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GAINING MOMENTUM

Gavin Hayes is everything Derrick could ask for in a lover. Gorgeous. Passionate. Great in bed. Derrick finds it very easy to just let himself go, to let Gavin guide him and teach him all the things he missed during a decade of celibacy. In the course of a single weekend, Derrick's routine is transformed, his mornings and evenings filled with sex. Sweet, seductive, wild, or raunchy, Gavin offers Derrick all the pleasure he's denied himself for so long.

But learning how to be a lover in bed is one thing. Learning to be one out of bed is another. For Derrick, being alone has become habit. Sharing his confidences doesn't come nearly as readily as sharing his bed. After so many losses, the last thing Derrick wants is to become dependent upon another person who might not always be there.

And Gavin always being there is far from certain. With an ex-lover lurking in the background, and the question of Gavin's future health still outstanding, neither Gavin nor Derrick feel capable of asking for anything more than right now. But Gavin won't be kept on the fringes of Derrick's life. Can Derrick let someone in before the opportunity passes him by?

## Acceleration Details

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## From Reader Review Acceleration for online ebook

### Jen Davis says

I've been really looking forward to this novella. I really enjoyed Inertia and these installments feel less stand alone and more like segments of one big story. While Inertia mapped out how Gavin and Derrick first met and started dating, Acceleration shows how they are growing together and falling in love.

I liked it. I'm really a fan of the author's voice. But there were parts of it that didn't entirely work for me, making it a little less of a hit than book one.

So a little backstory: Derrick is a handyman/ small contractor who has been without love in his life for the past 10 years. As a young man, he had to watch everyone he loved die (or leave him) and served many years as a caretaker to family members who were ill. It was easier not to put his heart out there after that. Add to that, the fact that he had never acted on his attraction to men --and what he has with Gavin now is something he never could have imagined.

But Gavin has baggage too. He just got out of an emotionally abusive relationship with a guy who exposed him to HIV. He doesn't know if he's been infected and he is hyper-vigilant that a man will never control him again. Not a good mix when Derrick feels like he must take care of everything, especially when he loves someone. This is the major conflict that drives the story. Derrick trying to internalize everything bad in his life to protect Gavin; then Gavin viewing it as destructive and controlling and shredding him for it.

There were times I felt like Gavin was unfair. Yes, Derrick needs to open up, but Gavin's constant comparisons of him to his ex were totally over the top. I wanted to jump in the book at times and just give Derrick a hug, the poor guy has been through so much. I feel protective toward him and Gavin bothered me when I felt like he threatened to pull the plug on things if Derrick didn't change. Give the guy a chance! It's only been a few months.

My other issue is the introduction of a little D/s and pain play in the bedroom. I guess I understand it in the context of the story. Gavin has always had dominant tendencies that his ex shamed him over --and Derrick can let go of his need to take care of everything by taking a submissive role. However, I don't enjoy the BDSM subgenre or elements of it in my romance. It's merely a personal preference and I was disappointed when it popped up here. It doesn't take over the entire sexual relationship, though.

What did I like? The writing. It's very good. I feel completely swept up in these characters and their lives. I feel connected to them and their love story. There's a lot of sex here, and it's a big part of the focus. I'm thinking that is just a tool to show where these two are in their relationship and --other than the kink that's not my cuppa-- I think it's pretty hot, with attention to detail. The author is great at bringing me into the moment, both in the bedroom and in the emotional angst of the story.

I will definitely be back for Impulse. I really want these two to find a way to make it work.

Rating: I'm struggling between a B and B-. But I am going with the B, knowing many people aren't turned off by BDSM the way I am.

*\*Book provided by author for review*

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## Janna says

Originally posted at Rarely Dusty Books

**Genre & Keywords:** M/M Romance, Contemporary, Troublesome past, Domestic violence, Evil ex, Building trust, Solving communication issues

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**Rating:** 4.5 out of 5 stars

**Heat level:** 2.5 out of 3 flames

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In this second installment of Amelia C. Gormley's Impulse series, titled *Acceleration*, the romantic relationship between handyman Derrick and accountant Gavin picks up speed as the title so aptly announces, after the slow start of their story in the first book, *Inertia*.

