

I wanted to write a few thoughts and updates about the current stories I'm writing, and the way I'm gonna handle them going forward. This is as much of an update for others as it is for myself.

I have no idea how to start this, especially because I haven't done something like this before, but hey, a first for anything!

So! Here we go!

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UPDATES ON FATELESS

It has been 5 months since Chapter 7 of FATELESS came out, supposed to be the start of the second half of the story.

And I have not written anything that could be called even a draft for Chapter 8 since then.

This is due to many factors. My motivation and energy for writing has been pretty low, and starting a new full time job a year ago has made my free time grow sparser.

But the biggest issue is just that the story has become too big and too complex for how it originally started, and I've been left with no proper way to follow up on it. The pressure and the stress have become a mountain that I cannot climb.

FATELESS is the first long form story I've tried to write, and when starting it I made the mistake of "writing as I go along" with the loosest of outlines for the future. I ended up creating so many concepts, characters and ideas I now need to wrap up neatly before I even think of reaching the ending.

The ending itself and what sets it up is mostly set in stone. What triggers the finale, and the way the characters end up is *fully* set in stone, but things as important as some character backstories, roles, and full motivations are still in flux.

I don't have the time or energy to fill up the gaps and the middle of a story that I'm slowly losing more and more interest in. No matter how hard I want to reach that ending, I don't want to just immediately jump to it and let the pacing die horribly.

So, once again, FATELESS is entering a hiatus period.

The reason I announce it properly is simply so I, myself, don't feel too pressured to constantly try to write it everyday, knowing I'll hit wall after wall of my own creation.

Even so, rest assured that the story is not cancelled! Even if it takes me a few more years, I'll reach the ending I envisioned, and will give these characters the writing I want to give them. It just might take much, much longer than I ever thought it would.

In the meantime, chapters 1 to 6 are still there, and serve as a proper story to me. If I don't see a way to properly mix my ideas and what needs to happen together, I may just release the climax and ending of the story as its own thing, the inbetweens sadly unfulfilled.

But I will try so it doesn't come to that. And in the meantime, I'll keep drawing, brainstorming, and creating so many things with them. Both old and new OCs alike.

And that leads me to the next announcement.

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A NEW STORY!?! (Kind of)



(Not final logo at all)

In the middle of trying to come up with a way to continue FATELESS, ideas for a new story with OCs made around the same time has been blazing inside of me for a bit.

So I decided that, as FATELESS is now on hiatus, I would write up the beginning of that story, with the rule that I would not start writing anything else until I had every plot point, every twist, and every event set in stone. Both to not make it last too many chapters, and for it to be properly finished one day.

EVERBURNING is meant to be a separate story from FATELESS, set in a completely different time period, but following some of its lore. It is not really a sequel, a prequel, or anything like that, as I don't want to overcomplicate myself even more.

It is simply a story loosely connected to FATELESS, of a lion and a bull, and of stars and knights.

I am currently writing the Prologue and Chapter 1, but nothing else will be written until everything is finally set in stone, and no further chapters will be posted until I've written everything down myself.

This is the process I want to apply to every future long story I do. Have everything set in stone before even thinking of releasing it.

I don't have a specific date, or even a timeframe, that EVERBURNING's prologue and chapter 1 will be posted, but I hope for it to be soon.

WHY ANOTHER STORY?

If you wonder why even try to create a second story when one is unfinished and struggling.

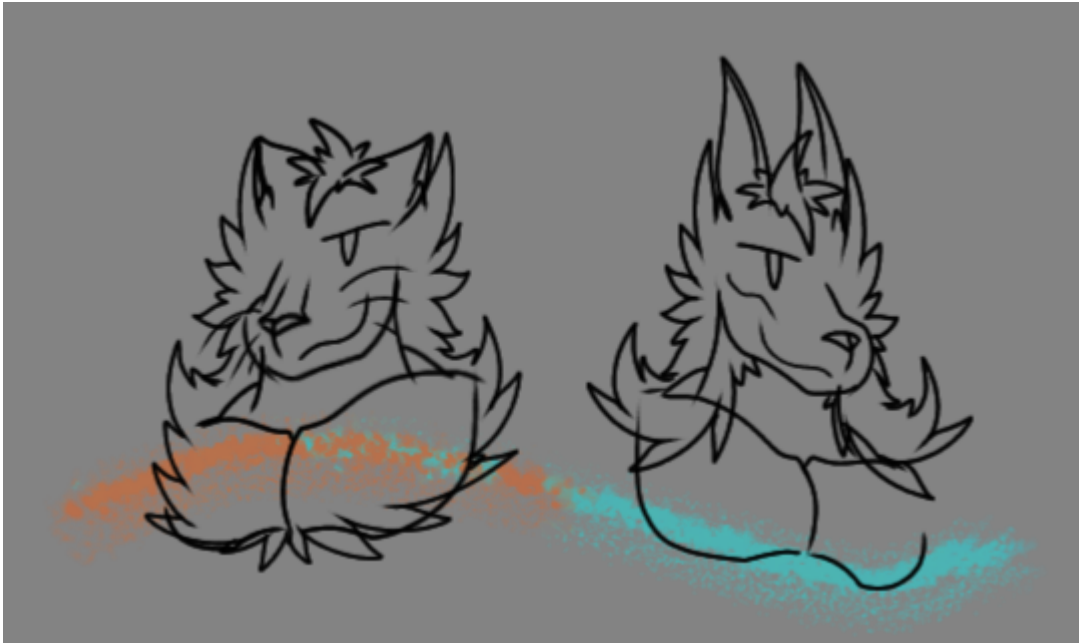
I like creating.

I have mentioned before that art and writing have become a big part of my life since years ago, and that's not a lie.

I always have many ideas in mind, and even now I have multiple story ideas, one shots, and unshared (or rarely shared) OCs.

Writing and drawing is how I express myself. How I show a passion that every day grows stronger. So even if I have something new in mind, know that I won't give up on FATELESS and will reach that ending someday, even with the nuclear option of posting it without the rest of the middle.

As long as what I create brings me joy, know that I won't stop trying to express myself.



CONCLUSION

No matter what happens, what I created and keep creating with FATELESS and stories related to it will always be something that brings me joy, and I don't want FATELESS to be unfinished forever.

Even if the ending ends up messy or even just Bad, I want to at least show my raw ideas to the world.

I shall keep writing, and I shall keep drawing. I hope other people can follow me on that

Thank you.