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Lisa has just lost her job. Her career as an aspiring designer seems to be going nowhere and she doesn't need any more complications in her life right now.

She especially doesn't need a passionate encounter with her crush on a midnight flight from LA to New York. She doesn't need him to pursue her, she doesn't want to be confused about his motives, and she doesn't want to get entangled in a world she knows nothing about.

But life has a strange sense of humor, and when her crush turns out to be billionaire real estate investor Colin Anderson, she finds herself manipulated into a strange web of deceit...

Extract:

He moved closer to me and began to run his lips slowly up the side of my neck.

I whimpered softly in anticipation and fear. "We shouldn't be blocking this bathroom for so long."

He nibbled my ear gently. "Everyone else in First Class is asleep."

I didn't believe him, though I desperately wanted to. A warning bell sounded in a distant part of my brain, but he was so close to me, his lips burning up my skin, and I wanted more of him. I wrapped my arms around him, pressing my fingertips down and running them along his strong back.

Warning: The material in this book is for mature audiences only and contains graphic sexual content. It is intended only for those aged 18 and above.

This is a short story of approximately 10,000 words.

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Beckey says

Interesting short story that that was a free read which ends in a cliff hanger and you'll end purchasing the sequel to finish what happens between Colin & Lisa.

Sophia says

I picked this story short up when it was a freebie on kindle. It turns out that it is part of a serial-like set of short stories with that whole 'read on to see what happens next' vibe. This portion of the story grabbed my interest with its introduction to the characters and the plot thread for the story.

In this segment, Lisa has just finished up a contract design job and is now flying back home to NYC. She is despondent because her job is ending soon and there are no new prospects in sight in her chosen field of interior design. A seeming coincidence occurs in that a guy who she sees most days in the park back in NYC during her lunch breaks is on her same flight. The mystery man has attracted her from the moment she first saw him and she deliberately chose to eat her lunch at that time and in the park for opportunities to see him. It turns out that he is just as interested. On the flight, mystery man helps Lisa join the mile high club, but then afterwards he seems to want nothing to do with her and she is hurt, but lets it go as a lesson learned. Not long after that, she is given reason to reassess the whole thing when he re-enters her life with an explanation and a proposition.

This is a short read and it is only part one so it is necessarily quick out of the gate. I didn't mind that and even found the pace suitable for the story's tone and the plot line. There isn't much time to get to know people, but I have to say that I'm on the fence about whether I'm going to like Lisa. I don't want to spoil the story so I won't go into detail, but lets just say that I don't agree with some of her choices and reactions so far.

With that being said, its a decent story that I want to find out what happens next. I can recommend this to those who enjoy steamy contemporary romance.

Laura F. says

I got this book for only 99cents, after reading a few other Alicia Roberts' stories. This is a series and I knew that going in. It was a super-sexy read and I love the way the chemistry between the two characters was created. Lisa (the main character) is ambitious and driven and she's intelligent and seems kind of cynical, ie not the kind who'll fawn all over a man and bite her lip and stare at the floor ;) Colin seems dark and intense, hot as hell, but different from your typical bossy alpha-male.

Nina says

First off, I must state that I am not a big fan of serials. However, the blurb for this book lured me in as well

as the price. Therefore, I took a chance & what a pleasant surprise this short story was! I enjoyed all 46 pages of this short story & yes, it left me begging for more so I immediately downloaded the second installment. This was the first work by Alicia Roberts that I've read & all I can say is she is that an author who many should look out for. Bride by Design was a very quick & sexy read. The story revolves around the two protagonists, Lisa & Colin who has had an eye for each other for quite some time although they're strangers to one another. Yet, that quickly changes when Colin encounters Lisa at the airport & on the plane. Let's just say a sexy episode took place inside that bathroom plane ;)