The way the titles in this series are tied to the pacing so far, is highly promising for the third and final installment, *Velocity*, that'll be released soon.

It's really a series to be read in order for a better understanding of where Derrick and Gavin are coming from.

It's hard not to fall in love with these guys. I have to admit to being a little bit addicted to them. It's because we follow them so closely in their building relationship, in which they are still dealing with quite some issues. Talk about a character driven story!

Derrick is holding back, out of some sense of self-protection because of the uncertainty concerning Gavin's health. Gavin addresses Derrick's non-communicative behavior and the trust issues they have, which lead to pretty intense situations. This book is far more angsty than the first one due to that.

Gavin's ex adds some fuel to the fire as well. The guy is manipulative and a master in creating doubts and triggering uncertainties, which he also slightly manages to do with Derrick when the two meet. At the same time meeting Gavin's ex gives Derrick some new understanding of Gavin's behavior as well. I think that Gormley masters the skill of uncovering all the little nuances of her main character's feelings and thoughts to a tee. It's a joy to see these men grow towards a more solid relationship thanks to their personal growth and insights. I can't help but like novels with main characters that are this rounded.

Like in the first book, Gavin and Derrick's story is told solely from Derrick's point of view again. Where I found that this was slowing down things in the first book, I didn't have that experience in this second installment. Maybe I just got used to it, but I also started to see its appeal. It certainly intensifies the narrative. It gives us as readers an advantage towards Gavin as well, since he doesn't know about Derrick's unspoken thoughts while we do. Sometimes I had to remind myself of his unawareness of Derrick's feelings and force myself to conjure up more understanding for him and his take on things. I found this rather interesting. In a sense Derrick's slowly exploring, detailed POV, combined with his inexperience and his personal growth, remind me of a coming of age story.

I have to say that the sex scenes in this second story are not only more frequent but also scorching hot. Some

sort of D/s dynamics have slipped into their sexy times together, nothing hardcore and no equipment enters the bedroom, only hot commands and rough manhandling. Their bedroom antics go both ways too, which I liked, and are discussed and dealt with in a careful manner. In my opinion the frequent sex was not just for sex sake, but was an important part of their relationship development as well.

To conclude, as I mentioned in my review of the first book, I was curious about how the author would handle the ending of the second book, since the end of the first was very abrupt and at an arbitrary point. To my relief, it was done much better in *Acceleration*. This time there's a decent wrap up with a more solid happy ending while at the same time the author left a few threads open and one big question unanswered, to make sure I'm curious enough to want to read the third book. She found a good balance here, and I honestly can't wait to read the final book of her trilogy!

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## Bea says

*Acceleration* is book two in the Impulse series by Amelia C. Gormley. The novel, *Acceleration*, by Amelia C. Gormley was supplied for review by the author. While it should be obvious to say, this is a honest review and I was not influenced by any action of the author. *Acceleration* is the second novel in the Impulse series by Amelia C. Gormley in which I have read.

### Basic Plot:

The romance between Derrick and Gavin continuous to unfold, as they deal with their relationship and how their pasts influence their future.

### Thoughts:

As with the writing of book 1, I found the dialogue exciting and provoking. One of my litmus tests of a quality read is if I find memorable quotes. I found within *Acceleration* a strong theme that Gormley continues throughout the series. I especially enjoy how Derrick's struggles are examined and evolve, just like in real life, simply falling in love does not solve all of your problems.

I also really enjoyed the BDSM aspect of their sexual relationship. It was pleasing to see the evolution, much like it would in any couple as they learn to trust each other. There were also a few humiliation play scenes that were very hot, which is not often seen in many romance books. Note that, I did not feel it was extreme and it felt like it advanced their relationship and was not just an excuse for kinky sex.

