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## **Clarifications**

Some extra information that I couldn't fit on my commission sheet!



### NOTE: I do not work off of AI-generated references!

Not just for ethical reasons, I have done so for commissioners in the past and they are uniquely difficult to work off of. Many details do not align which causes significant confusion and frustration. Please find some real reference images before commissioning me or use a written description along with images of characters who have details similar to your character. I spend multiple days on each piece I create, please have some respect and take some extra time to assemble your references.

## **Multiple Character Cost**

The cost of an additional character (50%) is taken from the base price and is not compounding. So if you have a commission for \$160 USD and you want two additional characters - it would be \$80 USD each time a new character is added (totalling \$320 USD.)

Additional fees such as character complexity fees, background fees, etc. are not included in the base price for the percentage.

## Do's/Don'ts:

**CW:** Graphic language.

#### I do draw:

- M/M, F/F, M/F, and any other gender combination you can think of.
- Any gender.
- Furries/anthro.
- **Kinks:** BDSM, futa, monster, tentacles, rough, impregnation, size difference, latex, lactation, hypno, cumflation, prostitution, etc.

#### I don't draw:

- Mecha & large, complex robot designs.
- **Kinks:** Inflation, weight gain, wedgie, foot fetishes, scat, watersports, flatulence, spitting, pregnancy, macro/micro, loli/shota/ageplay, vore, etc.
- Complex, non-humanoid creature designs (I specialize in humans, sorry.)
- Hard drug use, medical issues (particularly cardiovascular), anatomically accurate hearts.



## **Terms Of Service (TOS)**

### Waitlist:

- I take 7 commissions per month. Once a commission has been completed, the slot does not re-open automatically. At the beginning of the next month, or at my leisure, I will re-open slots.
- Once you've claimed a slot, payment (or half-payment, as per the 50/50 split rules in the 'Payment' section below) will be expected within 48 hours. If payment is not received within this timeframe, your position will be dropped from the queue and the slot will be free for someone else to claim.
- Multiple slots can be claimed if you're planning to commission multiple pieces at once.
- As with the refunds section below, slots can be refunded at any time prior to me beginning a commission.
- Since I take a limited amount of commissions per month, if you plan on commissioning something small (for instance, a single emote) I may either do it without adding it to my Trello or I may reject your commission entirely. This depends on if I am feeling capable of taking on extra smaller commissions.

The reason for this, is that because I am taking on only a limited amount of comms if I take on a bunch of smaller commissions, I will be earning much less that month than a month where I am taking on larger commissions. As such, I need to be more picky with what comms I do take on! If you do plan on commissioning something small, check in with me at the end of the month to see if I have some extra time to spare! (But please don't be disappointed if I don't!)

## Payment/Pricing:

- I don't start commissions until payment has been received upfront. At the request of the buyer, I can split large commissions (greater than \$100 USD) into two payments 50/50, one prior to starting the commission, and one at the end of the commission.
  - Until full payment has been received, WIPs will be sent as small screenshots with a 'WIP' watermark. This watermark will not be removed until the piece has been paid in full.
- Complexity fees vary between \$10-\$40 USD based on level of complexity. For instance, a tattoo may be \$10 extra, but a large frilly dress with patterns and excessive details may cost \$40 extra.

## Workspeed:

- At the moment, the average time it takes me to complete a commission (once I've started it) is 2-7 days. I will usually complete a commission within the month it was commissioned, but some commissions may spill over into the next month.
- I now no longer work on commissions in order. I may take breaks from your commission and work on another person's. This will influence the time a commission takes until completion.
- Things that additionally influence my turnaround time are: adjustments by buyer, differing timezones between buyer and myself (I am in AEST, UTC +10), and designing the character.

## **Changes:**

- When I send previews during the sketch stage, feel free to make adjustments. Minor adjustments (like moving stuff around, scaling, rotating, erasing, etc.) are free, however, I will only do up to three major adjustments (different hair, clothes, body type, anything that requires redrawing the sketch) before requiring a \$15.00-\$25.00 USD fee per adjustment, depending on the extent of the change.
  - I will fully redraw the sketch only once for free, and subsequent times will cost an additional \$25.00 per redraw.

- Past the sketch stage, I will not make adjustments to the sketch, so be sure you've gotten all the changes you've wanted before I move on from the sketch to the colouring stage!

