



A Month On

Spring has sprung! (At least in my part of the world.) I've been enjoying not only the sweet, creamy scent of neroli wafting through our back yard from our citrus trees, but the slow blossoming of my debut.

I know many authors prefer and strive for a huge leap of activity and numbers rocketing skyward, but I rather like steady growth myself. It gives me the breathing room to appreciate it all, and there's a lot to appreciate!

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How's it going?

It's been a great first month. For one, I've met some wonderful new friends on my various social platforms. When it comes to sales, I'm not one to talk exact figures unless it's for an educational purpose, but they've been encouraging! **I promised the first fifty paperbacks bought directly from me would also be numbered, and there's just a few left now so don't miss your chance.**

Thank you **so much** to everyone who's bought a copy, whether it's directly from me or via a retailer. I've been surprised – though maybe I shouldn't be – to see that so many of the sales have been paperbacks, too!

It's been a blast signing them, swaddling them like babies, and sending them all over the US and UK, but it's been even more rewarding to see folks sharing pictures of them in their new homes.

Not seized your copy yet? Good news!

One-Month Birthday Celebration!

99¢ eBook SALE!

1ST-8TH APRIL

Grab your eBook for just **99¢** across all retailers (including me!)

The eBook will be on sale for just 99¢ from April 1st to April 8th!

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Please spread the word!

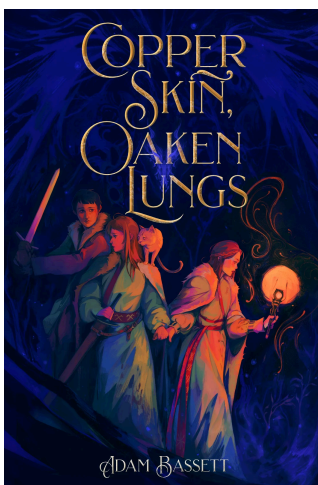
There's only so much me talking about *Stone and Flesh* and myself can do, **so I still need your help!** All of the below are free and in most cases, quick.

- **Spread the word** about my book, especially if you've read or are reading it!
 - Talk about the book on social media or at your book club, or point people toward [my various haunts](#). Recommend me in online bookish groups or [Reddit/Fantasy](#).
 - Encourage folks to sign up for [my newsletter](#).
- **Add me to your TBR** on [Goodreads](#), [The StoryGraph](#), [Fable](#), or [Pagebound!](#) All of these have a buddy-read function, too!
- Finished reading? **Review and rate, and widely!** (Copy-pasting is encouraged, and though a paragraph or two is wonderful, even just a sentence helps.)
- **Request a copy for your local library!**

It may not seem like a lot, but you have no idea how much of a difference it makes. Just one person mentioning it in passing can reach five pairs of ears (or eyeballs); just one of those going on to mention it can reach five more...

What else have I been up to?

I'm so glad you asked! Although I've been taking things a bit slower while I recover from the whirlwind, I haven't exactly been sitting on my laurels.