This is book two in a three book series and I found that it suffered from the same issues that the *Star Wars Trilogy* or *Lord of the Rings* faced. In a typical book, you have the initial exciting meeting, then the conflict (internal or external), the climax, and finally the resolution and conclusion of the storyline. But, when the centralized theme is carried throughout three books, the middle book has less action and the focus is on that internal conflict with no resolution. This middle act often focuses on internal turmoil and with no real action it becomes a slow read. Perhaps the author tried to make up for this lack of action by increasing the number of sex scenes. However, I found the amount of sex scenes a little overwhelming and skimmed those toward the end.

I know that the author had a good reason for breaking up these two books, but I rather think I would have preferred combining the two and cutting out about 1/3 of the sex scenes. Playing the devil's advocate here, I also read many books in between the two, so I would recommend reading the first two books of this series back to back.

### **Conclusion:**

*Acceleration*, book two in the Impulse series by Amelia C. Gormley is a well written book that explores the emotional journey of two emotionally injured men. The book delves into a budding sexual relationship exploring BDSM. I look forward to reading the final book in the series, *Velocity* to find the conclusion of this emotionally charged series.

Overall I enjoyed the book, although I could not help but like the first book better. I suspect that the last book of the series will give us back that "excitement" that the first book had as the conclusion of the story.

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### **Heather C says**

There's a lot more happening here in the second book of Derrick and Gavin's story, which picks up right after where *Inertia* left off. Gavin seems to be doing a good job of sharing himself and even showing Derrick what he really likes in bed...and it's totally hot and sexy with a bit of kink. I LOVE Gavin all toppy and aggressive!! Gavin still has that big fear of rejection though.

And Derrick? Well, Derrick is still struggling with opening himself up and putting his heart on the line...especially while Gavin's HIV status is still questionable. He's making a lot of progress though.

Yes, I think these guys are beyond frustrating at times, but to me, many of their reactions and responses are very realistic and believable...and that's what I really like about these two.

I can't wait to read *Velocity*, the final installment of this series. Derrick and Gavin deserve a happily ever after!

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### **DarienMoya says**

~THIS ONES HELLA GOOD~

4.5

I am blown away! Where I found the first book in the series goodish, this one was excellent. I did not want it to end, and Gavin and Derrick are *INTENSE*. I am excited for the next book and man am I impatiently waiting.

In Impulse book 1, contractor/handyman Derrick meets Gavin whom he finds very attractive. After spending many years celibate and alone, his attraction is both exciting and terrifying. Plus, Gavin is coming on strong and Derrick was finding it hard to resist to him. Then Gavin drops a bomb that blew up their fledgling

relationship before it even got started.

Both men are dealing with past hurts, and this terrifying reluctance to trust each other. Gavin's previous relationship has left him emotionally and quite possibly physically damaged. Derrick's fear of being abandoned has him keeping Gavin at arms length (giving but never quite giving all). He hides things that affect them both, and he is wary of the day that Gavin will up and leave him. Which is interesting, based that Gavin might be seriously ill and Derrick has this past of caring for ailing people.

The men do this tango of sex and apprehension, and man was it beautiful to read. I really liked Derrick, his fears were sound and I felt like sometimes he was backed into a corner. They were moving at a speed that just felt too fast, for where their relationship was at. It's only been a few months and expectations seemed excessively high, and sometimes both were asking for too much.

I thought there would have been more angst (doom and gloom) but I found it very sweet, and of course sexy as hell. This was hot, hot and Gavin delivered his superior Dom like a boss. I was both impressed and excited in my pants by the amount of awesomeness. It's as if the author planed to unleash all the sexy in book two "*I will wait and then I will kill them with utmost exceptional ass eating scenes ever written*". I really believe that was the plan :D

The writing is superb, the care that went into it, is in every chapter on every page. For a self-pub, it really can't get any better than this (it really can't). Acceleration is definitely going on my fave list of 2012; it was a wonderful surprise in awesmazing. Also, that freaking cover \*squee\* EXCELLENT!

**Should You Read It?** Yes, yes, and more yes. Blew me out of the water because I was expecting to like it, not love it. Worth taking a chance on. I am eagerly awaiting the third book in the series; Derrick and Gavin have captured my heart and have caused some mega pants losing.

