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All's fair in love and war.

Two thirds of the world's population has been wiped out, devastated by the worst war earth has ever seen. Still standing amongst the ruins is a mind reader who finds herself on the wrong side of the war. Everyone does what they must to survive. When the rebels bent on bringing down the New World leader start to rise up, it is her job to make sure they stay down where they belong. That is, until one rebel sneaks past her defences and into her heart. Love will blossom from the ashes, but will it be enough to save them, or will it mean the end of them both?

\*This book is for mature audiences due to sexual situations, violence and strong language. NA

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# **From Reader Review Switch for online ebook**

**heather says**

When I heard that Janelle was coming out with a new NA series, I was like

When I first saw the cover, I was like

I couldn't wait to dive right in and

I was

The story is about a bad ass

female assassin named Weapon X!

The story starts off with Charlotte's family being killed by the leader of the New World. She is the only survivor and is sooo angry with her parents for not protecting her that she accepts it when the leader announces that she will be his greatest weapon.

What we find out is that Charlotte can read minds!

She can easily tell what someone will do before they do it!

To five years later. Charlotte has changed her name to Dinah and she really has become the greatest weapon. Everyone fears her. Her best friend is the very person that killed her mother right in front of her and she is still so very bitter with her parents. She runs into a little road block one night on a mission when someone finds out whom she truly is and that she is a girl!

Now, I loved the different POVs in this book! I love seeing what every character is thinking and Ms. Stalder does an excellent job with this. There was never any confusion as to whom was talking or thinking.

There are many swoony boys that made me do this

By the ending of the book, I was feeling like this

I can honestly say that I

this book sooo much!!!

There was lots of

and

I read the whole book in one sitting because

I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN!!!

When I found out it was a series and there would be another book, I looked like this

Seriously! All of you NEED to check this series out! I know that I say this a lot but, I am totally serious about this one!!!

YES!!! I LOVED IT THAT MUCH!!!!

You need to go and

To Janelle:

for creating this wonderful story! Seriously, I loved it!!! And can't wait for the next book! I hope it's soon!

Hint Hint:)

or

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### **Kayleigh {K-Books} says**

*Review to be posted on K-Books later on closer to release.*

*Please note that this review is of the Beta Version.*

Oh. My. God! There are seriously no words to explain my seriously obsession and love for this book. Janelle Stalder is seriously becoming my favourite author of all time. I adore her. I first came across Janelle's work when she sent me her debut fantasy novel Eden for review and I seriously fell head over heels in love with it. When she told me about her new novel which was a dystopia I instantly knew it was a must-read. I adore Janelle's writing and world building and I am such a sucker for a good dystopia.... Before reading Switch I truly thought that nothing Janelle wrote could quite live up to Eden... but boy was I wrong. She has done it again! I was completely sucked into this world right from the start and literally could not put it down. If it wasn't for the fact that I really needed to sleep I could have easily finished this book in one sitting. It is that fantastic!

Two thirds of the world's population has been wiped out. We are left with a broken society and a ruthless ruler. Charlotte has never wanted anything to do with the politics of her now broken society or the rebel's that want change. She just wants to keep her head down and survive as best she can with her older sister. But when the ruthless leaders' second hand man walks into her life and discovers her secret she knows nothing will be the same. Dragged into the ongoing war between the new government and the rebels Charlotte's job is to keep unknown and stop those threatening her leader. But when she meets one rebel she starts to have feelings she has never experienced before. Stuck on two opposite sides of a war they must decide between their duty and their love. Can love really conquer all when the world could be dependent on their decision?

Janelle's writing style just gets better and better with each book that she writes. I seriously cannot put her books down. No matter how many pages her books are I pretty much demolish them in a couple of hours. I have no more words to just explain how much I love her! She is without a doubt one of the most phenomenal authors out there and I will never ever tire of her work. She is just fantastic! Switch is seriously one of the best dystopia novels I have ever read. It really completely sucked me in and gave me that 'dystopia-love' feeling I got while reading The Hunger Games and Divergent... but I think I may love Switch even more. There is not one single thing that I didn't love about this book. It was just completely perfect!

