



Want to come join the castle for the HQ Royalty Reverse Bang? Here's all the information that you'll need to know! Have a look at the rules and requirements in this guide, and then make your way onto our server (that you will be linked to in the sign ups) to join the other nobles there!

What is a Reverse Bang?

A bang is a fan-made event to encourage writers, artists and betas to work together to create a fanfiction story and art piece that fits a theme or pairing from a series. The HQ Royalty Reverse Bang is a closed (moderated) fan event to show love to our favorite Haikyuu characters in a Royalty theme.

For those who may not know, the 'Reverse' aspect means that it is just like a regular Bang, only the roles are switched - instead of writers coming up with the concept and artists creating art on the idea, the *artists* come up with the concept and the writers create a story based on the art!

This bang is open to all who are 18+ that wish to join- and if you're not wanting to join as a writer or an artist, you're welcome to join as a beta or even just a cheerleader wanting to share their thoughts with everyone in the discord server.

This event is also non-competitive, so any and all regardless of 'talent' that wish to join us are welcome to.

Rules

1.- Be respectful of others - absolutely no hating or bullying of any kind will be tolerated, and any form of hate speech will have you immediately banned from the HQ Royalty Reverse Bang and any future bangs.

2.- This is an 18+ event - as this is an event that allows NSFW you must be over 18 to participate or enter the server. NSFW and Dead Dove roles are in the server for you to opt in/out of as you please.

3.- Anything created for the Reverse Bang must be related to royalty in some way - in this case, we are allowing the stereotypical idea of royalty (castles, kings and queens, etc.) *and* any other idea of royalty that you can think of. The definition of 'Royalty' is royal blood or status, so for this reverse bang as long as you have a 'king' (leader, chieftain, or any other name you can think of) and their peoples, that is allowed!

4.- Artists must create a minimum full color subject and simple colored background by the posting period (30th April), and writers must have written a minimum of 2,000 words.

5.- Triggers - when discussing any sensitive topics, please tag and spoiler messages pertaining to the content. There is a trigger list found in the discord server for you to look at, and if there's anything else you feel should be added (within reason) feel free to reach out to any of the mods so they can help you.

5.1: The following topics are considered *dead dove*: dub-con/non-con/rape, incest, necrophilia, vore, minor x adult, bestiality, forced mating, extreme power play, abuse (physical, sexual, child), and extreme gore.

Failure to follow tagging and trigger warning guidelines will result in a warning from the mods. If multiple instances of failing to follow the guidelines occur the mods will either: give you a 24 hour timeout from the server (after 2 instances), and/or have you kicked out of the server (after 3 instances).

Mods

Tee (she/they) - head mod

Summer (she/they) - social media/graphics mod

Suki (she/her) - writer mod

Role Overview

Writers:

- The work must be centered around the vague definition of royalty as 'someone with royal blood or status', and can include any Haikyuu characters, platonic or romantic pairings.

- Writers will create 1 piece of fanfiction based on their artist's piece with a minimum word count of 2,000 over a period of four months (07 January - 30 April). Writers are allowed to create either multi-chaptered or one shot pieces so long as they have reached the minimum word count and either has a scene that their artist has created or is to do with the piece that the artist has created (so long as you are communicating with your artist, it's all good!).
- Work must be unpublished and unshared on all social media platforms. Already started pieces are allowed so long as it hasn't been shared publicly on any social media platform (including plots and outlines).
- Writers may share WIPs and snippets on social media after teams are announced, but may *not* post before the posting date (30 April).

Artists:

- The piece must be centered around the vague definition of royalty as 'someone with royal blood or status', and can include any Haikyuu characters, platonic or romantic pairings.
- Artists must draw at least one piece (but can opt in to create up to 3 pieces of art) over a period of four months (07 January - 30 April). The minimum requirement is a fully colored piece with a simple background.
- Art must be unpublished and unshared on all social media platforms. Already started pieces are allowed so long as it hasn't been shared publicly on any social media platform (including plots and outlines).
- Artists may share WIPs snippets on social media after teams are announced, but may *not* post before the posting date (30 April).

Betas:

- Betas may work on between one to three (depending on the numbers) works by selecting an art piece. Betas will have their own claims after the first progress check in (31 January) when the mods will check in with the teams and see who needs or would like a beta.
- Betas may be needed to look for spelling and grammar, plot holes, and may even be needed as a soundboard to help with the idea creating for the writer. Remember: it depends on the writer, and it's best to check in with what they would like from you before you do anything!
- Betas may also be requested in the discord server nearing the end of the event, anyone is able to help a writer who requests a beta.

Pinch Hitters:

- Pinch hitters are there to help fill in and create (both for artists and writers) whenever someone drops from the event. This is a first come first served role, so whenever the Pinch Hitter role is pinged in the discord server whoever responds first may take over the fic/art work.
- If you didn't mention you'd like to be a Pinch Hitter when you signed up before claims and you decide later that you'd like to, don't worry! There will be Pinch Hitter sign ups (01 December - 29 February) that you're welcome to fill out to let us know if you'd like to participate as one.

Cheerleaders:

- Don't have time to create for the HQ Royalty Reverse Bang but would love all things royalty? That's okay! There will be 'sign ups' for cheerleaders (basically a way for you to have access to the discord server) by 10 October!
- Note that there will be *no cut off date* for these sign ups - you can join whenever!

