Privacy policy

1. Introduction

1.1 We are committed to safeguarding the privacy of FlashFic2020’s website visitors and service users.

1.2 This policy applies where we are acting as a data controller with respect to the personal data of FlashFic2020’s website visitors and service users; in other words, where we determine the purposes and means of the processing of that personal data.

1.3 We use cookies on FlashFic2020’s website. Insofar as those cookies are not strictly necessary for the provision of FlashFic2020’s website and services, we will ask you to consent to FlashFic2020’s use of cookies when you first visit FlashFic2020’s website.

1.4 FlashFic2020’s website incorporates privacy controls which affect how we will process your personal data. By using the privacy controls, you can specify whether you would like to receive direct marketing communications and limit the publication of your information. You can access the privacy controls via *URL*.

1.5 In this policy, "we", "us" and "our" refer to *FlashFic2020*. For more information about us, see Section 13.

2. Credit

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3. How we use your personal data

3.1 In this Section 3 we have set out:

(a) the general categories of personal data that we may process;

(b) in the case of personal data that we did not obtain directly from you, the source and specific categories of that data;

(c) the purposes for which we may process personal data; and

(d) the legal bases of the processing.

3.2 We may process data about your use of FlashFic2020’s website and services ("**usage data**"). The usage data may include your IP address, geographical location, browser type and version, operating system, referral source, length of visit, page views and website navigation paths, as well as information about the timing, frequency and pattern of your service use. The source of the usage data is FlashFic2020’s analytics tracking system. This usage data may be processed for the purposes of analysing the use of the website and services. The legal basis for this processing is consent OR FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely monitoring and improving FlashFic2020’s website and services OR *specify basis*.

3.3 We may process your website user account data ("**account data**"). The account data may include your name and email address. The source of the account data is you or your employer. The account data may be processed for the purposes of operating FlashFic2020’s website, providing FlashFic2020’s services, ensuring the security of FlashFic2020’s website and services, maintaining back-ups of FlashFic2020’s databases and communicating with you. The legal basis for this processing is consent OR FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the proper administration of FlashFic2020’s website and business OR the performance of a contract between you and us and/or taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract OR *specify basis*.

3.4 We may process information that you post for publication on FlashFic2020’s website or through FlashFic2020’s services ("**publication data**"). The publication data may be processed for the purposes of enabling such publication and administering FlashFic2020’s website and services. The legal basis for this processing is consent OR FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the proper administration of FlashFic2020’s website and business OR the performance of a contract between you and us and/or taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract OR *specify basis*.

3.5 We may process information contained in any enquiry you submit to us regarding goods and/or services ("**enquiry data**"). The enquiry data may be processed for the purposes of offering, marketing and selling relevant goods and/or services to you. The legal basis for this processing is consent OR FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the proper administration of FlashFic2020’s website and business OR the performance of a contract between you and us and/or the taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract OR *specify basis*.

3.6 We may process information relating to transactions, including purchases of goods and/or services, that you enter into with us and/or through FlashFic2020’s website ("**transaction data**"). The transaction data may include your contact details, your card details and the transaction details. The source of the transaction data is you and/or FlashFic2020’s payment services provider. The transaction data may be processed for the purpose of supplying the purchased goods and/or services and keeping proper records of those transactions. The legal basis for this processing is the performance of a contract between you and us and/or taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract; providing that, if you are not the person contracting with us, the legal basis for this processing is FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the proper administration of FlashFic2020’s website and business OR *specify basis*.

3.7 We may process information that you provide to us for the purpose of subscribing to FlashFic2020’s email notifications and/or newsletters ("**notification data**"). The notification data may be processed for the purposes of sending you the relevant notifications and/or newsletters. The legal basis for this processing is consent OR FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely communications with FlashFic2020’s website visitors and service users OR the performance of a contract between you and us and/or taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract OR *specify basis*.

3.9 We may process any of your personal data identified in this policy where necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure. The legal basis for this processing is FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the protection and assertion of FlashFic2020’s legal rights, your legal rights and the legal rights of others.

3.10 We may process any of your personal data identified in this policy where necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks, or obtaining professional advice. The legal basis for this processing is FlashFic2020’s legitimate interests, namely the proper protection of FlashFic2020’s business against risks.

3.11 In addition to the specific purposes for which we may process your personal data set out in this Section 3, we may also process any of your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.

