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## USEFUL LINKS

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FEAstrologyZine>
- Tumblr: <https://feastrologyzine.tumblr.com>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/feastrologyzine/>
- CuriousCat: <https://curiouscat.me/FEAstrologyZine>
- FE3H characters and their signs: [Link here](#)

# GENERAL ZINE INFORMATION

## THEME

This book will feature both art and written pieces about the **Western Zodiac signs** in regards to the *Fire Emblem: Three Houses* characters - how each of these characters are represented through their main sun sign, and the different characteristics of these signs that are highlighted in them.

As such, each contributor will be tasked to depict **one character in relation to their sun sign and its qualities**, from any point of view they wish to feature.

In addition, **each sign will be described in-depth by our astrology moderators** through explanations and breakdowns, in their different placements (sun, moon, rising, etc...). This book also aims to **teach its readers about astrology** through a fun and engaging lens, accessible to everyone, and will therefore come with all the tools you'll need to properly analyze the skies you were born under!

## BOOK AND BUNDLE FORMATS

We are currently planning to release a **digital PDF zine**, as well as a **printed B5-book with physical merch**. Merch will include a personalized A5 notebook, printable star charts and planner sheets, stickers, charms, postcards, and washi tape!

## CONTRIBUTOR REWARDS

Each contributor will be **compensated with a free PDF of the book** at the very least, and will be compensated with a printed copy of the book if the zine breaks even. The contributors will have the option to buy the merch at wholesale price if we don't break even for a full merch bundle.

The proceeds for this project will be equally divided between a charity donation and the mods & contributors, on a 50% for charity, 50% for profit basis.

## IN-ZINE COMMUNICATION

We will create a **zine-specific Discord server** for artists and writers to interact. As such, we require participants to have or create a Discord account, as we will be making announcements, communicating deadlines, and keeping a general eye on the progress of each piece through Discord.

## MODERATOR TEAM

**Mod Jodie @missdurianne** — Jodie is this book's **head mod, artist mod, and shipping mod!** Artist and Merch Mod of *Lost & Found: a FE3H zine* and Artist mod for *Project Persona: A Persona x Vocaloid Fanzine*, Jodie has always had a passion for astrology since she was little! She has her own independent business with 700+ sales and a 5 star rating on Etsy. Jodie also has a successful kickstarter, Languages of Love, which was fully funded an hour after launch. Additionally, she runs her own group order server, where she corresponds with manufacturers to produce merchandise for herself and other artists. She can be intense with her Capricorn Sun and Aries Moon, but her goofy Leo Rising and diplomatic Libra Mars is why she still has friends.

**Mod Shim @shim\_loo** — Shim is this book's other **artist mod!** This is her first time modding for a zine, but she has years of editing and feedback experience to bring to the table. She has a degree in studio art and is working on becoming a librarian, but in her freetime, she is still procrastinating on finishing the Blue Lions path. Shim is always on astrology Tiktok and has a hard time making up her mind about half her decisions, classic Aquarius. She also has a cat that she is convinced is also an air sign, and she is disgustingly in love with a Cancer.

**Mod Cha @akhikosanada** — Cha is this book's **writer mod, finance mod, and astrology mod!** Co-head mod and writer mod of *Lost & Found: a FE3H zine* and mod for the Sylvix Discord server, Cha has been passionate about astrology for twenty years, and is so excited to bring her zine running experience to the table for this book reuniting two of her passions: astrology and Fire Emblem! Cha has been writing for a dozen years now ever since she first started at fifteen, and has a post-graduate double degree in English linguistics and translation with a minor in English literature from La Sorbonne, where she studied literature and poetry. The air-headedness of her Pisces rising and her peaceful Libra moon do their best to hide the stubbornness of her Aquarius sun and her dominant Aries venus.

**Mod Vibird @Feroxai\_** — Vibird is this book's **social media mod!** Vibird runs @calendarfe3h, a FE3H event and project bulletin. She has modded multiple FE3H projects, including Felix Bday Bash 2020, FE3H Sibling Week and Sylvix Week 2020. She has extensive experience in moderating Discord servers including: Sylvix Squad, Dimilix Domination and FE3H AU Bang. She has helped run intense projects such as fandom gift exchanges and the Oceanink Splatoon League. Vibird is also the Social Media & Communications Mod for *Lost & Found*. She's the odd fish in the water here, but is keen to learn more about Astrology.

# APPLICATIONS

## ASTROLOGY KNOWLEDGE

**Applicants do not have to be knowledgeable in astrology to apply!** Each character will be depicted through specific characteristics of their canon sun sign, which will be decided upon by our astrology mods.

For example, we will ask people to depict specific Leo qualities for Claude, Yuri, Leonie... through their piece (such as creativity, warm-heartedness, arrogance...).

## PITCHES

Each applicant will be asked to list the **top 5 characters** and their signs that they'd like to depict, in order of preference. We will do our best to assign first- to third-choices to every single contributor, although this may be hard.

Every character will be given specific qualities to be depicted through a general spreadsheet - there is no need to pitch any specific concept or outline to apply.

We will have a designated pitch period for contributors to work on their ideas in collaboration with us and make sure we're representing the signs and characters to the most accurate degree!

## ARTISTS

### PAGE ARTISTS:

Page artists will be asked to provide one drawing or painting of at least **1024 x 1024px, 300 dpi**. Bigger pieces are, of course, allowed. They can draw either a full page or a full spread. The book is intended to be edited/printed in B5, so do keep this in mind when contemplating your designs. We're currently planning for a **printed book**, so we recommend working in CMYK.