### **Refunds:**

- I will refund a commission if I have not worked on the commission for a significant period of time. This time period will vary as my waitlist changes. At the moment, 2+ months is a significant period for me, and I will refund the payment in full if I have been unable to work on the commission for this length of time. If I have not started a commission and it has been 6 months since payment, I will refund the commission in full regardless of whether the commissioner has contacted me. This is due to PayPal's protection window expiring on this time.
- Prior to beginning the commission, I will refund the commission in full at the buyer's request. After beginning, I will refund an amount depending on the amount of work completed. I will also provide the art that I have completed as if it were the finished file (full resolution, with any alts I have already made.) I will not work further on a refunded piece unless re-commissioned for the amount refunded. After the piece has been finished, I do not accept refunds, unless I have been unable to deliver the piece for 3+ weeks.
  - Sketch stage: 100-65% of commission refundable | Flats stage: 65-50% of commission refundable | Shading stage: 50-0% of commission refundable.
- I will not blacklist people who have asked for a refund, unless the commissioner has been unpleasant to work with.

## **Usage Policy:**

- You are allowed to use a commission personally, however, you are not allowed to resell the artwork as your own or redistribute it to art-sharing platforms under your own name and without crediting me.
- Commissions cannot be used for a commercial product without incurring a commercial fee, for which the commission cost will be multiplied 3x. This includes reference sheets used for character designs in indie games that will be sold, artwork being used in advertising paid products and promotions, etc.

- I retain the right to upload the finished artwork as my own work. The commission may be used in future as an example of my commissions or in a portfolio.
  - If, for whatever reason, you would like the commission to remain private you can pay a 'Privacy Fee' of 35% of the commission price and I will refrain from posting the commission to my social media. Please note, that I will still retain the right to publish the work in portfolios, however I will not post the finished artwork to social media, stream the artwork, or share WIPs.
    - Regardless of whether the commission is private or not, you can ask at any time for me to obscure the name and commission type publicly visible on my Trello.
- You are not allowed to use my artwork in machine-learning ('generative AI') or upload the work to databases for such purposes including websites which automatically upload to databases, or are suspected of such. You are also not allowed to create alterations of the work via the use of machine-learning and AI.

## **Usage 'Licenses':**

- Credit, when required, should be displayed alongside the piece: in the title, body of text, or in replies/comments displayed at the top of reply/comment threads.)
  - Credit should take the form of '@GlitchTheF0x', links like
     'https://www.deviantart.com/glitchthef0x'
     , or tagged photos. Directly tagging or linking to me is preferred (yes, even when it'll spam my notifications, yes please), but variations with the link/tag interrupted (such as in '@/GlitchTheF0x') are also acceptable.

#### Personal Use:

- You are permitted to:
  - 1. Use the piece to decorate your online profiles without credit (profile pictures, banners, pagedolls, etc.)
  - 2. Display the pieces in galleries and social media posts, with credit.
  - 3. Use the piece to represent characters or yourself in social contexts, without credit.
- You are allowed to alter the piece in the following ways: changing the background, changing the colours, erasing parts of the piece, cropping the piece, adding text to the piece, 'graffiti-ing' the piece, adding filters to the piece, animating the piece with Live2D, and drawing over the piece in a way that does not obscure the entirety of the underlying artwork.

The altered piece must still maintain proper credit.

- You are **not** allowed to make money from the work. The following are *not* permitted: Using the piece to create merchandise on sites like Redbubble; using the piece in a video game as a sprite, 3D model reference, or an image; selling the piece as an adoptable; selling the piece as an NFT; re-selling the piece in any way; displaying the piece in a commercial venue where your customers can see; using the piece to promote services you provide; posting the piece to Patreon as a 'members only' post. This list is not exhaustive.

### - Vtuber Use:

- You are permitted to:
  - 1. Use the piece to decorate your online profiles *with* credit (profile pictures, banners, pagedolls, etc.)
  - 2. Display the pieces in galleries and social media posts, with credit.
  - 3. Use the piece to promote your social platforms and content creation platforms with credit.
- Alterations to the piece (changing the underlying artwork in any way, animating the piece, etc.) must be made with my consent. Exceptions to this are: adding text and 'grafitti' over the image and adding filters to the piece.

