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*Finder Series 1: Target in the Finder*by [Kat Avila](#)

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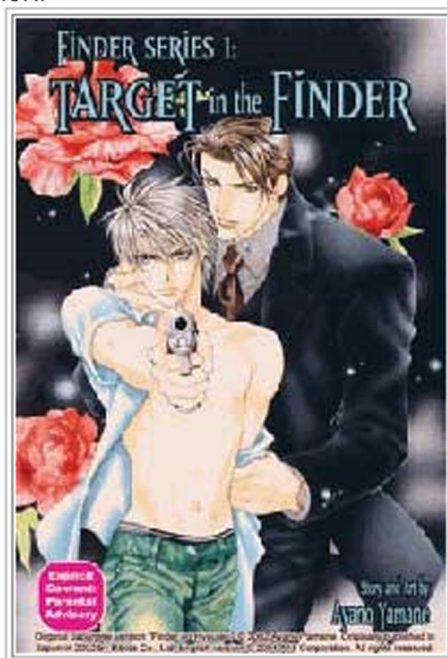
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Daredevil photojournalist Akihito Takaba has come to the attention of Ryuichi Asami, a suave and debonair businessman with high connections who engages in questionable activities. Akihito's muckraking photographs have already cut into profits, and Ryuichi designs an unforgettable punishment.



Na-a-a-sty! So early in the book, too. I was taken aback by the cruelty Ryuichi visits on Akihito after trapping the freelance photographer. He trusses up Akihito with leather and chain restraints. (And *THAT?! for a buttplug* - never would have thought!) Surprisingly, Ryuichi doesn't kill Akihito, whom he probably views at this stage as no more than fresh meat for his BDSM (bondage/discipline, dominance/submission, sadism/masochism) fetish.

One of the most powerful compositions in *Finder Series 1: Target in the Finder* is on page 70. Ryuichi Asami and long-haired Chinese mafia leader Fei Long Liu have guns trained on one another. The beauty and coolness of Ayano Yamane's men really pops off the page.

Their fierce narrow eyes. The art sequence goes from two powerful men butting heads to Ryuichi surreptitiously noting how Akihito, who cockily refused his help only a minute ago, has taken shelter behind Ryuichi.

Unrelated bonus stories are *Love Lesson*, *Plants in Love*, and *Risky Society*. Of the three, *Risky Society* is strong enough to become the seed for another series. Stunt actor Akira Todo is an agent for the government-funded Risky Society organization, as is his handsome mixed-blood mentor Rei Yukimura. All R.S. agents have special paranormal abilities that are utilized during dangerous assignments.

The final story *Holding onto the Everlasting Night* brings back Ryuichi and Akihito and wraps up this entertaining volume that will put prop-filled fantasies into your head. **Be Beautiful** also threw in the first half of an exclusive two-part interview with Ayano Yamane. Some may recall that Yamane-sensei was a guest of honor at **Yaoi-Con** 2004.

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