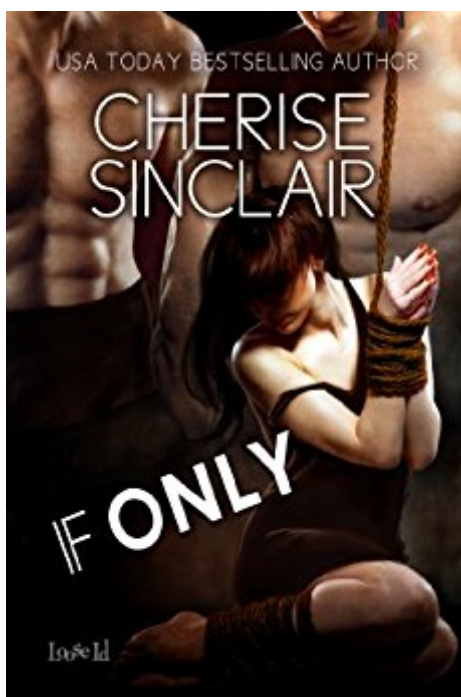


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If Only (Masters Of The Shadowlands Series Book 8)



Synopsis

After the last fiasco, Sally gives up. She'll never find a Dom of her own. Instead the computer whizz is job hunting in between bending the law--just a bit--to unearth the bastards who'd enslaved her friends. The clueless cops and Feds obviously need her help. FBI special agents, Galen and Vance, have waited to play with Sally for a long time. When the mischievous submissive returns to the exclusive Shadowlands BDSM club after an ugly relationship, the experienced co-tops are more than pleased. Realizing she's suppressing deep-seated emotions, the powerful Doms push her--only to find that her sassiness conceals a scarred and vulnerable heart. Shaken by the unexpected emotional exposure, Sally flees the demanding Masters and the Shadowlands. And that should be the end of that, since both Galen and Vance have reasons not to seek a long-term relationship, especially with a submissive who doesn't want what they can give. But when a brutal attack by her ex-Dom sends Sally into their home, the two agents are driven to protect her. To help her. To take her under command. Falling in love isn't in the plans. But the little imp brings light into their lives, and just as they begin to want more, they discover she's hacked into an organization that delights in burning people alive. Now more than hearts are on the line, and Sally's submission could save her life.

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Customer Reviews

There is just no writer quite like Cherise Sinclair in this genre! Her books provide wonderful fantasies, but with a realistic turn with the various BDSM practices she depicts. Her Doms are always loving and careful of their subs, and this newest in the Shadowlands series is no exception. Anyone reading the previous 7 books in the series is well acquainted with Sally, and knows that she has problems connecting with any but the strongest of Doms. But there turns out to be so much back story that runs under the surface, and most of it isn't that great. It all comes to a head for her when she gets into a bad relationship. Of course, she needs 2 Federal Agents to come to her rescue! They not only protect her from further abuse at the hands of her ex, they dig into her problems that have made it hard for her to ask for what she needs or wants. There is still an unresolved bit of business with the northeast quadrant of the Harvest Association dogging the Feds, and Sally gets hold of some information she can exploit to help locate the head of the organization. She and the Feds have a final scene with a member of this organization. Then the Shadowlands Doms celebrate the end of the organization. All our old friends make appearances in the book, most notably Dan and Kari, Nolan and Beth, and of course, Master Z and Jessica. Gabi helps Sally with a dilemma and gets in a few zingers, and Marcus keeps her from going overboard! All the others are at least mentioned. I have always loved Dan and Kari since book #2 and was glad to read more about them. Nolan has a heart of pure gold and it shows in this book! I love Gabi and Marcus and their complimentary senses of humor. Well, darn it, I just love them all, and it was great to catch up!

Let me just preface my review by saying that I love Cherise Sinclair's writing. Her stories are vivid and detailed and draw the reader into the story by pulling on their emotions in some way. The Shadowlands series is a favorite of mine and I have read several of the books more than once, because they are just that good. *Sigh*...now on to my review. I waited so long for Sally's story. She was always one of my favorite subs with her sassiness and wit. And, when the Feds came into the picture, I just knew her story would blow the others out of the water. Hellllllooooo, two gorgeous alpha male FBI agents. I could not wait for this story to come out. Welp, my anticipation did not match my enjoyment of the story. Sure, it was a solid story and well written like only Cherise can. However, I did not enjoy this story overall. There were moments where I laughed (like when the Doms referred to the subs as "The Shadowkittens") and sighed when Dan and Kari were able to

rekindle the magic of their relationship. But beyond that, my enjoyment of the complete story was neutral--definitely NOT the norm for me with Cherise's books. So the "why" of it all? Ok, let me start with Sally. Her character was so strong and sassy whenever she appeared in the other books. She was always mouthing off and giving the Doms grief. I totally loved her attitude. Conversely, although she had moments of sassiness and strength in *If Only*, I found the Sally in this book to be a complete dichotomy of the Sally in other stories. For one, she met and stayed with a Dom (not a Shadowlands Dom) who was a drunk abuser. She experienced the ultimate care by the Doms at Shadowlands so it seemed odd that she would subject herself to a stranger who is abusive. Also, we never hear where she met this Dom.

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