Charlotte, oh hail the queen of kick-ass heroines. Charlotte is freaking AWESOME! I don't think I've ever met a heroine more kick-ass than her. She is strong, independent and freaking powerful! All the ingredients for a phenomenal heroine! I love her! I love her strength and I love how she start off as this innocent 16 year old girl and grown into this powerful strong woman. She grows so much in this book but I also love how even though she changes into this kick-ass heroine nobody in their right mind would mess with she still has this vulnerability. It makes her more human and somebody that we can all relate to.

Pete... oh my bestill my heart because I am 100% in love! I thought Wolf from Janelle's Eden series was swoon-worthy... Pete is just epically amazing. I adore him! He is strong, protective, sexy. Total badboy while still being such a sweet and loving guy underneath. He had me grinning at my eReader like a complete fool all the way through the book... and I blushed! I NEVER blush at books but Pete made the impossible possible. I am just completely and utterly in love!

Switch just completely blew me away! I mean my expectations were already crazy high because of how much I adore Janelle's Eden series but this just completly blew those expectations out of the water and surpassed any thought I could have ever had about how awesome this would be. It was the awesomeness I knew would be there but it was so much more than that. I just loved every moment and I was hanging on every single word. A dinosaur could have walked into my room when I was reading this and I wouldn't have even noticed. I was far to engrossed in this incredible world and story. All I can say is Janelle is fast becoming my second favourite author (Sorry Janelle but nobody beats JLA ;P) and I just seriously cannot wait for her next work, whether it be in the Eden series or this one. It's official I am obsessive Janelle fangirl for life!

I loved every single second of it and I just want to go and re-read it over and over again. This is a must-read for everyone. You love dystopia? You MUST read this.... you don't like dystopia? You still must read this! It's phenomenal and fantastic but no words I could ever think of would do this book justice so you just gotta go get it and read it for yourself... what are you waiting for? GO! GO! GO!

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## **Naz says**

I was a bit disappointed with this book. There was no substantial progress in the plot all through the 200+ pages of the book and it felt that the story was more about the romantic developments of the main characters. The world building was lacking too...I wanted to know so many things. How New Berlin(the erstwhile city of London, which is the setting for the novel) looked as opposed to how it was before it got destroyed: "The once beautiful, historic facades were now nothing but crumbling brick and stone". Thats all I got: nothing about famous landmarks like maybe the Palace of Buckingham or the Westminster Abbey or any place of

interest really which could make readers relate more to the world of the characters. Also, everybody was so accomodating with the fact that one of the main leads, Charlotte, could read minds. I mean, its not like there are others with abilities of some kind that will make Charlotte having powers also believable. No. Not only is she an odd duck, accepted by society with trepidation(but accepted nonetheless a little too easily: thats what bugged me the most) but also nobody cares how she got to have the power of mind reading. Some casual theories thrown around in a couple of paragraphs in the beginning, but thats it. By the end of the novel, the rebels are infighting, and the ultimate baddie - Ludwig, really has just handed Charlotte-his weapon X-on a platter to the rebels by encouraging her to spend more time with his enemies and surprise surprise, he does not even get her shadowed to check on her. Dude, way to go.

If this story was all about Charlotte falling in love with the rebels second in command, then the next book is about Charlotte's sister Bridgette falling in love with Ludwig's second in command. Phew!

I suppose it would have been an enjoyable novel if I had expected what I was getting into...but i started the book with quite different expectations. I guess Im the odd one out--it just wasnt my cup of tea.

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## **Cora ? Tea Party Princess says**

### **5 Words: Deception, anger, love, betrayal, hope.**

Wow. What a book.

I bought this a while ago and it's been sitting on my kindle waiting for me to read it. What prompted me to pick it up? The blog tour for the second book in the series.

I loved the characters in this. There was so much depth to them. They changed and grew and made mistakes. Some pretty big mistakes. There were characters I loved and characters I loathed and characters that really spoke to me. I love the relationships between them too.

Switch is a pretty dark book. It's a chilling read. But the author writes very well and there are small injections of humour to stop it being too doom-and-gloom.