3.12 Please do not supply any other person's personal data to us, unless we prompt you to do so.

4. Providing your personal data to others

4.1 We may disclose your personal data to FlashFic2020’s insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks, obtaining professional advice, or the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure.

4.2 Your personal data held in FlashFic2020’s website database OR *Identify personal data category or categories* will be stored on the servers of FlashFic2020’s hosting services providers identified at *URL*.

4.3 We may disclose *specify personal data category or categories* to FlashFic2020’s suppliers or subcontractors identified at *URL* insofar as reasonably necessary for *specify purposes*.

4.4 In addition to the specific disclosures of personal data set out in this Section 4, we may disclose your personal data where such disclosure is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person. We may also disclose your personal data where such disclosure is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure.

5. International transfers of your personal data

5.1 In this Section 5, we provide information about the circumstances in which your personal data may be transferred to countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA).

5.2 The hosting facilities for FlashFic2020’s website are situated in *UK*. The European Commission has made an "adequacy decision" with respect to the data protection laws of each of these countries. Transfers to each of these countries will be protected by appropriate safeguards, namely the use of standard data protection clauses adopted or approved by the European Commission, a copy of which you can obtain from *source* OR *specify appropriate safeguards and means to obtain a copy*.

5.3 *Specify category or categories of supplier or subcontractor* is OR are situated in *specify countries*. The European Commission has made an "adequacy decision" with respect to the data protection laws of each of these countries. Transfers to each of these countries will be protected by appropriate safeguards, namely the use of standard data protection clauses adopted or approved by the European Commission, a copy of which can be obtained from *source* OR *specify appropriate safeguards and means to obtain a copy*.

5.4 You acknowledge that personal data that you submit for publication through FlashFic2020’s website or services may be available, via the internet, around the world. We cannot prevent the use (or misuse) of such personal data by others.

6. Retaining and deleting personal data

6.1 This Section 6 sets out FlashFic2020’s data retention policies and procedure, which are designed to help ensure that we comply with FlashFic2020’s legal obligations in relation to the retention and deletion of personal data.

6.2 Personal data that we process for any purpose or purposes shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes.

6.3 We will retain your personal data as follows:

(a) usage data will be retained for a minimum period of *6 months* following the date of collection, and for a maximum period of *6 months* following that date;

(b) account data will be retained for a minimum period of *6 months* following the date of closure of the relevant account, and for a maximum period of *6 months* following that date;

(c) publication data will be retained for a minimum period of *6 months* following the date when the relevant publication ceases to be published on FlashFic2020’s website or through FlashFic2020’s services, and for a maximum period of *6 months* following that date;

(d) enquiry data will be retained for a minimum period of *12 months* following the date of the enquiry, and for a maximum period of *12 months* following that date;

(e) transaction data will be retained for a minimum period of *12 months* following the date of the transaction, and for a maximum period of *12 months* following that date;

(f) notification data will be retained for a minimum period of *12 months* following the date that we are instructed to cease sending the notifications, and for a maximum period of *12 months* following that date (providing that we will retain notification data insofar as necessary to fulfil any request you make to actively suppress notifications); and

6.4 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 6, we may retain your personal data where such retention is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.

7. Your rights

7.1 In this Section 7, we have listed the rights that you have under data protection law.

7.2 Your principal rights under data protection law are:

(a) the right to access - you can ask for copies of your personal data;

(b) the right to rectification - you can ask us to rectify inaccurate personal data and to complete incomplete personal data;

(c) the right to erasure - you can ask us to erase your personal data;

(d) the right to restrict processing - you can ask use to restrict the processing of your personal data;

(e) the right to object to processing - you can object to the processing of your personal data;

(f) the right to data portability - you can ask that we transfer your personal data to another organisation or to you;

(g) the right to complain to a supervisory authority - you can complain about FlashFic2020’s processing of your personal data; and

(h) the right to withdraw consent - to the extent that the legal basis of FlashFic2020’s processing of your personal data is consent, you can withdraw that consent.

7.3 These rights are subject to certain limitations and exceptions. You can learn more about the rights of data subjects by visiting <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>.

7.4 You may exercise any of your rights in relation to your personal data by written notice to us, using the contact details set out below.

8. Amendments

8.1 We may update this policy from time to time by publishing a new version on FlashFic2020’s website.

8.2 You should check this page occasionally to ensure you are happy with any changes to this policy.

9. FlashFic2020’s details

9.1 This website is owned and operated by *FlashFic2020.*

9.2 FlashFic2020’s data protection officer's contact details are: *gdpr@flashfic2020.com.*