



Thank you for your interest in the [Genshin Rarepair Big Bang](#)! This event is centered around creating long-form writing and artwork for various rare platonic, romantic, and queer-platonic relationships in Genshin Impact.

You can follow us on [Twitter](#) or send us a question on [CuriousCat](#).

SCHEDULE

~~January 8 — Interest Check Open~~

~~February 19 — Mod Signups Open~~

~~March 20 — Mod Signups Close~~

~~March 27 — Contributor Signups open~~

~~April 10 — Contributor Signups close~~

~~April 10-17 — All Contributor Emails/Acceptances Sent Out~~

~~April 22-May 1 — Summary Submissions~~

May 5-May 12 — Artist Claims

May 15 — Team Announcements

June 12-June 18 — Check in #1

July 24-30 — Check in #2

Aug 14-20 — Check in #3

September 4 — Posting begins

Exact dates are subject to change.

MOD TEAM

Zuzu (he/she) — Head/Artist Mod

Pitchsqueak (they/she) — Organization Mod

Caylum (she/they) — Writing Mod

Mar (they/them) — Gen/Social Media Mod

For more info please head to the mods page on our carrd.

GENERAL FAQ

What is a Big Bang?

To put it simply, a Big Bang is a fandom event where authors will write fanfic and artists pair up with these authors to make a piece of art to go along with their work. Artists will pick a summary they like and work with that author to create something together!

Who can apply? Will there be rejections? What ships are not allowed?

Anyone who is *16+ years old* and *not a proshipper* can apply. *No Kaeluc/Luckae shippers are allowed either for the comfort and protection of the mods as well as others in the community who this big bang is catered to.*

After the interest check, there were a lot of differing opinions on traveler ships and because of the ambiguity, *romantic traveler ships will not be allowed either*. Sorry for any inconvenience! You are still allowed to apply unlike proshippers and klc/lck shippers, but your work just cannot center around romantic traveler ships, again apologies!

TLDR; as long as you are 16+, not a proshipper, not a klc/lck shipper, or apply with a romantic traveler ship in mind, then you will be accepted. We would like the team and event to be as diverse as possible!!

What does the title “Lux Aeterna” mean?

Lux Aeterna is Latin for “Light Eternity”. With this big bang we hope to shed light on those relationships hardly touched on in the Genshin fandom, hence the name!

Does this mean the Big Bang will be centered around a specific theme?

Nope! There is no theme other than fics and art pieces have to center around a rare pairing. The name of the event is just a name to help separate it from other big bang events.

What is considered a rare pair?

For the purposes of this event, a “rare pair” is any platonic or romantic pairing between two or more characters that has less than 500 fics in TOTAL within their respective tag on Archive of Our Own. There can, and likely will be, exceptions and these will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If you are unsure of your relationship in mind, just shoot a DM to one of the mods and we will let you know if we will allow it.

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

GENERAL

Can I work independently?

The short answer is no. The point of big bang events is to build camaraderie amongst a common community. If you would not like to collaborate with another person, this event is not for you.

Can I already have a partner/teammate in mind?

If you already have a partner in mind for the event that is 100% allowed just be sure BOTH participants fill out an application form and say who you plan to work with in the "additional notes" section!

I'm a new writer/artist/beta, can I still participate?

Yes! Participants of all skill levels are welcomed and encouraged to join!

Can I take on multiple roles?

Yes! However, we ask that you evaluate your own capabilities and be mindful of how much you as a participant can take on.

Will there be a Discord? Do I have to join?

Yes there will be a discord. You are required to join, but your participation is not mandatory. It is mostly going to be used for discussion and announcements, but you are not required to be actively talking in it.

What do I do if I need to drop?

It is okay, we understand it happens. However, **IMMEDIATELY** contact the mods and let them know the situation so we may arrange a pinch hitter.

Can I work with a specific age group? Can I refuse to work with someone specific?

Yes! During signups there will be an option to designate which age groups you are comfortable working with. Since this Big Bang is open to 16+ we want everyone to feel as comfortable as possible.

As for working with someone, you can also refuse this for whatever reason, no questions asked. Once everyone has signed up and been accepted, there will be a form that denotes your preferences of who to work with.

Any content not allowed?

Because the age limit for this event is 16+, *no explicit NSFW content is allowed*. Fade-to-black, implied content, and explicit language is allowed but if the mod team deems your content too inappropriate, it could be removed so writer/artist discretion is advised.

This bang does not allow the following content:

- Kaeluc/Luckae
- Traveler Ships (romantic)
- AI generated content
- Incest
- Pedophilia (adult/minor)
- Explicit depictions of underage sexual content
- Explicit depictions of non/dub con
- Explicit depictions of sexual assault
- Explicit and excessive depictions of gore*
- Potentially triggering content*

Additionally, be considerate when including content that depicts racism and ableism. We do not want to outright ban this content as it can and has been done in a tasteful and interesting way, but we do not want any works produced from this big bang to cause distress. If you are not one of the

people affected by whatever is being presented in the work, the best call is to not depict it at all. If there are any concerns regarding this, immediately let one of the mods know!

