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What Happened At Lake Tallulah? is a sci-fi, fantasy tale, we learn the story of a woman named Margaux. Her story is one chock-full of action, romance, and adventures in space. At every new chapter, there's something new to discover, whether it be aliens, doppelgängers, or a dog named Dolly!

Author Nina Lisicar has crafted a magical fantasy with unexpected twists, keeping you intrigued from page 1 to 309. I found myself unable to look away, as every chapter

brought something new to the story and helped fill the cracks, created in the first few chapters where we first learn that Margaux's life is not an average one.

This story is gripping, exciting, and fresh. The scenes of the awaited extra-terrestrials familiar with classic beam-pulls, and big eyes, yet, it also felt new. The mystery of Margaux's past and her attraction to Byron are points in this book that drew me in at first. Their chemistry is palpable, even from the very first chapter. That chemistry spawns into love, which only grows as more is uncovered and unavoidable events pull them apart.

In the beginning, we follow Margaux as she enters into a swimming facility; all seems normal. Nina Lisicar captures the essence of a public space, describing the size of the pools to the entertainment of those sitting by the sidelines. Nina Lisicar's description of the characters in her book to the scenery is enough to pull you into the story and world she's created. Much care and creativity went into the names and places she uses as a backdrop for her story; so much so that it feels like a real world you're in. Enough of it is familiar that you are not left to wonder and are able to visualize the scene she's crafted for you, the reader. The romance doesn't leave you frustrated, nor unsatisfied, but leaves you needing more. In the end, I found myself rooting for them to achieve their happily ever after.

My final notes on this are that Nina Lisicar is a talented mind, one who is creative enough to avoid unnecessary tropes, and sci-fi jokes. Not only was her story brimming with adventure and mystery, she also created a beautiful love story in between it all. As I said earlier, there's enough in this story that is familiar with Jeeps being present, Aliens with eyes we can imagine, and beams of light... However, none of this story feels inspired by another galaxy far, far away or star-trekian, which is enough to help you imagine this story happening in our world today.