

Safe Word: Oasis 1: Yes, Justin by Michele Zurlo

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Justin is flummoxed when approached by Oasis, an adult fantasy fulfillment agency, in response to his wife's request. He can't believe his beloved wife, Trish, has asked them to hook her up with an anonymous stranger who will dominate her for an erotic weekend. Hurt beyond belief Trish has not vocalized her desires; he decides no one else will be in Trish's bed except him. How will Trish react when the stranger kidnapping her for a weekend of lust isn't a stranger?

Michele Zurlo creates an interesting fantasy world with Yes, Justin, the first book in her Safe Word: Oasis series. At the beginning, I really felt for Justin, I felt his sense of betrayal was justified due to the lack of communication there is in his marriage. Deeply loving his wife, Justin is determined to set things right and be the Dom she craves. He takes special classes in order to be able to fulfill Trish's innermost desires learning how to incorporate toy play and corporal punishment into their relationship.

Up to the moment when he must leave his wife in preparation to kidnapping her, Justin wonders if Trish will come 'clean' with him. Sadly this is not the case; so he follows through with the plan and appears in a deserted area to unite with Trish. After the initial shock wears off, Trish is resolved to make the most of this opportunity and give their marriage a chance, engaging in a power exchange, giving Justin control at a secluded cabin.

Yes, Justin is a very powerful novella showing love can heal troubles within a couple, who at its core loves each other. Ms. Zurlo expertly weaves the kink of D/s with Trish's inevitable tears and shame as she finally confesses her feelings about their marriage. Justin takes these criticisms to heart and demonstrates he is the Dom of her dreams, rocking her world, putting Trish through her paces, and often making me squirm in my seat. During their time together in the Oasis cabin, Trish and Justin engage in meaningful conversation as well as explore D/s seeing how it will continue to fit into their lives long after their erotic tryst is a memory. I can't wait to return to Ms. Zurlo's fictional world in the future to see how this secret organization will bring more people's fantasies to life.