### MERCH ARTISTS:

Merch artists will be asked to design **one to two pieces of merch** each. The exact formats we will feature remains to be decided, since we will rely on our interest check answers, but they will include at least one charm, a couple of stickers, printable sheets, a bookmark, and a notebook cover.

## WRITERS

### WRITERS:

Writers will be asked to provide **one piece** ranging from **1.000 to 2.000 words** maximum. They will be allowed to write in whichever tense they prefer; however, we would like to keep the written pieces in **third-person POV limited**. Since they will be asked to write about a specific character, side characters are allowed to appear, but should not be a too-prominent part of the piece.

### POETS:

Poets will be asked to provide **two to three short poems**, each comprising **ten lines** at maximum. The form of the poem is up to the poets: from iambic pentameter, to a short sonnet, to a freeform poem or a haiku. The poets will be asked to write about **the characteristics of a specific sign**, which they can write from whichever point of view they'd like. For this purpose, they can also write about a specific character of this sign if they'd like. The different qualities the book wishes to display will be given to the poets by the mods beforehand.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for this zine will open on **December 1st**, and will be sent through Google forms. Writer applications will be blind, and judged by our writing mod, who will be helped by a jury of four other writers, composed of our intern mod, our social media mod, and two other writers and editors external to the zine.

This zine will have **35 to 40 contributor spots: 25 artists, 5 to 10 writers and poets, and 5 merch artists**. You can apply for more than one position; however, **you will only be accepted for one**. For example, if you fill up both application forms for page artists and writers, if you're accepted, you will only be accepted as either a page artist or a writer.

Each person applying will be required to provide a top 5 of the characters they wish to depict. **There will be no need to provide any pitch or concept in your application.**

## APP QUALIFICATIONS AND PORTFOLIOS

Here is what we expect from portfolios:

### PAGE ARTISTS:

- **6 to 8 drawings or paintings**, featuring both portraits and full-body designs, including **at least two FE3H samples**;
- At least **two pieces** with **finished, illustrated backgrounds**;
- No more than one sketch or progress piece;
- Portfolio pieces may be digital, traditional, or a mixture of both.
- The artist mods will pay close attention to backgrounds, composition, anatomy, and color work.

### MERCH ARTISTS:

- **6 to 8** digital files of merchandise designs. These designs can be stickers, enamel pins, washi tape, whatever merchandise examples you have.
- Please turn in examples that are plain images like **.jpegs, .pngs, or .pdfs** so they can be easily opened.
- **Product photos welcome!** We would love to see examples of your finished products. We will not judge the photography.
- The artist mods will be looking for pieces that demonstrate an understanding of merch design. Legibility, design choices, and style are all things that will be considered.

### WRITERS:

- **Three PDF samples** of your best works, including **at least one FE3H sample** (three FE3H samples would be best);
- At least **one “one-shot” piece**. Excerpts from large stories/chaptered stories are acceptable for the two other samples;
- Each sample must be **SFW and strictly 3,000 words or less**.
- Please add a heading to all your samples with the **total word count and content warnings** appropriate for each sample.
- The writer mod and the writer jury will pay close attention to characterization, grammar and syntax, pacing, and style consistency.

### POETS:

- **Three PDF samples** of your best poems;
- At least **one poem that is one page long or less**;
- Excerpts and larger poems are acceptable for the two other samples;
- Each sample must be **2 pages or less**.
- The writer mod and the writer jury will pay close attention to style, rhythm, theme and poetry sense, and grammar and syntax.

## SIGN BREAKDOWN SPREADSHEET

### FE3H Characters and their Zodiac Signs



# SCHEDULE

Monday, November 9th	Sunday, November 29th	Interest check period
Tuesday, December 1st	Friday, December 25th	Contributor applications
Sunday, January 10th		Application results
Friday, January 22nd	Sunday January 24th	Pitch check-in period
Sunday, January 31st	Tuesday, February 2nd	First check-in period
Wednesday, February 3rd	Sunday, February 7th	Feedback period
Friday, February 26th	Sunday, February 28th	Second check-in period
Wednesday, March 3rd	Sunday, March 8th	Feedback period
Friday, March 26th	Sunday, March 28th	Final Submissions Period
April 2021		Pre-Production period
Monday, May 3rd		Pre-orders open
Spring 2021		Production and release

# FAQ

## Q: Will there be NSFW content in the book?

This book will be **strictly SFW**; we will allow no depiction of sex scenes and no extreme violence. Mild nudity, suggestive scenes, and canon-expected violence are permitted.

## Q: Are ships allowed in this book?

This book is not intended to be a ship zine. Nevertheless, **depictions of implied relationships will be allowed** if the assigned character remains the focus of the piece, but **will have to be approved by the mods** beforehand.

## Q: Will the pieces all be set in canon?

This book is intended to be **mostly canon-compliant**; however, if a contributor has an amazing, alternate-universe idea for the characters, we definitely will allow it to be featured!

## Q: Will I be able to post or sell my finished piece?

All the contributors will be **allowed to post their finished piece on their platforms**, as well as use them for their portfolios, **two months** after physical orders have been sent out. The contributors will only **be allowed to sell their finished piece** after the book has been published and shipped.

## Q: What about *Fell Star Zine*? Are you from the same team?

Nope! *Fell Star* is a fanzine about Byleth, currently in its creation period; **we are in no way affiliated with the project**. Please do give them a look if you're interested in Byleth content!

## Q: I have a question that was not answered in this document and FAQ?

Please send us a message [on our CuriousCat!](#)