  Proper credit must still be maintained for the altered piece.
- You are not allowed to make money directly from the work. The following are not permitted: Using the piece to create merchandise on sites like Redbubble; using the piece in a video game as a sprite, 3D model reference, or an image; selling the piece as an adoptable; selling the piece as an NFT; re-selling the piece in any way.

You *are* permitted to display the work in venues (such as conventions,) and you may use the work to promote in-character services.

Posting the work to Patreon as a 'members only' post **requires** consent from me, first.

By commissioning me, you are stating that you have read and understand these terms and agree to them. (That sounds very lawyer-y, but its something I gotta say in case I have to show these rules to an authority figure! Probably.)



# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

(In so far as people have asked me, which uhhh... Well some of these aren't things people have asked, but I think they should!)

**Q:** Where are your commission prices?

**A:** My commission prices are on my Carrd (<a href="https://catboyslair-comms.carrd.co/">https://catboyslair-comms.carrd.co/</a>) which is also in my pinned Tweet on Twitter (<a href="https://twitter.com/TheLordAuthor">https://twitter.com/TheLordAuthor</a>) and also available on my Discord Server (<a href="https://discord.gg/7K6pKWFn4g">https://discord.gg/7K6pKWFn4g</a>).

Q: Are your commissions open?

**A:** You can see how many commission slots I have open over on my Trello (<a href="https://trello.com/b/vHA0H59w/authors-art-stuff">https://trello.com/b/vHA0H59w/authors-art-stuff</a>) as well as see my progress on the commissions I'm working on! I keep this as up-to-date as I can and the longest I've taken to update something on my Trello has usually been at most a day.

Q: Where can I contact you?

**A:** The best place to contact me is on Discord (I'm 'lord\_author'!) but you can also DM me on Twitter or email me at <a href="mailto:thelordauthor@gmail.com">thelordauthor@gmail.com</a>!

Q: Do you have a commission template I can use? I'm shy u///w///u

**A:** I have one available over on my Discord Server (<a href="https://discord.gg/7K6pKWFn4g">https://discord.gg/7K6pKWFn4g</a>) and right here for ya!:D

#### **Character Name/s:**

**Commission Type:** (Full Render/Surprise Me/Coloured Sketch/Etc.)

**Background:** (Default/Scenic Background)

**Description:** (Describe the type of pose, expression, background, or composition you want. If you just want me to be creative then just tell me a general mood or describe your character's personality!)

Extras: (Anything)

**REFERENCES:** (Attach your character references to your message.)

**Q:** Does Vtuber art (icons/banners/screens/etc.) count as commercial use?

**A:** Nope! While these *are* used for self-promotion, they don't generate any *direct* profit for you, so I don't consider these as being for commercial use! They are instead covered under the 'Vtuber' license above!

**Q:** I can't really afford what I want right now, can I pay in instalments?

**A:** I can split payments above \$100 USD up 50/50 as per the rules in the 'Payment' section of my TOS above! However, I prefer not to receive multiple smaller payments for commissions, as these are hard to keep track of and the fees can get a bit out of hand on them!

**Q:** Can I get multiple commissions at once?;)

**A:** Absolutely. They'll all be counted as separate slots, unless they're smaller commissions and I feel like I can do them all in one slot!

**Q:** Can I reserve a slot for next month during this current month?

**A:** No, sorry. I don't want to have a huge backlog of commissions building up and looming over me, as that's often where artists start to lose track of things. Contact me on the 1st of next month. If you're resourceful and find my timezone in this sheet, you may be able to catch me at 12:01 AM to be dead first! >;3

Q: What are your wait-times like and when will you likely get around to my comm?

**A:** I no longer work on comms in order, however, I do endeavour to complete all comms within the month! I will message you when I'm starting on your comm, and you can track my progress over on Trello!

**Q:** How do you take payment?

**A:** I take payment via PayPal, although I can also receive payment via Ko-Fi or through Vgen! I generally prefer to receive payment via Invoice, but I also have a seller's link if you'd prefer that I use that!

FYI An invoice looks somewhat like this:

I can write information about your commission on the invoice and include the ability to make partial payments. I'll set the minimum amount due to half of the commission price. It will

appear that I've invoiced you for the full amount HOWEVER you do not need to pay the full amount immediately, so don't panic! You only need to pay the minimum amount due (half) and then once I've completed the commission you can pay the remainder that's due.

