

Stand Down: A J.P. Beaumont Novella

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In the meantime, she is struggling to gain control of her new situation, cast into a department where some are welcoming-and some are not. It's been a few months, and the tension in the police department is rising, but Beau realizes Mel has to tackle things in her own way, so he refrains from advising. But when Beau shows up one afternoon to survey the construction at their new house and finds Mel's car there but no sign of her, his investigative instincts kick in. Suddenly he's back in the game-except this time, his heart is on the line as well as his professional dignity.

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“It's Ben. They got Gentle Ben. That's his address.” The lump in my gut turned to solid ice. “Are you sure?” I asked, all the while knowing he was. “Yes.” Big Al replied in a snarl of rage. “I know it as well as I do my own.”