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### **Mandi Schreiner says**

I like this author's voice. This one a little too angsty/must have sex every second/needy for me.

But will continue onto the third book.

Full review coming

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### **Lena Grey says**

'Acceleration' by Amelia Gormley is the second in the Impulse series. It picks up where we left off in the first book and we get a lot more background information which is necessary to be able to understand Derrick and Gavin.

Things become even more intense between the two of them in more ways than one as they are learning to cooperate and express what they feel. Gavin, even though he was abused by his ex-lover, is ahead of the game because he knows what he doesn't want. He is still struggling to get out from under the humiliation and feelings of helplessness and despair and vehemently defends his position. Gavin needs to express his

dominant streak and wouldn't be happy with someone with whom he couldn't, but at the same time, he's not going to force anything on Derrick that he may not want.

As nice and laid-back as Derrick seems, he's got a problem being spontaneous. He wants to be in control of himself, his emotions, and everyone around him. His way of feeling safe is to plan and organize things to a compulsive level in order to ensure, at least as much as possible, that he can handle any circumstance that comes along. That's admirable to a degree, but it completely shuts him down to the point that he has very little life. Always being in control is exhausting. Derrick needs to get over his stubborn pride and let someone else take over for a while and Gavin uses sexual play to accomplish that. By taking control away from Derrick, Gavin affords him the opportunity of not only having the most mind-blowing sex ever, but also the freedom to just be and not be expected to do anything but enjoy. One thing that Gavin is very clear on, though, is that everything they do together is totally consensual. Not only was he abused, he was made to feel that he was wrong for wanting to act on his dominant tendencies. He doesn't want Derrick to even feel a hint of the torture he went through with his ex. By assuring this, he also allows trust to build between them, something Gavin and Derrick very much need.

Gavin and Derrick are opposites, but in their hearts, they are the same—good, loving, considerate men, who mean well even if it doesn't always come out that way. Derrick, in particular, needs to learn that it's wrong to try to control other people's reactions by not giving them an opportunity to react. Their biggest argument and almost separation comes from the fact that Derrick tries to hide things so Gavin won't have to deal with them. Gavin sets him straight very quickly on this and shows Derrick how condescending his actions seem to be. This was a side of the argument that Derrick would never have seen for himself.

I'm very emotionally invested in Gavin and Derrick and am cheering for them all the way. I may not understand their actions all the time, but I do understand that they mean to be healing and constructive, not hurtful and destructive. Impulse 2 is even more consuming than the first story and I can hardly wait to see what the third book will bring for Gavin and Derrick. Thanks, Amelia, for your exquisite descriptions, both physical and emotional, in the story which help me understand and appreciate different lifestyles.

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## **Secretly Reading says**

ACCELERATION is a very good MM romance of two men trying to find an emotional balance in their highly sexual relationship. I still love these characters from book one and can't wait for the third book for the resolution I need.

I'm a sucker for an established relationship romance and this is an example of why I love the sub-genre. I liked Gavin and Derrick in book one of the series as they get together but this second book is sweeter because the men have to figure out what it means for them to be a committed couple. The men have no trouble connecting sexually but emotionally they have a lot to learn. Readers like me who enjoy a well balanced erotic and emotional read will love watching the wary Derrick and the resilient Gavin dance around their emotional intimacy.

The secondary characters also make this a standout story. Derrick has friends he's close with and who care about him and they're lovely characters. I especially think his relationship with his elderly neighbor is tender and showcases his personality beautifully. Gavin's friend Andi is fun and is a good confidante. I like how the



author allows realistic inclusion of the two men's friends into their relationship.

ACCELERATION is a great second book in a strong MM series I highly recommend to fans of the genre.

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### **Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says**

Quick review:

**Cover:** Beautifully done

**Rating:** NC-17

**Thumbs Up:** 5

**Overall:** A story that captured my heart through and through

**Characters:** Well Written

**Plot:** Overcoming your past to move forward with your future.

**Page Turner:** Yes

**Series Cont.?** Yes

**Recommend:** Yes

**Book Boyfriend:** Derrick

#### **SUMMARY** (50 words or less)

This has to be my favorite couple. Derrick's vulnerability against his alpha male looks, pulls at my heart every time. There are just subtle layers of this story that are peeled away with expert timing. I found my heart on my sleeve when the tears fell. Great Job.