I loved the world that Janelle Stalder created - it's all kinds of complicated craziness. There was a real sense of confusion surrounding what's good or bad, right or wrong.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and I would definitely recommend it. I can't wait to get started on the next one!

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## **Sheri says**

Wow! There are so many things I loved about Switch, I don't even know where to start. I finished reading it last night and sat staring at my Kindle wanting more – I guess I thought maybe if I stared long enough more will show up? It didn't work, so don't waste your time trying. That ending though...Oh. My. God. I have no idea how I am supposed to wait patiently for the next book to come out.

So, let's start with the characters...Charlotte/Dinah is pretty awesome. She was totally badass, but at the same time she was completely vulnerable. Confused? Me too. She was stuck in the world alone, betrayed by



her family, and pissed off at everyone and everything. She was scared and in a helpless situation, but she made it all awesome by being a brassy bitch to everyone. She might not have control over her situation, but she was not going to take it lying down. She did what she had to in order to survive. She was driven by her anger and resentment, but she was determined to live. Did I mention she reads minds? You would think with this ability that she would be all-powerful, all-knowing, but this was not the case. I really think this is what I liked most about this book. She was still very human and had her own share of troubles. The mind reading definitely gave her an advantage, but there were people she could not read and situations were sometimes out of her control. She questioned herself and the people around her, never quite sure where she was supposed to fit in.

Roman really threw me for a loop. I was never quite sure what to think of him. Dinah seemed to trust him, but all the while I was waiting for the knife in the back. I understand the next book is about him (which I have to wait a whole year for!), and I am so looking forward to it. I have this need to understand him, to know what makes him tick. Even at this point, after having finished Switch, I am not sure if I love him or hate him! Talk about messing with the mind...

Pete is just plain freaking awesome. He has so many layers I'm not even sure where to start with him. Just to list a few of his so many wonderful traits: He is gorgeous, sweet, and charming (can we say lady's man?). He is loyal, trustworthy, and protective of those he loves. He fights for what he believes in, even if that means going against the status quo. In short, he is the kind of guy you want by your side.

There are more, but I seriously cannot write about all of them – this review will be as long as the book! Let's just say that each of the characters in this story was amazingly written. Even the secondary characters who might not seem all that important individually brought their own personality to the story, and it all came together to create this fantastic world.

Some other things I loved (I'll try to make this quick)...First, the relationships in the story were perfect. From Dinah and Pete, Pete and his brothers, Pete and Bridgette, and even Dinah and Roman, each relationship was meshed out and complex. Next, the writing itself was fantastic. The author was able to bring mystery and uncertainty to every part of her story. Not once while I was reading did I know exactly what was going to happen next. It definitely kept me on the edge, questioning everything. And again with that ending...it's driving me crazy trying to imagine how it is going to play out. Well done Janelle Stalder, and thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to read your story.

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## **Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says**

review to come

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## **Olivia ? says**

The year is 2035 and two thirds of the population has been wiped out by war, nuclear bombs and total mayhem. This chaos is led by New World leader, Ludwig Tenebris, a young charismatic dictator who shows no mercy. His second in command is Roman Adamson. In their search to uncover the rebel army, Roman goes into a district where he discovers Charlotte Hatcher. Charlotte has a secret that saves her life, she can read minds. And so the New World leader acquires their best weapon, Charlotte, who emerges 5 years later

as Dinah or as most call her, Weapon X.

First and foremost I will say that this is *my* idea of a romance book. Kick ass female, hot men, action, drama, interesting world, sex and just lots of gushy moments that make me want to squeal and clap my hands like a schoolgirl. In my opinion, a good balance of plot and romance. Readers who do not like books heavy on romance (*you know who you are*) will not like this. Luckily, I'm not one of those peeps so I was in book heaven!!

Janelle Stalder has once again given us a story where the good guys aren't always good and the evil guys make you want to hug them. Ok, maybe that last statement was a stretch... but it made you not hate them. Roman was a character that wasn't developed as much as I hoped but if the ending is any indication, his story will be book 2. There were a couple of scenes that just made me feel the anguish he was going through. He clearly loves and cares for Charlotte though how far he would go to protect her is yet to be determined. What is clear is that he has been doing what he feels is right as the right hand man of Ludwig.