Important Dates:

Concept Submissions:

- Concepts are due on 14 December and will be submitted via a google form that will be posted in the artists only channel in the discord server. To submit the form you will need to provide the following information:
 - Twitter username, discord handle and pronouns.
 - The main pairing of the piece.
 - Rating that you're willing to work with (AO3 System - if you are unsure about the ratings, contact a mod for help!).
 - Potential triggers and any No-Gos (anything that may be triggering to you, if there is anything that you don't want the writer to write about - including NSFW and Dead Dove).
 - *Either* a rough outline of their piece or a written explanation of what the piece will be.
 - Any other information that you would like the writers to know.
- It is up to the artist on how detailed they will make the concept idea. We recommend having at least a decent plan on what you are creating so that the writer will be able to have a good enough idea of what they would like to write by the first progress check in.
- Remember: concepts *must be kept anonymous until teams are announced* - this includes on the discord server!

Concept Claiming:

- Writers will have the chance to submit their claims from 21 December - 30 December.
- Mods will make an announcement in the writer's channel in the discord server with a google form for you to fill out for the claims as well as a link to where you are able to look at/read all the concepts.
- On the form you will have to select up to 5 concepts that you are interested in working with and rank them from most wanting to least. Note that this is *not a first come first served* pairing, and while the mods will do their best to pair the writers with the concepts they want, there are no promises that you will get your first picked concept!
- There will be 3 different links to see the concepts (SFW, NSFW and Dead Dove) but you only need to fill out *one concept claiming*.

Teams Announcement:

- Teams will be announced on 07 January after the mods go through the concept claims.
- As we are expecting more writers than artists, we will be allowing there to be more than one writer for a single concept. If this happens, there will be separate channels for the artist and each writer that they have - this *does not mean that the artist needs to create more than one piece, just that the one piece that they create will have different stories*.
- Once teams are announced you are welcome to share your concepts and ideas, as well as any WIPs/snippets in the server and on social media - but please keep the final pieces within your team's own channel until posting.
- Please remember that once teams are announced, you are just that - a *team*! Keep in contact with your team and keep them updated on what's going on, maybe talk to them, too! We want this to be a fun event for everyone, not a stressful two weeks before posting because of lack of contact!

Beta Claims:

- After the *first check in* the mods will reach out to the teams to see if anyone needs a beta, and there will be a beta claiming after the first check in ends with all the writers that requested a beta.
- For the beta claims the *writer* will give the following:
 - Twitter username, discord handle and pronouns.
 - The main pairing of the piece and the team number.
 - Rating that the piece is (AO3 System - if you are unsure about the ratings, contact a mod for help!).

- Potential triggers of the piece (have a look at the trigger list in the discord server if you're unsure- including if it is NSFW or Dead Dove).
 - A 250 word excerpt from what you have written that the betas to read.
 - Any other information that you would like the betas to know - plans, what you need from a beta, etc.
- The mods will send a link to the betas of all the pieces that are looking for a beta and then their own form to fill out. Betas will need to give a maximum of 5 pieces that you are most interested in. Please note that this *is not a first come first served* pairing, and while the mods will do their best to pair the writers with the concepts they want, there are no promises that you will get your first picked concept!

Check Ins:

- The soft check in on 14 January will be through discord, and it will just be a message from your mod checking in to make sure that the teams have been in contact! There is no requirement for this check in as it is a week after teams are announced.
- For each of the three progress check ins there is no requirement other than you are keeping in contact with your team! As long as you feel confident on how you're getting along, we're all happy! In the progress check ins we will ask for your progress, how you're feeling about it, and whether you're still in contact with the rest of your team! This isn't homework, this is supposed to be a fun event.
- If any WIPs are posted on social media we encourage you to tag all members of your team as well as our twitter (@/HQRoyaltyRBang) so that we can retweet and cheer you on!
- Note that a one week extension will be automatically granted to all Pinch Hitters for check ins.

Previews and Postings:

- Before posting begins, participants may choose to have a small preview of their piece to be retweeted by the official Reverse Bang twitter. *This is optional!* Writers may preview up to 350 words of their fic, and artists may preview no more than 30% of their art.
- Closer to posting, the mods will reach out about the dates depending on numbers - whether you claim certain days, or are given a time period to post.
- Writers and artists will tag all partners (including betas) in the official post, and artists will cross post to both AO3 and twitter.

Schedule:

- Interest Check: 01 September - 28 September
- Artist Sign Ups: 01 October - 30 November
- Beta Sign Ups: 01 October - 30 November
- Writer Sign Ups: 01 October - 14 November
- Pinch Hitter Sign Ups: 01 December - 29 February
- Concepts Due (for Artists): 14 December
- Claims (for Writers): 21 December - 30 December
- Teams Announced: 07 January
- Soft Check In: 14 January
- Check In 1: 31 January:
- Check In 2: 29 February
- Check In 3: 31 March
- Final Check In: 14 April
- Posting: 30 April

Dropping Out:

- There is absolutely no shame in dropping out, sometimes life is just a little bit too hard and things get a bit too crazy. If you are no longer able to participate in the HQ Royalty Reverse Bang, all you need to do is:
 - DM your team mod *and* your partner to inform them that you are dropping out (preferably before 29 February, but if it is afterwards *that is also okay*).
- The mods will then do the rest for you, no stress! We just ask that you let us know that you're dropping out, and if it's something to do with the HQ Royalty Reverse Bang event itself, let us know why! If the mods can help fix the problem without you leaving, the better!

Questions, Comments, or Concerns?:

- If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the event feel free to reach out to the mods on the discord server or ask through our twitter - @/HQRoyaltyRBang.