To see my full review and likeness of my book boyfriend, check out my blog post.

<http://mmromancebookreviews.blogspot....>

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### **Shannon says**

Part 2 of the Gavin and Derrick story was even better than part 1 IMO. The sex was fantastic and they're really starting something amazing here. We get love, sex and angst. My favorites. Now I'm just waiting for their final chapter. Please, oh please let it come soon!

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### **Jenre says**

*Acceleration* is the second book in a trilogy. Please be warned that this review may contain spoilers for the first book in the series *Inertia*.

At the end of book one we left our heroes Gavin and Derrick at the point at which their relationship is taking off. They've had a month of dancing around each other, followed by an intensive weekend together. This book follows them into the next few weeks, through the 'honeymoon' period and into a time when both men have to make sacrifices to be with each other. In many ways it's a slightly angstier book than the previous

one as Derrick, who has never hidden his sexuality, but also never advertised it, has to cope with the reactions of others as he introduces Gavin to his friends, and Gavin has to cope with Derrick's inability to open up, or explain his feelings.

One thing I'm enjoying immensely about this series is the way that the reader really gets into the head of Derrick. He can be a bit frustrating because he has a tendency to hold back, to try and stay safe or simply to ignore problems whilst dealing with things on his own. This is the main point of contention between Derrick and Gavin in the book and it brought out a strange response in me. Gavin is often closed off from Derrick, and cannot read him or understand some of his actions. Therefore he can sometimes seem a little bit insensitive to Derrick. It was an odd experience to feel annoyance at Gavin, when really the poor man is struggling to work Derrick out. The reader knows exactly what is going through Derrick's mind, but Gavin doesn't. I found the whole experience an interesting way to use narrative.

Another part I enjoyed was the slowly developing D/s aspect of their relationship. This is hinted at in book 1, but is developed further here. As Derrick has so little experience in the bedroom, it's been delightful to see him exploring this side of his personality. He feels closest to Gavin when he surrenders and gives himself wholly into Gavin's keeping, and yet his past and experience of being alone and responsible for himself wars against that submission. This meant that the D/s aspect wasn't just about sex - although there's plenty of that and very well written it is too - but also about control in the relationship. Derrick cannot relinquish control, not even to provide Gavin with an equal relationship, and Gavin cannot bear to be in a relationship where he has little control, again. Seeing the pair work through these issues has been a highlight of the series so far.

The book finishes less abruptly than the last book, but the pair have come to a cross roads. How they continue will be determined by Derrick's reactions to the events at the end of the book. I'm very much looking forward to seeing how things work out into book three because there's still a few loose ends to be tied up. Until then, I shall recommend this book to those who have read book 1 and are ready for more well written, character based romance.

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### **Becky Condit says**

Amelia Gormley's ACCELERATION is going to be listed among my favorite books. This is a love story, not a romance, not simply an erotic tale, but a story of the power of love.

I highly recommend this book and series to anyone who loves watching a love match develop between two people who deserve happiness. Ms Gormley is a brilliant writer who uses words to paint a picture and describe the unspeakable.

Please see my complete review on release day, Nov. 30, 2012 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>  
Bookmark it.