On the other side of the fight we meet rebel army leader Pete McKay who falls in love with Charlotte the moment they meet. I loved the chemistry between these two. Yeah, sometimes I don't buy the whole "love at first sight" bullshit, but this sold it just right because I loved every single scene between these two. They find themselves on opposite sides of a war and question if they want to remain there. It was adorable to see Charlotte flirty and happy. I loved all the small gestures and the way the tension kept building between them.

*"He made some strangled noise at the back of his throat a second before his lips crashed into hers for the second time that day. As soon as their lips met, it was like she could breathe again. Like everything was suddenly just right because they were together – connected."*

Wish we'd had a chance to follow Charlotte through those five years before she meets McKay. Those years toughen her up and she is transformed into one bad ass bitch that nobody wants to cross. McKay was a guy I fell in love with immediately. He doesn't take anyone's crap and is always ready for a brawl but he also has a passionate heart. I couldn't help but like him.

I'm sure that there are holes and inconsistencies that I either failed to notice or just didn't pay too much attention to but I was too caught up in the story to care. Any book that grabs me from page one and doesn't let go until I read that last sentence is a 5 star book.

Thank you Janelle Stalder for providing me with an ARC! Can't wait for book 2.

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## **H.D. says**

I've read all of Janelle Stalder's books. When I first came across her writing, I knew instantly that she was a writer with a natural ability to tell stories, and I read the first three books in the Eden Series in less than a week, and am looking forward to the finale of that series, which I know is due out soon. I'm glad I was able to read all of her works in the order of which they were written, because the progress she makes each time she turns out a work is something that, as I writer, I greatly respect.

Because each of her books get better and better as she goes along, it follows suit that Switch is her best work yet. It is set in a dystopian world, but the primary focus is romance. We meet four primary characters, two of

which are sisters who have found themselves on opposite sides of a terrible war. To make matters worse, each of the sisters begin to fall in love with men who are also on the side that opposes theirs. This made for very tense situations, which I love, because nothing reads faster than when characters you like almost instantly are tossed into boiling water, and have to find their ways out of it.

I loved the way Stalder handled the romance (which was delightfully steamy at many points) and I think this may be the thing I love most of all about Stalder's writing. Whenever I'm in the mood to jump into a world where love is the driving force, I know her books can get the job done. She is a master at making me wish "book boyfriends" were actual people. I'm sure most of you know what I mean. Pete was my fictional man in this story (so back off ladies!), just as Wolf was my man in the Eden series. Sigh.

I found myself instantly intrigued, and when it was finished, all I wanted to know was when the next book in this series would be out. I never review books, but felt it was a necessity for this one, as Stalder is a writer who should be looked out for, and given more attention for her abilities. You've got a fan in me, Ms. Stalder, and I anxiously await your next literary endeavor.

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## **V. PARENTAL GUIDANCE ALERT: A Court of Wings and Ruin is NEW ADULT/EROTICA but Goodreads editors won't tell you says**

4.5

This one is closer to Adult dystopia than to YA dystopia. Bingo! Just what I need right now. In all honesty I don't understand why it isn't more popular, it deserves a better rating just for the strength of the premise and the fact that it must have been the first NA dystopia out there. Not that I've found too many NA dystopias anyway.

The book has a good balance between darkness and humor, darkness and entertainment. I wish it have been heavier on the romance that's why I was about to rate it four, but considering the way the author seem to have put a lot of thought in showing us, and not telling us how things work in this world, and how she didn't make the same mistakes of other dystopia writers that use cliché after cliché this book deserves a 5 stars.

I'm going to read more of this author.

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## **Kitty (I solemnly swear that I am up to no good) says**

This review is more of my (negative) thoughts and reactions to the book rather than a normal review.

