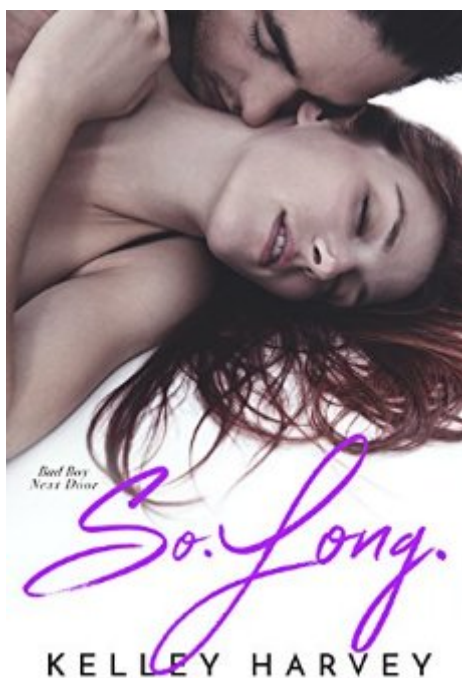


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# So. Long.: Bad Boy Next Door



## Synopsis

I won't let another Mr. Wrong fool me. I thought I'd found my Mr. Right then he turned wrong, and ran off with my best friend. After my divorce, I swore off love, romance, and smooth-talking, tattooed, bad boys. Until him. The worst mistake of my life moved in next door—a bona fide pain in my ass, even if he's a pleasure everywhere else. Adam Hardick might hide behind his beard and sunglasses, but I see through him—he's chronically single and just looking for trouble. And now his eyes are trained on my side of the fence. It doesn't matter that Adam is sexier than any man I've ever known, or that he's hiding a mysterious injury from his service overseas. I need stability, responsibility, and someone who can love me and my three-year-old daughter. I can't risk another broken heart. But when our innocent fling becomes an accidental pregnancy, our relationship isn't just for fun anymore. Can I trust a committed bachelor to become a devoted daddy? Falling in love is easy—but sometimes the best romance is the one you never expected. \*\*\*\*\*KELSEY\*\*\*\*\* I grab the lowest branch, looking left and right to check that no one's around to witness what might be a potential viral video opportunity in the making. Tree climbing is something I haven't done since I was a kid. "Chloe, you're making me look ridiculous." I hike my bare foot up to the first knot on the massive trunk as bark bites into my palms. "Don't you go any higher, you little terrorist." Yellow eyes stare down on me, narrowed and accusing. Her mew is low, asking what the hell, Servant? You think you have nine lives? Get down before you break your fool neck and can't do my bidding. "I know. I know." It's not natural for people to climb trees; especially those of us whose asses are usually glued to desk chairs rather than traipsing into the great outdoors. "Here, kitty, kitty." I heft myself up to perch my other foot on the next branch. Please don't let the bough break. A cool breeze blows up my oversized sleep shirt. Crap. I forgot. Closing my eyes, I lean my forehead against the wood and sigh. Imagine the viral video's title: Woman Chases Cat Commando Style. Across the street, Mr. Alberto's front door is still closed. Good, maybe I'll catch the cat and climb down before he comes out to retrieve his newspaper and gets an early morning peep show in the process. The poor man's pace-maker might fry at the sight of my twat airing out as the sun rises. Rustling leaves pull my attention to the kitten. The white tip of her tail swishes three branches higher than ten seconds ago. "Aw, c'mon. Give a girl a break." I grasp the next branch, hands shaking as much as my knees, while I inch upward a little more. "Chloe, come to Momma." I freeze when someone clears their throat from below my precarious position, hanging off the side of the tree. "You all right up there?" The voice is deep and silky, like melted fudge. "Yes." I swallow. "I'm just trying to get my Chloe." "Well, I don't know what a Chloe is, but I

definitely found your sugar glider.â •I reach for Chloe as she scampers further out onto her branch. â œSheâ™s not a sugar glider. Sheâ™s a kitten.â •A soft chuckle speeds my pulse. â œA lot of them are called kittens, but the one lâ™m looking at is definitely a sugar glider. Looks too sweet to be a cat.â •Holy crap! From down there, he can see everything!Heat steals over my chest and up my neck to my cheeks. More than anything I want to press my knees together to block my coochie from view, but lâ™m stranded, mid-climb, in this stupid tree, trying to get hold of my crazy escape-artist of a pet. Lord, why do I even crawl out of bed most days?

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was my first Kelley Harvey story, but it won't be my last. I enjoyed the way it flowed as well as her writing style. I laughed at the quirky banter between the characters, I was hooked from the first page! Kelley did an awesome job. This is a HEA, with lots of super steamy sex scenes that'll have you hot & bothered, word plays that'll have you laughing, their pets will have you rolling. There is some serious subject matter tossed in the storyline, cheating ex, wounded vet, as well as serious issues each character has to deal with, but a romantic comedy novel through in through. I laughed, cried, chuckled, and just had to read it all the way through in one sitting! Kelsey's mischievous kitten

named Chloe (aka you little terrorist) keeps getting herself into trouble, but because of her behavior Kelsey meets her infuriating sexy voiced new neighbor Adam. She can't say what he looks like because he's covered in fur (aka a beard), which means she can't really see his face. He keeps catching her at inappropriate times, while she's climbing the tree in her oversized sleep shirt--commando style, as she's watching him arrive home in her nightshirt & underwear, through her blinds - that end up falling down along with the curtain, eavesdropping on her conversation with her best friend Leigh. Kelsey's a romance writer with a deadline quickly approaching, but she's suffered with writers block ever since her husband (& his woman-her former friend) cheated and walked out of her and her daughter Clarissa's lives. She feels like she couldn't keep his attention, or her love wasn't enough to keep their family together. Leigh thinks she should join the online dating site where a co-worker met this amazing guy. To help find the man of her dreams or at least get laid and out of her drought.

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