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### **Macky says**

Acceleration starts where Inertia left off and Derrick and Gav are still in that early stage of getting to know each other. The sex is amazing for them both but the intense emotional baggage they are both carrying is still hanging over their heads, stopping them from fully opening themselves up to each other. I loved book one, Inertia and on the strength of it felt compelled to get book two. I wanted to love this too but there were a couple of things that began to irk slightly. First I wasn't over keen on the way she turned their love scenes

towards BDSM by introducing Gavin's predilection for rough sex, including pain which features a lot, and domination. It's the one aspect of both gay - and het - erotica that I just don't enjoy or find arousing, it leaves me cold, not because of the content, I'm far from a prude, but because I just don't get the dynamics. I understood the reasons Gavin needs it in the book and could have put up with a couple of scenes but I felt that Ms Gormley fell into the trap of thinking more sex means a better story and this is too good a premise for that. IMHO it took away some of the fresh feeling that the first book had. Also the angst really builds up in this instalment, so at times the tone becomes a little bit morose but of course this is the crux of the storyline so I suppose you cant expect this middle book in the trilogy to be all sunshine and flowers!No doubt whatsoever that this is an exceptionally well written series with two interesting, complex men who make the story a compelling read and concept, but changing the tone of the sex has taken away some of my enjoyment, but thats my own personal dislike not everyone else's. Having got so far in the trilogy I'll have to see it out so It'll be interesting to see what book 3 brings. I wonder if it'll get me back on the same wavelength of the first one?

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### **Shirley Frances says**

A beautiful story of growth, acceptance and new beginnings.

In this installment we find ourselves right where we left off in Inertia. Derrick and Gavin continue to unleash their lust and desires and decide to take their sexual relationship to the next level. If you read the previous book, you know that although Derrick and Gavin have been intimate, they have not had intercourse and that it would be an enormous step for them to take. I applaud the author, Amelia C. Gormley, for the way she went about this. It was a big step for them and she addressed the importance of that moment while still keeping the passion level on HIGH.

The scene that she created was brilliant. There was expectation, surrender, desperation, vulnerability and ultimately trust. She brought forward Derrick's need with his every moan, both their lust in every kiss, nip and suck and Gavin's hesitation and concerns in a way that was very real to me. It was everything I expected and then some. Every detail she provided shed some new light on Derrick's desire to let go and give himself to Gavin and only reinforced my belief that these two are perfect together. I was enjoying it so much that I was grinning like a fool and in the end I was as exhausted as them from tapping the hell out of my tablet.

Of course this book is so much more than the sex. That's just the cherry on top of all the goodness. It's about Derrick learning to let go of his past and letting Gavin be his future. It's about accepting that some things in life are uncertain and that you need to live each day to its fullest and enjoy each and every moment you have with those you care about. It's about Gavin's need to find a partner that will be there for him, to share the good and the bad and accept him for who he is - strong and confident with a touch of insecurity, demanding and controlling in bed while surrendering his all to his lover. It's about the fear of new-found love, acceptance but most of all it's about trust.

And that is what these characters found. Through each event in the book their trust for one another grew. I liked how the author added some obstacles along the way that pushed them to fight for one another. That just made their new relationship more believable to me. Each character developed throughout the story and I was so proud to see where they were headed and now I am more eager than ever to know how they will end up.

I am emotionally invested in these characters. How could I not when I get to see how overwhelmed Derrick is by all these emotions he's feeling. He is discovering every part of himself. He is learning to be a lover and

a partner, while still learning and trying to understand his needs and desires. And Gavin, so confident and strong, but with a tenderness that melts me. I admire his determination to want his needs in a partner met. He doesn't want to go back to where he found himself before even if it means that he has to let go of Derrick.

The writing once again was excellent. The way the author went about telling this story was amazing. Each event and every emotion expressed came alive and added to the enjoyment of the story. The characters, their dialog and their feelings were beautifully combined and brought forward in a way that touched my heart and added to my connection with these adorable characters.

I am looking forward to the next book in the series because Derrick and Gavin have won a piece of my heart and I can't wait to visit with them again.

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## **Chappy says**

4.5 super hot stars

Even better than the first installment since we're finally getting Derrick to open up, though it's a very painful and slow process. Gavin's dirty, dirty mouth starts to give Derrick what he needs...a little submission. This touch of D/s seems so natural and doesn't include sex clubs or whips/chains. It's just enough to enhance their growing relationship and trust in each other. When Gavin tells Derrick: "your mine" and proceeds to mark and bite him...wow!!!

Gavin is still worried about his medical test results, but Derrick doesn't let that deter him. This relationship is real and only getting stronger.

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