Switch simply reminded me too much of WW2 Germany, with the Gestapo, the ruthless, crazy leader, his terrifying cronies and the malcontent rebels. Maybe it is because I have been reading Antony Beevor but the similarities were a bit cringe, to be honest.

Obviously this was supposed to be the case, otherwise the city they lived in would not have been called 'New Berlin.' But it's like she couldn't be bothered to create her own world so she just delved into her high-school history book and used that as inspo.

However I thought the relationship she had with Peter was quite believable...**not so sure if he would have been so trusting of her considering who she was though.**

This book was just was not ambitious enough. Everything was just a little too close you know? Her father was the resistance leader and her boyfriend was second in command, she was left-hand-man to the dictator of the world and her long lost sister work in the strip joint just around the corner. I know reading a book about 'some nobody' is boring but at the same time it has to be believable. Dictators do not live in the middle of the city; especially not if there is a large rebel insurgency... and he wouldn't of sent in his most valuable weapon X as an undercover agent nor would she be able to run around like she was either.

## **TOO MANY HOLES!**

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### **Lorelle says**

3.5

I would like to thank Janelle for providing me with this ARC opportunity. :)

Welcome to the Grey Side :)

Janelle Stalder has an amazing ability to show the dark side as consisting more of shades of grey. The prologue, the premise and the storyline sets you up for an absolute rollercoaster ride. This would have been a full fat 4 stars, probably a 4.5/5, but its down to my personal taste, that I had to stick with my 3.5. Maybe I'm still on the Eden train. I'm not ready to get off !

My rating does not reflect on whether I would recommend this book. Having read the book , I have the perfect audience in mind. New Adult, New Adult Contemporary Romance and Adult PNR fans :)

This is my first Dystopian New Adult book. I was craving a dystopian, with romance more as a backdrop, rather than the focus. Again, this results from my experience with New Adult in general currently, where I am always hankering for less intimate scenes, and more build up in the romance department.

(view spoiler)

Dinah starts off as one kick butt chick. Certainly noone I would like to cross. I was amazed by her transformation and wanted to know so much more about those years in between. It was interesting to experience her interactions with Roman, and then read what happens after they have been bantering.

The writing, the pace and the passion is as always, beautiful. For me though, I needed more time for a connection between the characters. Wolf ( from Eden) is one of my book boyfriends. Its no surprise :) And I didn't connect with McKay like I wanted to.

What I loved was the way you never really know who to root for. It makes for such an intriguing read.

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## Janelle Stalder says

Cover to come soon!!

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## Alana ~ The Book Pimp says

4♥'s, and even a smidgen extra.

I really enjoyed the ensemble cast, how worlds collided, crap hit the fan, and there seemed a (less than) 5 degrees of separation between the survivors (both in charge, and the population being pushed down 'by the man'.) I was engaged and eager to finish, especially to see the wild tangles of stories get finally woven together into one. While the mechanics and history of the 'New World' is left somewhat ambiguous, my inner rebel was wanting to start a battle against both 'the man' and 'the rebels'. Somehow, a line from Romeo and Juliet comes to mind, "All are punished." That describes both sides of the fight- they are both power hungry, and flawed, and cold, and neither will provide a worthwhile future.

There are a moments that didn't work for me... well, I guess the better word would be tone. I felt, especially in the beginning when we are still somewhat disoriented as to where the book is geographically, the dialect, colloquialisms, slang, and other phrases didn't give a sense (even post-switch) of the region like I felt it should have. (The basic idea that even post-disaster I would still expect to hear colloquialisms... like Australians saying 'barbie' or Texans saying 'Y'all', those kind of things. After about a third of the book, they do appear more often, but I still wish I got to see a little more lovely 'accent'.

One thing that I do have to give kudos to- I never react how I expect I would to certain characters. Like you think 'rebels' and I get visions of Luke in a storm trooper outfit, and Lando in his cape, and the Princess with her matching bun earwarmers... all happy things. But when it comes to this war, except for a few key players, I'm just against the war all together. Dammed either way it seems- between a rock and a hard place. I think I need some rose colored glasses to make me see the hope. Maybe some Ewokes, too. Although the male hotness does help.

