

Dear beta readers!

Thank you so much for taking on this big project! Nearly 138,000 words... I'm so sorry! Then again, I did warn you...

I know this took for ages, and some of you have been waiting for a while for me to finish, but here she is. The fourth draft. For those of you who've read the last draft, this is still not a done story. Yes, it's supposed to be closer to being finished (please let me know if I epically failed there!), but there will still be rewrites after this. There are a few storylines that I know I need to develop better, and there are so many layers I want to bring in, but at this point I can no longer see it, which makes it time to step away and hand it over to you. It'll still have plot holes (I feel like I changed so much and I'm sure I haven't been able to backtrack everything) and there will still be (parts of) scenes that will have to go. Same goes for inconsistencies.

And this is where you come in, these are the some of the questions I hope you'll keep in mind when reading:

- \* What doesn't feel right? (This can be about anything, from setting to characters to themes at play within the story.)
- \* What feels like too much/too little? Where do you need more or less?
- \* Which characters do you like and which don't you like? Why?
- \* Is there enough description to envision the setting or do you need more? Do I provide too much detail perhaps?
- \* Where am I doing it right? Where couldn't you stop reading?
- \* Where am I doing it wrong? Where was it easy to put the book away and do something more entertaining?
- \* How do you feel about the story in general? The themes, the way they come to the fore within the story?
- \* Are there any obvious or less obvious mistakes I need to fix? Inconsistencies?
- \* Is there anything else you want to comment on?

I've added the Word.doc and the PDF version because I know people will have a preference. Feel free to comment in any way you like, either by using the Comment function or just writing notes in a separate document, it's all fine by me :)

Again, thank you so much for doing this. I'm afraid the only reward will be me putting your names in the acknowledgements when I finally get to publish it. I hope it's worth the effort!

I owe you all <3

xx Mariëlle