



# FUN IN THE DARK

A mini anthology series of fabulously fun, deliciously dark short fiction.

## #2 – OPEN WATER

Stories selected by the K&R editorial team, including special guest Hokunani Sorci (author of *My Dreadful Dreams: 13 Tales of Terror* and *The Haven Horror*).

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### How to Submit:

Email a DOC/DOCX or PDF of your story to [kilterandrammel@hotmail.com](mailto:kilterandrammel@hotmail.com) with “Fun in the Dark Submission: Open Water” as the subject.

**DEADLINE: Midnight, 31 March 2026.**

*N.B. “Midnight” applies to your own specific time zone, rather than GMT.*

Please include the following information on the manuscript itself.  
*Author name and pseudonym (if applicable); email address; word count (to the nearest 100 words).*

One entry per author.

Submissions should be between **2000 and 5000 words**.

*Submissions under 2K and over 5K words will not be accepted.*

Submissions should be **previously unpublished**.

*N.B. We define “published” works as any work available publicly, including stories posted on personal blogs or sites/apps like Substack or Wattpad.*

No resubmissions (i.e. nothing you’ve previously submitted to Kilter & Rammel that was unsuccessful).

No submissions that have used generative AI in their creation.

Stories should be submitted in standard manuscript format: 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced.

*If you’re unsure of how to format your manuscript for submission, check out William Shunn’s excellent guide here: <https://www.shunn.net/format/story/>*

Simultaneous submissions are allowed, but please tell us immediately if your work is accepted elsewhere during the submission window.

Authors will be notified of whether their story will be included by the end of April 2026.

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