

A Neo-Spartan hard-boiled love tragedy

# Again and Again and Again

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Alex is a hero in the police force; Penny is an ex-whore and the leader of a group of militant prostitutes who have violently freed themselves from their pimps and anyone else who encroaches on their space. Once they were lovers, now they are perfect enemies in the smallest battlefield ever: a hotel room, far away from the urban war they themselves started. That is, until she disappears and he is left behind, alone, with an all-consuming obsession.

**Quality entertainment with characters that leave a lasting impression**

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During his search for her, he becomes a shadow of the man he was. He comes into contact with the darkest corners of the metropolis of Neo-Sparta, a city of mythical proportions. He is confronted with extremely maltreated and neglected former prostitutes, a subculture of misfits who call themselves the New Useless, and meets a teenaged girl who hasn't slept in years and because of that has developed the gift of second sight. The policeman takes decisions that cost him his job, his status and his mental health and that lead to an epic battle between two demi-gods in the suburbs of the mother of all metropolises.

In this hyperrealist, ultra-violent and raging novel, a modern myth is created to compete with those from classical antiquity.

**A born story-teller who can sublimely transform his observations into gripping scenes and has great powers of imagination**

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