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CLEXACON CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Anthology Name: Fandom and Cosplay at the Con (Tentative Title)

Publisher: Sapphire Books

Deadline for Submissions: October 15, 2017

Estimated Release Date: April 5, 2018

Author Compensation below

Theme:

Clexacon and Sapphire Books join forces to bring a thrilling anthology built around what we all like, the world of fandom. Or maybe you have a fantasy about your favorite cosplay character you met at a con? We are looking for fiction short stories that intertwine the love for fandom and/or cosplay. These stories should feature characters in a love story, crush, or just a "ship" central to the story. We are looking for Lesbian characters and themes at the nucleus, or as a key part of the story.

The arc of the story should take readers through your favorite fandom or cosplay themed journey as the characters, and their relationships come to life.

The use of real characters, shows, books, etc. or reference to same, is strictly prohibited.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- Unpublished short stories
- Author must own all rights to materials submitted
- The use of any real character names, titles, shows, etc. or reference to same, is strictly forbidden and owned by their respective production companies.
- All stories must be Fiction (no non-fiction or poetry)

- Word count: 1500 – 5000 words
- Story format
 - Word document
 - Font: Times New Roman
 - Font size: 12 pt.
 - Line spacing: Single-spaced
 - Spaces after period: Single
 - Paragraphs:
 - Single space
 - Indent paragraphs (.41)
 - Do not skip lines between paragraphs
 - No html formatting
 - Number pages upper right corner
 - Triple space scene breaks with ***
 - File name: AuthorLegalNamePseudonymTitle
 - By example JaneSmithJaneyLoveAShortStory
- Grammatical Criteria:
 - Avoid the use of capitals, quotes, etc. to emphasis words
 - Avoid the use of colons or semi-colons to connect sentences
 - Use Em Dashes (the longer one —) and Ellipses (...) sparingly
 - Sapphire uses Chicago Manual of Style & Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, most recent editions
 - Italics, limit their use to:
 - Use for flashbacks and internal dialogue
 - Use for foreign phrases and words
 - Use to indicate name of a book, periodical, newspaper, play, movie, television program, music CD/album/video, and radio program. Use quotation marks to indicate a short story, poem, or single episode in a television series
 - Use for names of specific ships and other vessels
 - Avoid italicizing common foreign words (ie: latte, cappuccino, café)
- Electronic submissions only to: sallyanne@sapphirebooks.com
 - *Indicate if you are a registered attendee of www.ClexaCon.com 2018 Conference at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, NV*
 - *First consideration will be given to ClexaCon 2018 attendees*
 - Send story as word document attachment in an email
 - In the e-mail subject line write:
 - Fandom and Cosplay at the Con Anthology
 - In e-mail body indicate:
 - Story title
 - Word count

- Author's legal name/Pseudonym (if applicable)
- Author's Mailing Address
- Author's phone/fax
- Author's e-mail address
- Author's website URL
- 50 word bio written in third person

- By example:

Title of your Story

4,500 words

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Bio: Janey Love is an author, poet and screenwriter. Her Award-winning bodies of work, have been featured in Books, Film and on the Stage. Jane lives in NYC with Her Wife Ethel and their 3 cats Puppet, Pinocchio and Elmo.

- General Info:
 - The anthology is scheduled for publication from Sapphire Books Publishing to release on or about April 5, 2018 at Clexacon 2018 Conference
 - You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission within 48 hours of receipt
 - Submission decisions will be provided by e-mail no later than November 15, 2018
 - Erotic content is encouraged and welcome in keeping with the story theme
 - Multiple submissions will not be accepted
- Author Compensation:
 - Compensation package includes (upon publication):
 - Payment of \$50
 - 2 contributor print copies
 - 1 eBook file
- Please address all inquiries to sallyanne@sapphirebooks.com