

Dear beta readers,

Thank you so much for volunteering (again)!

As some of you already know, this is the 4th draft of our first lesbian romance novella, the first in what will become a trilogy. We wanted this done a long long time ago, but life happened, as it always does ;)

From experience, we know that every beta reader reads an unfinished manuscript in their own way, so don't stress that much about whether you're doing it right. If you're new to it, that is. The most important question that we have is: did you like the story or not? Were you pulled in to it? And can you explain why/why not? Would you buy the second book immediately after if it was available?

For those who want to go a little more in depth while they are reading, these are some of the questions you could keep in mind:

- * Is there anything that doesn't feel right, whether its setting, characters, themes?
- * Where do you need more or less? Description, dialogue, tone, whatever you can think of.
- * 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 to get pulled into the story?
- * Are there places where you couldn't stop reading? If so, where?
- * Are there places where it was easy to put the book away? If so, where?
- * How do you feel about the story in general?
- * Is there anything else you want to comment on?

I've added the Word.doc and the PDF version because we 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 good! If you could email your comments back to us no later than the **13th of January**, we'll be forever grateful.

Again, thank you so much for doing this.

Mariëlle & colleague