*Violence, Alcohol, Drugs, Mental Health, Character Death, and Illness *will be allowed but must be properly tagged*. Just like the racism and ableism written above, we will leave it to the writer/artist discretion, but we hold the right to deem a work too inappropriate if it is triggering. We will not hold or pass any moral judgment about the kinds of content you create or consume, but at the same time we want this big bang to be a safe and open space, so thank you for understanding!

What content is allowed?

This bang allows the following content:

- Rare Pairings (platonic/romantic/qprs of relationships with under 500 fics total on AO3)
 - Polyam rare pairings are also more than welcome
- Side pairings*
- AUs
- Anything else as long as it complies with the rules seen above! The world is your oyster!

*Side pairings are allowed but we ask the work to have at least one pairing as the main focus. Also, when the work is published, we ask that the tag of those side ships to not be spammed if they are not the main focus to avoid any confusion (however you can leave an author's note in the beginning that there may be some mentions of a side pairing).

WRITERS

What is the minimum word count for this event?

3,000 words is the minimum word count. There is no maximum.

Can we write a multi-chapter fic?

Yes, but you are expected to at least have the minimum word count (3,000 words) for the total sum of the multi-chapter fic (e.g. your fic has 3 chapters with different word counts for each chapter BUT the total word count for all three chapters is at least 3000 words).

Can we write multiple entries (i.e. more than one fic)?

Yes, but only after checking in with a moderator and either completing your first entry or being at 50-75% done with it by the First Check In. And each fic will need to meet the 3,000 word mark. So if you write two fics, you will have a total of 6,000 words combined. We highly recommend you only stick to one to ensure it is of the highest quality and so your energy is not expended too quickly. We want this to be fun and lighthearted, but don't want to discourage people from writing more if they want to!

Can we reuse previous writing/stories?

All entries for the Big Bang must be new, original, unpublished, and unshared works. If you would like to take a concept from a previous story to add onto it, that is okay (e.g. creating a one-shot based off a previously published story).

Do we need an Archive of Our Own (AO3) account?

Once all works are completed they will be compiled into a collection on AO3. It is highly recommended authors already have an account to avoid any delays. But if this is impossible for you, we can accommodate by posting your story on your behalf. In this case, the work will be published by one of the mods but still accredited to you.

Do I have to have my fic beta'd?

We recommend everyone have a beta. If you have a beta outside of the event that is also okay. However, we cannot force you to have a beta.

What if I change my idea?

If you change your concept, it must be done before the first check-in, preferably long before the summary claims are done, but we understand stuff happens. If you have already been paired with an artist, we will need their approval of your new idea before it is changed. We strongly suggest that no changes are made after the First Check In as this will cause delays in the event and will be a hassle for both you and the artist.

ARTISTS

How many pieces are we allowed to make for one story?

It is required that you complete *one full piece minimum*. If you wish to make more that is up to your discretion. You are also free to pair up with more than one person, but not until you have at least completed one work already (or at least 50-75% done by First Check In).

Can we claim more than one story/summary?

Yes! From the interest check it seemed there were more authors interested than artists so there will likely be unclaimed summaries and artists can double/triple up. Just like the last question, keep in mind your own capabilities with the schedule we have given. Please do not take more work than you can handle. During signups, artists will be asked if they would be willing to do more than one piece and at maximum will be allowed to do up to three.

What is considered to be “one full piece”?

A full piece is up to an artist's discretion. Preferably, it is fully colored and rendered to the best of your abilities (but Black/White and comic strips are also okay). We suggest, when you claim a summary/story that you talk with that author to see what they feel comfortably matches the work they are creating so that no one feels like they are doing more or less work. Please also keep in mind the timeline (see the schedule above) and what you can reasonably create within that period to gauge what your “full piece” is.

Are we allowed to make traditional art?

Traditional art is allowed! Just make sure the art is scanned or use a high quality camera to take a photograph and upload it. For tips on how to make your traditional work look nice ask artist mod Zuzu.

Is there a size requirement?

No, anything related to the size, trim, and orientation of the creation will be left to the artist. Though do be mindful that these pieces will be embedded with the fics on AO3 as well as posted on twitter. So relatively large file sizes may break or take longer to load.

BETAS

We are encouraging every writer to have a beta to assist them during or after the writing process. If one does not have a beta, we will compile a list of folks who are available and provide their information for authors to reach out.

PINCH HITTERS

In the situation where someone must drop in the middle of the event, pinch hitters will be contacted to fill the position. They will be expected to contribute a less intensive piece, based on the amount of time left until the end of the event. More details will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

BIG BANG PROCESS INFORMATION

SIGN-UPS

Sign-Ups are a simple affair. As long as everyone complies with the age limit and what ships are allowed, they will likely be accepted. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join!