Overall, 4 BadAss stars and a smidgen extra!

*I received a free ARC eBook from Janelle in exchange for an unbiased review.*

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## Alexandra Harris says

Switch starts off fast, almost with a vengeance. You are sucked into the story the second you meet the main character miss charlotte/Dinah. Janelle Stalder paints a new world with such finesse you practically see it like a movie in your mind, but she also gifted us with a smooth transition. Instead of throwing the dystopian plot at you in one hurried over puffed up explanation, we get little pieces here and there enough to make sure you're not lost but leaving you craving more.

This is a dystopian story with action, adventure and love. Plenty of twist and turns all through out the story line. On the last page I found myself shaking my nook, NO, this can't be it! But knowing that more stories will join the New World Series actually made the suffering more bearable.

Charlotte/Dinah is a kick ass lead character and full of strength and tenacity that you wish you saw more of in the paranormal and dystopian world. Janelle kicked it out of the park, or is it hit? Oh well she knocked the crap out of it! Just an awesome story.

With an amazing female heroine you of course need you your sexy male leads which Pete is definitely that guy. His story is that of an admirable one, and the personality he develops through the book blossoms into a strong, caring and sexy male lead! There are more characters in switch and each with their own life and stories and yet still incredibly easy to follow. I think each character was built and developed very well through out the story, but still I love me some Pete!

I want everyone to know this is an adult book, I couldn't really tell until the middle of the story, but once the adult come forth it stands out, and proud. I'm not a huge fan of adult books, and tend to skip over the blush worthy parts but Switch wasn't bad at all, in fact most scenes were only about two-three paragraphs, the longest one being about a page I think. The hot steamy parts peppered throughout the story are definitely drool worthy and will make you fall for your leading man Pete even more.

Basically my fellow readers and bloggers a great book, full of trials and tribulations, fear, mystery, action, love and most of all an addictive story line that makes it difficult if not impossible to tear yourself away from! I give this book 5 stars, and hope you all enjoy it, by far one of the best arch reads I have had the pleasure of reading and reviewing!

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## **Veronica Morfi says**

\*I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.\*

Rating: 5/5

How is it with Janelle and her books that they always make me fall in love with the characters and the world that they live in. Switch is a NA novel and the beginning of an amazing new series. Knowing Janelle, this series is only going to get better, so I am really excited I read the first book and can't wait for the second one.

Switch is set in the New World. It's 2040 and the world's population has been reduced to 1/3 of what it used to be. Two sisters, Charlotte and Bridgette, are on opposite sides of the war unaware that the other one is still alive and well. Charlotte can read minds and she's the newly added member of the tyrant's army, enjoying the high life, while Bridgette is living with the lowers and hanging out with the rebels, even though she doesn't want to be involved with anything that has to do with this war. After a surprise visit at a rebels' meeting, Charlotte, or actually Dinah, since she changed her name, is ordered to go undercover with the rebels and try to find out their secrets. But one of the rebels has figured out that she is a girl, something she's being trying to keep a secret for the longest time, and it's that rebel that she finds herself drawn to.

I loved this book. The characters are all amazing. I love books about sisters and I couldn't wait for Charlotte and Bridgette to meet again after five years of being separated. They were both amazing characters, even though they were so different. Charlotte was more kick-ass, while Bridgette was more caring and compassionate. But the characters I adored the most are the guys of this book. Roman, the man who took Charlotte to live with Ludwig(the tyrant), the McKay brothers, and of course Seamus, their friend. We

mostly read about Pete McKay, who, let me tell you, is totally swoon-worthy. He is hot. He can play the guitar and sing. He is smart (he is the second in command of the rebels). And he is kick-ass. Roman on the other hand is more of the sarcastic type, which I adore. And the next book is going to be about him so I am super excited.

Then, there was the amazing New World that Janelle created. The new order of things, the tyrant, the rebels, the fights between the two, all of the above made this world vibrant and full of life. Janelle, once more, lets us see through the eyes of both sides making it hard to pick one, not because both sides are mostly good, like in her EDEN series, but because you can see that both sides are kind of bad.

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