Bride by Design was a very engaging read. In such a short amount of space, Roberts really did a fine job with the development of her characters. I liked Lisa; she wasn't a spineless, naive woman. I also *really* liked Colin. There was just some mysterious air surrounding his character that I was just immediately drawn to. Hence, I cannot wait to peel off more of his layers in the upcoming installments. He was definitely a sexy alpha billionaire who I adored. I liked that he was not a total possessive a\$\$ like so many fictional alpha billionaires out there. But rest assured, Colin does have the other alpha qualities in spades. Moreover, I enjoyed sizzling sexual tension between Colin & Lisa. They had great chemistry & that was another factor of the story that I enjoyed reading about. Their attraction to one another didn't felt force which I always appreciate in my stories. In all, yes I really liked this short story, Bride by Design. I thoroughly enjoyed the author's writing style and the characters that she has created. With that said, I will be checking out the other installments in this serial & cannot wait to see what awaits Colin & Lisa in the next installment.

Melania Ramona says

The story has many flaws, it's too short and the characters are underdeveloped, plus it more like a fantasy than anything that could happen in real life, but, despite all that, I enjoyed it. So I have given it 4 stars, although I know it doesn't deserve them (by the way, this goes for all the 3 books).

Denise Koopman says

Ok.This is one of those books that I did not pay attention to when it said I guess that their were many books more to follow.So when it ended abruptly I was like,what the crap..Then I got to looking and their are more to follow.Guess I will have to wait.Have others on my Kindle that I need to read and finish.The book was pretty good so far.

Rosebud says

First in a series (?) short length book that sets the stage for Lisa, an unemployed designer, meeting Colin, rich established contractor. After a fantasy sexual escapade initiating Lisa to the mile high club Colin proposes an arrangement where Lisa would agree to pretend to be his wife to impress a potential client benefiting monetarily and career wise if she agrees.

This was a free read that set the stage for a Lisa/Colin full length story. Beware, it does end with a cliff hanger to encourage you to grab the next one. There were a few mysterious slants that I would like to have seen fleshed out and a sweet overall storyline that will appeal to those readers who like that type of read but overall not a book that challenged me to want to read any further into this series (?). Which is the problem with a prequel that is vague and lacking of more specifics.

Beckie Rousseau Sloan says

good late night read. not an all nighter.

Char (1RadReader59) says

Colin & Lisa remind me of two puppies in love but circling each other. They so want to be with each other but have so many trust issues it is hard to take anything at face value. Colin being famous is use to getting what he wants when he wants it also others also wanting things from him. Lisa lost her parents & has had to take care of her brother since their passing & now he is a grown man with drug issues in rehab & she still is but with no job now since it ends in days. So the dance begins for Colin & Lisa in this quirky love story that is way to short. Hope to read part two soon. Glad I was able to read this for free. There is a semi mile high scene. LOL

Kristy Mills says

Ugh, why did I do this? Alicia Roberts got me exactly like this with her other series, that had the same story. Billionaire needs a wife. He finds a girl and offers to fix her problems if she'll pretend to be his wife.

This story was free. I didn't realize it wasn't a full length story. That this was another story that was told in increments. She got me interested in this free book, then wants me to pay \$2.99 for 50 more pages, then another \$2.99 for the last 50 pages. It's so annoying and a waste of money. It ticks me off. I wouldn't have downloaded the book if I realized it was another one of these deals.

Also the characters in this story weren't as good, I didn't think. Colin is supposed to be billionaire businessman, but he sounded kind of juvenile to me. He was also supposed to be smooth and suave, but I didn't get that at all. Here is an example of what I mean.

"[...] I thought you were just a random crush, but I could never forget you, no matter which amazingly hot supermodel or socialite I was with. I wanted to be with you so desperately."

I couldn't imagine a billionaire saying he had a crush or describe his past dates as amazingly hot. It sounded more like something a college or high school kid would say. Also, why did he want to be with her so desperately? He never talked to her. They would gaze at each other from their benches during their lunch breaks. He knew nothing about her... that is until she gave a family her spare bag. That was all he needed to know, to know she was special. WHAT?! Ugh I don't know why I'm getting so worked up over this. It was a free book. Maybe I'm just ticked off that I'm expected to shell out \$6.00 to finish the story. That annoys the crap outta me. Especially when I'm paying less than that for LONGER, better written stories!!

DONE!