ASSIGNMENTS/SUMMARY CLAIMS

After sign ups are completed, writers will be contacted to submit a full outline for their fic. Writers will have a week to do so. They will also be asked to include any content warnings and any sideships. These results will anonymously be presented to the artists. All artists will be given a week to select their top five prompts. The mods will then organize the matches and

send the results to everyone after another week. By week three, all participants should be matched and creation can begin.

During sign ups, we will have a section to indicate whether minors are comfortable matching with adults and vice versa, as well as if there are any specific people you would not like to work with, we will make sure you will not be paired with one another after we go through the matching process.

Additionally, artists will have the option to work on three fics if they request it, based on availability of writers and summaries. Folks will also have the option to be both an artist and writer if they would like, though we want to encourage self-care and will check in with you later to see if this is still something you would like to commit to.

CHECK-IN EXPECTATIONS

There will be three check-ins through the process. The checkpoints are flexible and should be seen more as guidelines rather than hard deadlines. If you feel you are set to finish by the completion date, then we are fine with that. Similarly, if you are already finished or ahead of these guidelines by any margin, that is also okay. However, these progress checks are to help give folks an idea as to where they should be with their project at any given time.

First Check-In:

Suggested 20%

Writers: a finished outline, with start on a first draft

Artists: a scene has been picked and sketching has begun

Second Check-In:

Suggested 50%

Writers: est. 800-1000 words in, relatively halfway through

Artists: if there is line art this is done or almost done as well as colors or flats, the composition is still subject to change but is relatively set

Third Check-In:

Suggested 90%

Writers: est. 1900-2500 words in, the work is almost finished, if you were to post this work now it would feel okay, tidy up any loose ends

Artists: any final rendering is almost complete, fine-tune any details, if you were to post this work now it would feel okay

For artists who are creating comics, the guidelines are relatively the same, just replace the final piece with one final page of panels.

GUIDELINES

PREVIEWS

We ask that all participants keep as many details private as possible leading up to the posting dates, as part of the joy of a bang is the final reveal. This is especially important while assignments/claims are still being assigned, as we want artists to select prompts based on the content and not the writer.

You are free to post previews of your work privately through DMs, private servers, and private twitter accounts. We will not be inspecting you that closely, however try not to spoil the fun for those participating in the event.

POSTING

When we near the posting date, everyone will be alerted. Each duo will post their works together (we suggest you contact each other about when/how

you want to go about posting these). An AO3 Collection will be organized and folks are encouraged to promote their work on social media once the full piece is posted.

SAMPLE SUMMARY*

If this is your first Big Bang, you're unfamiliar with how summaries should look, or you would just like some inspiration, here is a sample summary!

Rating: T

Main Ship: Diluc/Dainsleif (Romantic)

Background Ship(s): None

Tags: Canon-Divergent, Meet-Cute, Hurt/Comfort, Canon-typical Violence

Summary: Diluc never made it to Snezhnaya. After his father's death, he clawed his way through hordes of Fatui and Abyss creatures searching for an answer. Anything to satiate the growing fire boiling over in his heart. What he didn't expect was to find a man, not too dissimilar from him, searching for his own answers. As they say, it's never about the destination but the journey. And getting bandaged up by said stranger on his quest for retribution will certainly be a memory he will treasure for a lifetime.

Outline:

- Setting: Ancient ruins in Sumeru with hints towards Khaenri'ah
- Opens with a younger Diluc (pre-canon) chasing down an abyss mage
- Lots of internal monologue about his feelings towards the abyss and fatui (very hateful and impassioned)
- Diluc is slightly exhausted and missteps before landing a fatal blow on the abyss mage, causing him to collapse and duck into these ancient ruins
- His ankle is twisted but he seeks shelter in these ruins despite the suspicious and creepy noises echoing throughout

- He passes out before waking up to the sight of abyss lectors and before he can grab his claymore a blurry figure slices through the lector's body and they disintegrate
- This person is Dainsleif who simply huffs and disregards Diluc's condition after seeing his vision, thinking he is capable of escaping on his own but regardless warns him of the dangers of the ruins
- [Insert more plot points necessary to get the story across...]

*The summary does not need to be this detailed but cannot be vague either. Make sure the summaries actually state what is going to happen in the story (when posting these fics, the summary can change, but for the sake of pairing artists with authors, the summaries have to be as crystal clear as possible).

- E.g. Song lyrics, single sentences, and non-descript summaries are NOT allowed for the claiming phase of this event
- The outline can be as detailed as you would like but the better a summary and outline, the more likely artists will understand your vision and want to work with you
- The summaries are NOT your completed work, there is always room for change but please work with your partner to ensure they are comfortable with any changes you make