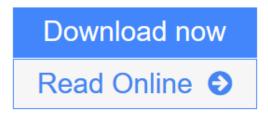


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Jace has always been good at holding his cards close to his vest, but after three months of being lovers, Quentin is getting pretty good at reading his tells. Still, Jace's foul mood at work could be a game breaker. Jace is going to have to show a card or two and Quentin will have to go for broke if they're going to make the relationship gamble pay off.

A Gambling Men story. Read more about Quentin and Jace in the Curious anthology.

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# From Reader Review Raising the Stakes for online ebook

# Aniko says

3 to 3.25 stars

# **Christy says**

I had actually already read all of this in Gambling Men, but so what?! I can read Amy Lane & more of Amy Lane all the time!!!!!

# **UltraMeital says**

I want to blame my mood for the fact I didn't really like this one, but truthfully, I think it has nothing to do with it, I just didn't like the interaction between the two MC - Quentin and Jace. They have been working partners and Poker partners for years but only recently started a sexual relationship.

After or rather DURING a not so closeted sexual encounter in the office they somehow "put themselves out there" and express with no romantic words that this is it - them being together is a thing, a relationship, a bet they feel safe making.

It was really short but unlike the previous one which I felt like I didn't get anything that was going on there, here the side characters were a nice add, mostly Quentin's secretary. Yet still, since I didn't like the way the "relationship progressed" (if you could say that about a 22 pages novella..) it left me feeling unsatisfied. I wish it was more "romantic" I guess.

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# **D** Sidhe says

Writers are often taught that "show, don't tell". In this case, the author spends more time telling us about the characters (one whole paragraph explaining who the secratary is) instead of just showing us that she's efficient at her work. The sex was hot enough but everything else was just blah.

# Maygirl7 says

If I hadn't loved the snippets of the story prior to this one dropped into the Curious? anthology, I might not have rated this a 4. Good but not great. And feeling a bit incomplete.

#### Mary says

Short, hot, raw, romantic...loved it. Can't wait for the next one. I'm completely addicted to Quent and Jace. Especially Jace who's all hard edges and heat.

#### **Teetee says**

This is an exerpt from the story-virbatim.

#### Louis A says

It is a nice chapter from Gambling Men, but that is it. If you have the book, adding this is redundant!

#### Tara says

This is a short follow up to the even shorter story from the Curious anthology called Gambling Men: Ante Up.

Jace & Quentin are business partners and very recently they became lover. But now it seems JAce wants a little something more and Quentin is confused.

This story was fine. The characters are hard to invest in because you get almost nothing about them, but it was fine for what it was.

#### Fairy / Anna says

It was very nice, but even if I really liked the interactions between MC's, there was almost nothing about them. No background, no past, nothing... It seems to be unfinished. I would be willing to give it 4,5 stars, if this was a whole book. Cause this one scene? Wow, just wow.

#### clear skies says

Simple.

Porn without plot.

#### **Bev** says

# This is a little novella that was the foundation for Amy's full length novel 'Gambling Men', although some names have been changed.

As I've already reviewed Gambling Men, will not be repeating myself here, but 5 stars anyway.

# Brenda Maldonado says

3.5 stars

Raising The Stakes is an m/m erotic interlude that highlights the "coming out" of a an established couple to their office friends. Poker metaphors, hot sex in the supply closet and snarky co-workers make this story a worthwhile read. Read it during your lunch break and watch your day (or at least your mood)get better!

## Tame says

4.5 stars :)

Quent & Jace were hot and edgy, but with some vulnerability and romance underlying it, in this short & sweet m/m story. Go, Ms. Amy, GO!! Loved it :) Hope to see more of these 2!!

## **Rachel says**

I was very amused at how this story managed to condense an entire typical M&B into about 10 pages.