Interview:
Adam Bassett



Latest Blog
Post



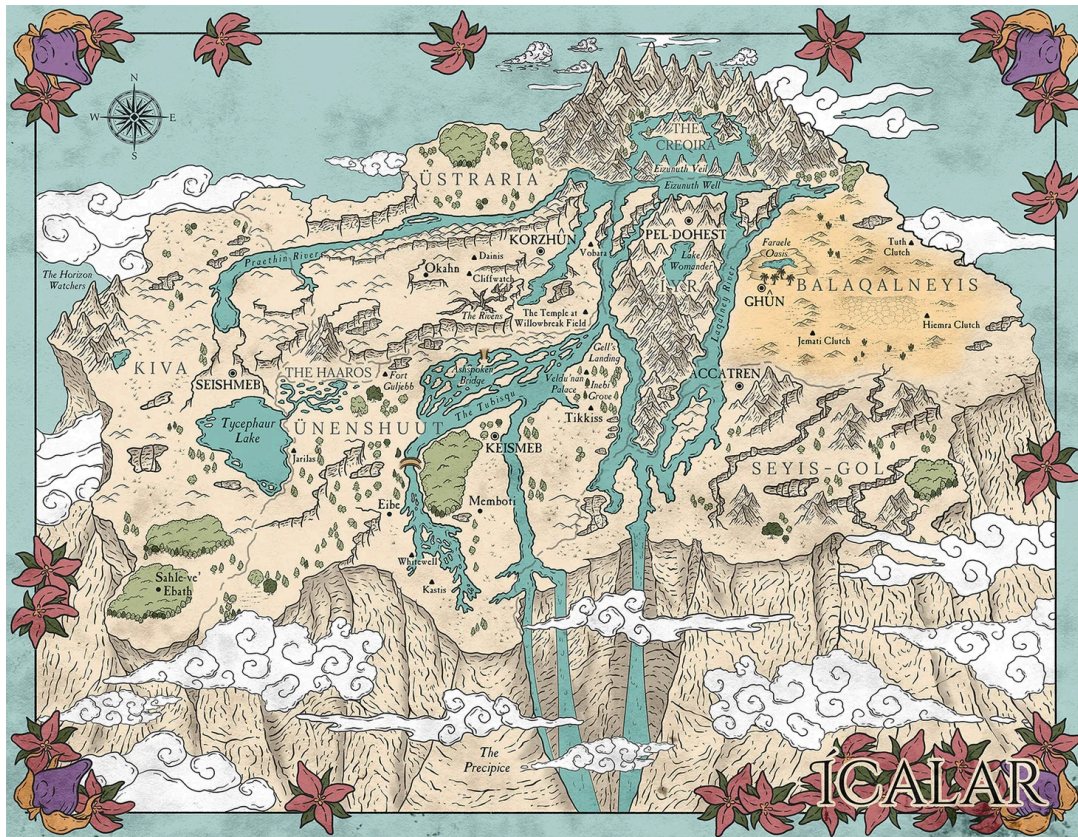
Applications
Open!

I'm looking for **Beta**
Readers, ARC Readers,
and street team

In the latest of my interview series of fellow indie authors, I chat with fellow fantasy author **Adam Bassett!**

Looking Back on Five Years of Indie Publishing Prep – wherein I honestly answer the question "**How're you feeling?**"

members (Heralds) for Book 2 and beyond!



Isn't it gorgeous? The interactive version allows you to pan over labels, bodies of water, and other shaded areas to view corresponding brief encyclopedic entries! Many thanks to my wonderful map artist, [Melissa](#), for adding the colors and beautiful ikam borders!

New Colored, Interactive Map!

And you're writing...right?

Absolutely! Though it's been a little start-and-go, I am slowly continuing with *Nectar for Wasps*. At this juncture we're like friends who haven't seen each other in a while: the conversation isn't as fluid as it could be, but as you spend much of it fact-checking, you also find there's a bunch of stuff you remember fondly. I've spent the past week looking

over old notes, updating my worldbuilding codex, and generally reacquainting myself with where I want to go next.

While I can't reveal much, what I *can* say is this: Imagine *Stone and Flesh* is a lush meadow, and by its end you are approaching the treeline of a forest. *Nectar for Wasps* is when you step into that forest.

In other words, I'm excited for the path to get twistier, the atmosphere thicker, and for Fîeron and the gang to press closer and closer to new truths – about Ícalar and themselves. It's my hope that *Nectar for Wasps* will reveal, engross, and delight.

Uushbaht ru'onrel – be safe as you go. With love and gratitude,

Tamara S. Harker

PS – Don't forget to click [here](#) to download your **free** copy of *The Hidden*, a prequel novella focusing on the infamous *Hidden Company* led by *Iknais*, set some eighteen years before the events of *Stone and Flesh*.

Want to do a little extra to support me?
Just \$5, even in this economy, still manages to Buy Me A Coffee!

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