

LES REVENANTS

Awakening | Fates Horror Zine



Information and Guidelines Document

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GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS

Les Revenants is a horror-themed fanzine celebrating the games *Fire Emblem Awakening* and *Fire Emblem Fates*. We hope to produce a digital and physical version of this zine, along with merchandise to go in bundles.

WHAT IS HORROR?

"There is no bombast, no similes, flowers, digressions, or unnecessary descriptions. Everything tends directly to the catastrophe. Never is the reader's attention relaxed."

-From Horace Walpole's *Castle Otranto* (1764)

Horror is a broad and capacious genre and can appear even in the unlikelyst of places. One would never think that two video games, originally released in 2012 and 2014, which explore the power of friendship and family would lend itself to a horror zine. Yet in the first few seconds of *Fire Emblem Awakening*'s opening cinematic, we see a masked Lucina fleeing from an apocalyptic scourge of Risen -- the game's version of the undead we recognize as zombies. In *Fates*, we are taken to a kingdom engulfed in darkness, led by a mad and possessed king whose army comprises "Faceless" (Nosferatu in Japanese). Both *Awakening* and *Fates* foreground the stuff of nightmares that encroach on our idea of safety, stability, and reality.

WHO ARE WE?

The moderators for this group are:

- Project Lead, Formatting, and Shipping Moderator - Lia
- Writer Moderator - Julie
- Art Moderator - Lil
- Graphics Moderator - Ree
- Finance Moderator - Bean

Please read our [carrd](#) for more detailed descriptions of each moderator.

ZINE SPECIFICATIONS

This zine will be a for-profit zine, meaning we will split any proceeds after covering production costs and providing free contributor bundles among the contributors.

The general dimensions and specifications of the book are:

- A5 size, perfect bound book; estimated 80-100 pages
- We are hoping for a total of 30+ contributors for this zine (at least 20+ artists, 4+ writers, and merch artists). This estimate includes guests.
 - We will provide accepted contributors with PSD templates of their assigned pages to guarantee accurate dimensions.
 - General art specs: 300 dpi, CMYK color profile, must upload in TIFF, JPEG, or PSD
- We ask writers to write short stories with word limits of 2,000-3,000 words.
- Spot artists will illustrate visual elements and figures for 2 stories each. No background work or full rendering necessary.
- All contributors and moderators must be age 18 years or older by the time they join the zine discord
- Merch assignments TBD
- Because this is a gen zine, ships are **not allowed**. Background ships can be permitted on a case by case basis (decided by the mods), but it is preferred if shipping content was not included in your zine submission

To narrow our scope, we will divide the zine up in different sections, each catering to the genres voted upon in our Interest Check. Some examples of genres include gothic, possession, supernatural, and monstrous transformation, among others. We do not want to limit our contributors, so we will list some aspects, tropes, and elements of each subgenre as guiding points:

- Gothic - In literature, the gothic deals with large and sometimes haunted house or mansion; often set in 19th-century Europe; ancient castles; pointed architecture; vampires are often associated with the gothic
- Possession/Supernatural - demonic possession; ghostly possession; maddening obsession with an object or person; the preternatural; demons; spirits; phantoms; overlaps often with possession
- Body Horror/Mutilation/Gore - Missing limbs; blood loss; mismatched limbs; grotesque violations of the human body

- Monstrous transformation - shape-shifting; lycanthropy (werewolves); metamorphosis across species; body horror is sometimes included in this subgenre; returning from the undead

These categories are not final, and we will update accordingly.

SCHEDULE

Interest Check: 3/9-3/31

Mod Apps: 3/12-4/7

Contributor Apps: 4/16-5/7

Acceptance Deadline: 5/14

Check-in #1: 5/31

Check-in #2: 6/30

Final Turn-in: 8/1

Pre-orders: 8/13 - 9/17

Shipping: Late October

MODERATOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

We are seeking to fulfill 3 mod positions: **financial**, ~~graphics~~, and **merch**.

- Financial Mod - will be in charge of zine finances. They will determine our zine and merchandise's prices, will communicate with the chosen manufacturers, and manage our storefront.
 - Bonus: Has experience in ordering merchandise.
- ~~Graphics Mod - will be in charge of creating graphics for the sake of promotion. This includes mod & contributor spotlights, zine previews, and store graphics.~~
 - ~~Bonus: Capable of creating basic animated graphics.~~
- Merch Mod - Will work closely with our merchandise artists. They will be in charge of making sure that the art that our merch artists produce is ready for production. Will be working closely with the financial mod.

*Applicants may apply for up to 2 mod positions

CONTRIBUTOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

ARTIST APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Page Illustrators

What are page illustrators? They provide fully colored illustrations that span a page of the zine.

- Page illustrators must show at least 3 samples of your best work. Your pieces should include the following elements:
 - Background work
 - Full body compositions
 - Full color with highlighting and shading
- Link a portfolio that can have 5-20 works so we can get a sense of your overall style
 - Your portfolio can be a google drive folder, an Instagram account, or other art portfolio platforms; Tumblr art tags and Twitter moment compilations are allowed
 - We do not accept links to your social media profile as a portfolio
- Sample or portfolio art of *Fire Emblem Awakening* and *Fates* are not required, but recommended
- Samples that include horror or horror elements are not required, but recommended

Spot Artists

What are spot artists? Spot artists provide visual elements on story pages that can range from sketches of figures to fully rendered objects. Their illustrations can be small elements that reside in the margins. In short, spot artists provide graphics that visually enhance story pages.

- Spot artists must show at least 3 samples of your best work. Your pieces should include the following elements:
 - A range of figure drawing, props, objects, and other visual elements
 - Background work recommended but not required
 - Knowledge of vectorizing recommended but not required
- Link a portfolio that can have 5-20 works so we can get a sense of your overall style
 - Your portfolio can be a google drive folder, an Instagram account, or other art portfolio platforms; Tumblr art tags and Twitter moment compilations are allowed

- We do not accept links to your social media profile as a portfolio
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Merch Artists

Merch artists provide designs that will go on merchandise.

- Merch artists must show at least 3 samples of your best work. Your pieces should include the following elements:
 - At least one sample of previous merch designed (not necessarily produced; for instance, we would like to see a design you have of an acrylic charm. Proof of production not necessary)
 - A portfolio showing different merch styles, such as chibi or Art Nouveau, among others.
- Link a portfolio that can have 5-10 works so we can get a sense of your overall style
 - Your portfolio can be a google drive folder, an Instagram account, or other art portfolio platforms; Tumblr art tags and Twitter moment compilations are allowed
 - We do not accept links to your social media profile as a portfolio
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WRITER APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Short Story Writers

Short story writers provide brief and self-enclosed works of prose fiction.

- Writers must show at least 3 samples of your best work. Your pieces should include the following elements:
 - Word limit per sample: 2,000-3,000 words
 - Going a little over (e.g. about a hundred words over) is okay
 - Grammatically correct prose/writing
 - At least one complete one-shot that adheres to our word limit; excerpts from multi-chapter stories are accepted

- Your fic should demonstrate great command of voice, diction, style, and pacing
- Link a portfolio with 3 or more works so we can grasp your overall style
 - Your portfolio can be a google drive folder, an Ao3 page, a fanfiction.net page, or any other fanfic archive hosting site
- Sample fics of *Fire Emblem Awakening* and *Fates* are not required, but recommended
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To see some frequently asked questions, stop by the FAQ page of our carrd:
<https://awafateshorror.carrd.co/#faq>

Still have questions? Come ask on our CuriousCat!
<https://curiouscat.me/AwaFatesHorror>

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Thank you so much for your interest!