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This is a Life Lessons short story, occurring a week after Home Work (* contains spoilers for Home Work*). Mac, Tony and the kids have had a long complicated year. Each of them has dealt with fears and losses, joys and triumphs. As December 31st approaches, it's time to look forward to the new year, and what may be in store. Mac and Tony figure whatever happens, they can handle it, as long as they go through it together

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• * ° *• Gwendolyn• °***★°***★ says

Short N' Sweet!

♥Terrence, I really dislike him...but, in this book the world does NOT revolve around him, it revolves around Tony and Mac, and I simply love that ~

♥Mac and Tony absolultey wonderful together, and so very lovable.

♥Oliver is adorable~ He has awesome character.

♥One reviewer said, this does not move the story forward or back~

♥I agree, but it is a sweet gift and I did like it ALOT!

Ingie says

Review written February 19, 2016

3.8 Stars - Tender, sweet, heartbreaking and realistic

Book #3.5

Compensations is a lovely freebie shorty in the 'Life Lessons' series with a New Year Eve theme. A MUST for all admirers of these fantastic 'Tony & Mac' books.

'Tony held Mac in his arms, feeling Mac's taut muscles eventually relax into sleep, as the first hours of a new year slowly unfolded around them.'

Two men, now a family of four, in Minneapolis...

It all started when **Tony Hart**, an openly gay quite young highschool teacher becomes involved as a witness to a murder. **Mac (Jared) MacLean** is the a homicide detective investigating the crime. (view spoiler)

By now are they deeply in love, married with two kids (*Ben* and *Anna*) but still with some horrifying sad drama from book #3 to handle.

Simply a great Kaje Harper read as always. Love these men. — Next up book #4-Learning Curve and a buddyread weekend.

I LIKE - everything about this GREAT series

Susan says

I'm happy to get any little bit of Mac and Tony offered...but this short little bit felt like tiny drops of water after having known desert-thirst for days! Miss them...want more.

Tough reading Mac struggling with his injury. Mac, always having been the "strong" one...

Please let him make a full recovery...please...

Oh, and Ms. Harper...please write quickly...I need more Mac and Tony! :)

Gina says

I loved this little snippet about life after Mac's injury and his recovery. This was warm and reassuring that their relationship can stand this struggle. They came together as a couple and as a family. I also warmed up to Oliver even more, he should find someone to care about him. And I enjoyed this little story because it showed us their life continues to have struggles, just like real life...

I enjoyed this immensely and like I said already, I would read as many books in this series and the author writes!

Jess Candela says

Okay, now that I've read it again, I can say that I think this just may be the best short story Kaje has written

yet. It answers one of the questions we were left with at the end of Home Work, though it's nothing that will mess up Book 4 if you don't read this one. But why wouldn't you, it's awesome!

Though I warn you, it's going to increase your desire for more Mac and Tony like tenfold. Not because there's any particular cliffhanger (it's a sweet holiday story), but just because it feels so good to visit the guys again and see what they're up to. Maybe with all of us collectively willing Kaje to write Book 4 faster, it'll have an effect... :p

Awilk -never sleeps- says

Why didn't I know about this sooner. This is one of my favourite series. I re-read these books more often than I am willing to admit.

This was a fabulous follow-up to the last full-length book. It was quick, but full of page-turning greatness. I have always favoured Mac, but this has me leaning more and more toward Tony. Oliver also earned many points in this one.

I want more of this series, and I want it now. As that is not possible, I will just have to hope there will be more soon.

Thank you Kaje Harper for this wonderful free short.

Bev says

[has been shot, and has been left with Broca's Aphasia, a condition where the speech centre of the brain has been compromised, and our sufferer Mac knows exactly what he wants to say...but unfortunately it just doesn't come out of his mouth as it should, and if you know Mac, you'll be absolutely gobsmacked to learn that he's **extremely** frustrated by it all!! (hide spoiler)]

Anke says

Oh my. Sigh! I want more! After 'Home Work' I was curious, and a bit skeptical, how Ms. Harper would write herself out of the medical condition she put Mac through, but I should have known - she managed the small line. Can't wait for the next book.

Deeze says

A sweet short, but just left me wanting the next book and to bash Terrence over the head. God what a douche bag.

Mark says

Loved this little short interlude before book four! Here you can see how sorry Oliver sincerely is and supports the both of them all the way. What I liked even more is the payback Terrence is getting from Ramsey. Made me laugh hearing all things she's doing to him, you go girl! Nice to see Tony, Mac and the kids celebrating New Year together as a family. I so just wat Mac to make a full recovery.... soplease Ms Harper I know these things take time, but I wouldn't be able to bear it if Mac has to suffer indefinitely. Again nothing less than five stars

Ami says

3.5 stars

Warning: Do not read this story (or this review) if you haven't read Home Work

While this free story seems to be written to give readers assurance that 1) Mac's traumatic aphasia is slightly better than some other people and 2) Mac IS getting better and his therapist is optimistic, I can't help to feel sad reading this. That is why I can't give it a higher star. I'm not even slightly relieved. I admire Tony's inner strength and Oliver's loyalty to his partner ... but I still think it's a long way to go for them to that point where everything *is* better.

I'm still waiting for the "joy" part to come -- especially since Terrence is still an a**hole that Mac has to face when (yes, I say *when* not *if*) he returns to the job. Then again, you cannot expect people change only after 3-days of sensitivity training.

At least, among all that, it's great to see that Mac and Tony are still going strong. That their love to one another is so visible for us, readers, to read. It's wonderful to see the family as a unit; love their new staying-up-until-midnight-on-new-year's-eve tradition.

For that, thank you Kaje.

Sara says

The only thing better than Mac and Cheese is Mac and Tony. Loved it, they are just the best!

Heller says

Set soon after Home Work. Mac is on the road to recovery and Tony is supporting him as best he can. I admit I was feeling a bit down after the last book and the uncertainty of what would happen with regards to Mac's injury, tbh. This story made me feel really hopeful and I loved that. I'll be rooting for Mac but even if he doesn't regain 100% of this health I can see other avenues where he can shine. I worry for Tony though and the pressure he puts on himself. I can hardly wait for the next book. Wonderful little read.

ttg says

Great free short story follow-up to Life Lessons #3 Home Work. This short starts one week after the ending of book 3, and provides some closure on some events in Home Work, and gives a nice look into the lives of Mac and Tony as they struggle through some new circumstances and also celebrate their first New Year's as a family.

At a little over 11,000 words, the story is nicely meaty, and as usual with Harper's freebies, there's some real progression and events so it isn't just a throwaway filler story but a nice connector between book 3 and the upcoming book 4.

And like book 3, it ends well, so even though I'm still looking forward to the next book, I'm not left hanging and grumpy from the ending here, but nicely satisfied.

This story DOES contain spoilers though, obviously, for book 3, so I do not recommend diving in here just because it's free. If you're interested in the series, I happily direct you to book 1 Life Lessons. It's a great series, and it starts there.

You can read this for free from Harper's website and it's also available for free download from Smashwords.

Heather C says

This is pretty much a second-slash-extended epilogue for Home Work. We get some Mac and Tony smexiness and some hopeful news for Mac. Plus, it's really nice to see Oliver coming around and accepting Mac and Tony's relationship.
