issue I had. Otherwise it was a great story.
