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Sterek Fanfic

He doesn't know his name, he doesn't know who he is, and neither does the werewolf he's on the run with.

But he's pretty sure they hunt monsters, because they seem to be really good at it.

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R * A Reader Obsessed * says

4.5 Stars

Wow. I don't know why this hit me in the gut so hard but it did.

Stiles and Derek find themselves with no memory of themselves or their lives. However they instinctively know they're on the same side and logically assume they are romantically involved.

That premise right there made it a winner in my book. Despite knowing nothing of their own personal history, they are drawn to each other, take refuge with each other, fitting together so perfectly.

It doesn't hurt at all that in and amongst the UST and wonderful smex, the intimate private times are weighted with significance as well as portent. There is the real question of whether to stay blissfully ignorant in their happy bubble or to return to their lives perhaps risking all they have gained. What to do, what to do....

Gawd this had great voice and was paced beautifully. It had just enough gravitas to be affecting, leaving a lasting impression.

A definite high point in impressive storytelling. Sigh.

Vivian says

Sometimes not knowing is the best.

Nina says

Like a pornographic version of Supernatural, only without the awesome soundtrack and the incestuous overtones.

In Stiles's words. Very accurate.

But also there's a whole different type of tension and pain than in SPN, and it's a little more subtle than you'd expect and surprisingly heartwrenching. The story feels a little incomplete, there are gaps that are never filled, but it's written with a skill that leaves you satisfied all the same.

Otila says

Stiles and Derek don't remember who they are but they're pretty sure of two things.

That they're monster hunters.

And that they're boyfriends.

That sounds about right.

"We've been hunting witches with severe memory loss, I'm a werewolf, you're seventeen. I think we reached messed up a while back."

Meep says

Like a pornographic version of Supernatural, only without the awesome sound track and the incestuous overtones.

It's Derek and Stiles taken out of Beacon Hills given amnesia and figuring themselves out to be a Winchester like duo. With added sexy-times.

There's not a lot of plot or tension aside from the memory loss but I loved the two working things out - wrongly- and getting together -hot- and with more emotion than a porn tag would suggest.

The end is emotional and promises good things, not as abrupt as some of entanglednow's can be this felt right, though I greedily wanted a little more I was happy with where we left them.

Gif attack:

Jennifer?Pher? says

I needed more of an ending. Hot and sweet.

Loederkoningin says

Not bad, not bad at all. It has a plot, it has sex (with scent-marking, woop!), the writing is decent... But overall it was a rather bland read for me. Stiles and Derek both suffering from amnesia could've led to way more entertaining situations and dialogue than it did here. Instead the emphasis was on Stiles having scored 'a very hot werewolf bf', a sentiment that's repeated throughout the story.

I'm afraid the plot didn't capture me much and I ended up skimming to the end. I guess I missed the usual spark of Stiles' personality here and Derek didn't feel quite right either. The sex felt a bit 'recycled' and,

considering their dynamics in this story, Derek suddenly (view spoiler)..

Just personal impressions, of course.

ETA: just realized Milkshakes and Matchsticks is by the same author. Weird, in that one Stiles' personality sizzled brilliantly.:)

MLE says

A well written, and plotted story. Nicely complex, and a nice change of pace from some of the fluffier nonsense.

Jilrene ♥ says

probably closer to 4.5 BAMF!STILES STARS but I loved it. every. page.

Dalia says

Derek and Stiles lose their memories. They just assume that they must be boyfriends, while trying to figure out who they are.

It didn't really drew me in and I ended up skimming some of it. Sexy times were nice, though.

Dreamer says

3.5 stars. Derek and Stiles lose their memories while fighting a group of witches and assume that they are boyfriends. Well-written but I got a little bored and skimmed some.

"Great, I'm a werewolf with an underage boyfriend." Derek glares at himself in the mirror. He looks like he does that a lot.

*"A grumpy, werewolf with an underage boyfriend - " Stiles realises what he's saying, somewhat belatedly.
"Hey, whoa, wait, why am I your boyfriend?"*

Derek looks at him like he's an idiot.

