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In a world where being gay is unlawful and slavery is legal, two men fight for their lives, for their desires, and for justice. Larke is a corporate lackey with a secret. Brode is a freedom fighter on the run. Each spells trouble for the other, but the passion between them will not be denied, no matter what the risk.

This is a short lgbt science fiction erotic romance set in the universe of Jessica Freely's bestselling novella, His Own Devices. Previously only available for a limited time to readers who purchased His Own Devices during release week, it can now be enjoyed by everyone.

## Unlawful Details

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## From Reader Review Unlawful for online ebook

### **Sarah says**

The idea of the book was interesting but it all just happened too quick to be believable. They went from being nervous strangers to having passionate sex within a few pages.

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### **Macky says**

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Another very short story, more of an introduction really but interesting enough to make me want to know more about this dystopian world that Jessica Freely has built this story around. I have read His Own Devices which introduces the Hanovan universe a while ago and enjoyed it and this little free short as reminded me how interesting it was.

I'll definitely check out the second book in the Freedom series ongoing story of Droje the freedom fighter and his now on the run companion and Hanovan Larke in book 2 Undaunted.

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### **Carly says**

Unlawful is the first book in the Freedom trilogy. It does a beautiful job of introducing readers to the two main characters, Droje and Larke. It also sets up the Hanovan Universe for readers, with its caste-like social structure and political history. Beware of the short story cliff-hanger! However, this is a well written series full of characters you're sure to fall in love with and will want to follow to the very end!

Book 2 - Undaunted

Book 3 - Unbound

From the same Universe - His Own Devices

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### **Jackie says**

I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

5 stars Author Jessica Freely and her *Freedom* series about Larke and Droje in an alternate universe where the Corporation rules all - contracted employees and slaves throughout the galaxy, is an faced paced sexy action piece told through the three stories: *Unlawful* (*Freedom* #1), *Unbound* (*Freedom* #2), and *Undaunted* (*Freedom* #3). Each story can be a standalone short story, but the story is best told in sequence. To that effect I am including all three in this review.

*Unlawful* (*Freedom* #1),

Unlawful tells the story of how the two main characters meet, when Larke saves Droje's life while on the run

for Corp Sec. The chemistry between the two is instant - the author's sex scenes sizzle, with a little bit of mild BDSM thrown in the mix. Balancing his unhappy life where Larke's life and status of contracted employee are at constant risk; Larke decides to help and join Droje in his fight for justice for the enslaved peoples of the Corporation's worlds.

#### *Unbound (Freedom #2)*

Unbound has Larke and Droje struggling to escape the planet while all Corp Sec is looking for him. Through Larke's ingenuity, the manage to escape to the rendez-vous point. Seen through Larke's eyes, we see the condition of the those Droje are fighting for and Larke finds new resolve to join Droje into outlaw status. We meet the second couple - Fel and Gar, also freedom fighters, and the four make their way to the escape ship. Again through Larke's inventiveness they make it to safety and away.

#### *Undaunted (Freedom #3).*

The four characters' flight to safety is described in Undaunted. Throughout the story, the characters must make it to safety, face betrayal, test and strengthen the bonds of friendship. Larke is faced with the inner struggle to fit in and decide what his role will be. A fitting end to the trilogy, if it is the end?

Ms. Freely does an amazing job throughout the series. The characters feel real, the action is exciting, the pace fluid, and the sex is steamy! The characters are likeable, each for their own sake. Larke especially takes a journey of self discovery, where he learns about inner strength in both his submission, and his strength of character outside the bedroom. All in all a really good read.

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### **Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says**

I feel like I dropped into a story that was already happening and I needed to play catch up. There are an abundance of references that I had to try to make sense of with what I was given. At times I felt like Unlawful could be categorized as PWP with a plot which seemed counterintuitive. Not that I mind PWP from time to time, I just couldn't make sense out of what was happening and had a difficult time discerning whether or not I was supposed to care. Well, that coupled with out of about 30 pages, 10 were sexy times.

The relationship development between Larke and Droje seemed mostly lust with a dash of instalove and a helping of reality suspension, but it is an alt world so... there is that. For Larke's part, his behavior struck me as reckless not only in deciding impulsively to leave his life behind and join Droje but also, to a certain extent, on the kinky front. Let me ask you, if you came across a guy in a dark alley naked, bloodied, beaten, nearly unconscious who refused your efforts to contact the EMTs or the authorities would you (a) take that guy home and (b) then let that guy tie you up? No worries. It's a rhetorical question.

The prose read choppy and it felt rushed. From merely a personal preference standpoint, I would've enjoyed a bit more sexual tension between Larke and Droje. The character development at this point is cursory as is the world building; however, I'm intrigued enough to continue on to the next. Overall, I'd rate the first of the Freedom series in the **2.5-3 Star** range.

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### **Marsha Spence says**

I want more!

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### **Vfields Don't touch my happy! says**

Okay I don't do short works but I like Jessica Freely and this one was free. I'm sad because its what I'd call a serial and yuk! I think she had something that could have been a cool space romp but it was just a underwritten chapter.

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### **Sandra says**

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### **Kukko says**

**Main Characters:** Marcus Droje (Freedom Fighter/ex-Corporate Security) & Larke (Zenesco Corp. Worker)

**Key Themes:** Social Differences, In the Closet

**Location:** Hanovan Universe

MM romance that takes place somewhere in an "Orwellian" universe, where a multi-planetary corporation, Zenesco, has the monopoly on everything (work, food, laws, etc). The book is only 38 pages long.

Larke is an unhappy corporate minion, in a world where being gay is against the law. One rainy night, he stumbles on a naked and shivering Droje, in an alley way, and takes him home.

This story is part 1 of a series that is based on a novella - , and it assumes some prior knowledge of the Zenesco Corporation and Droje, which I did not have. It was not until I read the note at the end of the book, that I realized I should probably have read the novella before starting this series.

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### **SheReadsALot says**

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### **Teri says**

I think this had a ton of potential and I'm kind of disappointed. I wish this had been longer, I think if the author had given a little more time to this it could've been a lot better, because the elements are there. Not enough time to get into the characters or feel any emotional connections, but I like the idea, so I'm curious about where it will go.

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**Brandilyn says**

So I totally have to go buy His Own Devices now... Thanks Ms. Freely ;)

Droje and Larke lead very different lives in a world where being who they are (namely Gay) is illegal. they happen upon one another when Droje is at his lowest and Larke takes him in at great personal risk (though he doesn't realize it at the time).

This is a hot little short (well not too little, enough to have its own plot) and definitely whet my appetite for more from this Universe, but can be read on its own as well. Great job.

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**BTina says**

A hot short story set in the same universe as His Own Devices.

Don't let the evil author lure you into reading this fiction which might incite rebellion. Do your duty as a citizen of the corporation and tell Corp Sec which Uncon terrorist gave this file to you.

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**Barb ~rede-2-read~ says**

Nice setup for a longer series. Seems to have potential, but this one is mostly world-building with a super hot sex scene thrown in.

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**Diane says**

This was a very short story and seems like it really should have been part of a full length novel. We found out a bit about the world that Larke and Brode lived in. Their characters were pretty well developed, considering the length of this short story. But the author didn't get me interested enough to really want to buy any more of the books in the series.

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