

Stipulations and Provisos

Okay, so really this is just a fancy way of saying 'Terms and Conditions', but I was afraid if I put that as the heading, then everyone would skip straight past this page to get to the stories. It is really important to me and my growth as an author that you have a quick read of the points below before continuing.

- First and foremost, you should know that I do not consider these to be my best work. That said, I have a special fondness for each of them, and if I didn't think they were at all worthy of being read, I would keep them under lock and key. To elaborate, these are the stories that I consider to have the least likelihood of being published. As much as I would love for everyone to read the stories for which I have higher hopes, at the moment, I have to keep them to myself, as some competitions and submission opportunities have strict guidelines with respect to where and how an author's stories have been made public before they will accept the entry for consideration.
- Second, as with any art, you are not (and should not feel) obligated to like my work. In fact, by receiving a combination of both negative and positive criticism, I am better able to learn and grow. Obviously this doesn't mean that I want people telling me I should give up and go back to my day job, as that type of feedback is not beneficial to anyone. What it does mean is that, by only receiving positive feedback, I will have to assume that either some (or all) of you are lying, or only those who genuinely did like the stories bothered to leave a comment. If you don't like it, let me know why and know that your honesty is greatly appreciated!
- Third, it goes without saying that everything contained herein is my own, original work and, as such, is copyrighted by myself. Everyone should have enough sense to know what this means – enough said.
- Fourth, if you like what you read (or even if you don't but think someone else that you know might) please pass the word along so that I can continue to expand my following. The more the merrier!
- Fifth, final, and most importantly, whether you enjoy the stories or not, thank you for your support. Simply by taking time out of your busy schedule to read what I have written, you've provided encouragement aplenty for the long journey I still have ahead. Hopefully, this is only the beginning...

Thank you again for reading and respecting my requests.

Happy reading!

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