Rachel says

Entanglednow has fast become a five star Sterek author for me. *By Any Other Name*, much like the author's other works, is relationship centric with any subplot primarily in the backseat while the relationship drives the story. Derek and Stiles are much more grounded in this author's works than other Sterek's I've read and possess much more depth than other fandom authors, as well as their MTV creators, usually spend on them. Entanglednow's Stereks portray interpersonal relationship exceptionally and are well written, as is this one. All that I have come to expect from this author is delivered consistently in their works, and *By Any Other Name* is not an exception.

On to this specific fan fiction ... Derek and Stiles are on the run, hunting witches and have amnesia. This one almost didn't make my TBR from it's synopsis. I was worried that the "have amnesia" aspect would be hard to pull off without making it silly. But I shouldn't have doubted Entanglednow's imagination. What the amnesia aspect did was allow Derek and Stiles to fall in love with out the hold backs that are their tragedy ridden lives and their often adversarial camaraderie . The amnesia parked the mounds of baggage these two would bring to any relationship on the curb and allowed their intrinsic personalities to drive off together. Some readers may hate this aspect, because removing their past did remove a lot of the tension, but what it also did was allow them to simply be them. It allowed there personalities to be free of their past, making the story read like an AU fan fiction set with in a canon fan fiction. I enjoyed all the assumptions they made about themselves - who they must be and what their relationship is - and how confident they were in their estimations - giving a purity to their love that no matter their circumstances - to them the obvious conclusion was to be together. This "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" aspect is carried through the majority of the story and I did enjoy the sweet ride, even as it came to a halt when their memories are returned. The subplot is rather anti-climatic and more of a device to keep the two occupied, while the majority of the tension pulls taut at the ending, when they must face the reality of reconciling who they have been, who they thought they were and who they want to be.

My only complaint is I could have appreciated a longer ending - more of an exploration of how the sheriff and their friends would react to their relationship. But, none-the-less, this is one of my favorites. Derek and Stiles loving freely without the burden of their pasts and still loving even when their memories crash the party.

Meags says

4.5 Stars

I'm currently in the midst of an epic Sterek streak! It could be random luck, but I like to think that I've finally established my specific Sterek preferences, paired with the fact that I've also become familiar with such a wide range of fanfic authors, that I'm now able to identify which ones will effectively provide me with the kind of stories I want to read. entanglednow is one of these authors.

This fic is essentially a double-whammy memory loss tale, and it doesn't dilly dally - it kicks off with a bang! Stiles wakes up in the woods with no recollection of who he is, or why he's there. It's quite a

perplexing situation to be in. Plus, he's surrounded by dead bodies. Eek! Not only that, but nearby a battle to the death is in full swing - between, what Stiles swiftly deduces to be, a witch and a werewolf. He takes this all in stride (very quickly having a "holy shit werewolves and witches are real" moment) and acts on impulse by jumping into the fray to help the werewolf defeat the witch. It's instinct, pure and simple. It turns out, the werewolf (Derek, duh) also has no clue who he is or where they are, but he trusts Stiles; senses that he is familiar and not a threat.

Here begins an awesome tale of how two guys, who have no memory of their lives or one another, instinctively trust each other (and only each other) in order to work together to solve their memory loss mystery, while also kicking wiccan ass, saving countless lives and, in the process, falling in love. Naaww!!

I really enjoyed this fic. In fact, it's one of the best I've read. I say this because it's stuck with me. I finished two days ago but haven't been able to get it out of my head since. That, in itself, warrants my praise. It didn't possess the humour and constant snark that I usually enjoy so much, but it had some major feels and some sweet, sweet loving - and it ended on such a hopeful note that I can't help but want more!

Rosa, really says

[And I would've liked more scenes with the rest of the pack at the end. How did they react to this new relationship? Etc. (hide spoiler)]

Natalia says

4.5 stars
