



TodoMomo Holiday Mini-Bang

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What is the 2021 TodoMomo Holiday Mini-Bang?

The TodoMomo Holiday Mini-Bang is a fan-run, non-profit event. We aim to pair writers with artists to produce collaborative content for the pairing of Todoroki Shouto and Yaoyorozu Momo.

For this Mini-Bang, writers will write fanfiction and artists will create a visual art piece to accompany the fanfiction. During the event's posting period, all of the fanfiction and art will be released, creating an explosion — or Mini-Bang — of new fandom content!

What's the schedule?

Writer Sign-Ups	August 30 - September 19, 2021
Artist Sign-Ups	August 30 - October 3, 2021
Beta/Pinch-Hitter Sign-Ups	September 12 - October 10, 2021
Summaries Deadline	October 3, 2021
Artist Claims	October 7 - 12, 2021
Partners/Collab Teams Announced	October 19, 2021
First Check-In	November 13, 2021
Dropout Deadline	December 1, 2021
Second Check-In	December 11, 2021
Third Check-In and Posting Claims	January 22, 2022
Posting	February 1 - 14, 2022

Who are the moderators?

- Mod Rose, Head Mod (she/her)
 - <https://blackrosefiction.com/>
 - <https://twitter.com/destinysblkros>
- Mod Milk, General Mod (she/her)
 - https://twitter.com/_milkteas
 - https://archiveofourown.org/users/milktea_s
- Mod Owl, General Mod (she/them)
 - <https://twitter.com/anowlfulpun>
 - <https://archiveofourown.org/users/akumakoronso>
- Mod Yesy, Social Media Mod (she/her)
 - https://instagram.com/_concertqueen
- Mod King (Bayousexual), Art Mod (they/them)
 - <https://bayousexual.carrd.co/>
- Mod Flour, Writing & Beta Mod (she/her)
 - <https://twitter.com/flourchild7309>
 - <https://archiveofourown.org/users/flourchildwrites/works>

How will artists and writers be matched for this challenge?

Writers will provide a brief summary of the fic they plan to write. These summaries will be listed anonymously on the Mini-Bang discord for artists to look through.

Beginning on **October 7, 2021**, Artists will be able to select fics that they would like to create content for. Artists will rank several summaries (~5) in order of preference. Mods will collect the artist's claim forms, and work through matching/pairing artists and writers - forming teams.

Artists have until **October 12, 2021** to submit their claims. Writer/artist collab teams will be announced on **October 19, 2021**.

Where will writers and artists post their collaborations?

Writers are required to post their fics to AO3, within this event's collection. We recommend that the artist's work be embedded within the fic.

Before the posting period begins, Mods will provide a tutorial for our writers to use when uploading their collaboration(s).

Writers and artists may cross-post to other platforms (together or separately), at their own discretion — on or after their assigned posting date.

How will posting work?

Posting will run from February 1 - 14, 2022. Writer and artist teams may request specific days starting on January 22, 2022. Mods will consider the requests, make the schedule, and release the calendar assignments to the participants shortly thereafter.

Can I choose my partner instead of going through the claiming process?

Yes. Artists and writers may partner outside of the claiming process, but please tell us whom you've partnered with before fic summary submissions on **October 3, 2021**. If you are partnering outside of our claiming process, you do not need to submit a fic summary.

Do I need to use Discord for this Mini-Bang?

Yes, our discord server is the hub for all event-related communication.

Do all the collaborations have to be holiday-themed?

No, all genres are welcome in the Mini-Bang, but feel free to be inspired by the cheerful holiday prompts on our discord server. Anytime is the right time to celebrate TodoMomo!

Can Mini-Bang collaborations contain explicit content?

No, we will limit all collabs to an M (meaning mature) rating; no explicit works will be allowed. Additionally, please use trigger warnings as needed and tag your works, both visual and written, appropriately.

Are there any shipping restrictions?

Yes, but only a few to keep the event centered on our featured pairing, TodoMomo. While the fanworks included in this Mini-Bang may include other background ships, TodoMomo should be the featured endgame pairing. Endgame polyships including TodoMomo (such as TodoMomoBaku) should not be included in this challenge. While ages may be adjusted for alternate universes, we ask that no romantic ships between major/minor characters or incestuous ships be portrayed.

Can Mini-Bang collaborations contain alternate universes, crossovers, or OCs?

Yes.

What are check-ins?

The check-ins exist to make sure writers and artists are managing things well. Both partners will need to submit a WIP for the check-ins on **November 13, 2021, December 11, 2021, and January 22, 2022.**

If you miss a check-in and don't respond to our attempts to contact you, you will be marked as a dropout, so please ensure that you contact us in advance if you'll be unavailable!

How long do I have to respond if I'm contacted by a moderator?

If a moderator contacts you, please respond as soon as possible and within 72 hours. If we don't hear back from you within 72 hours, we'll have to assume the worst, and we may reassign your partner.

Can I sign-up to be both an artist and a writer?

Yes! But please take a moment to consider whether or not you'll have the time to fulfill multiple roles in multiple collaborations. When in doubt, we would encourage you to sign up as an artist given the results of our interest check.

Will there be any promotions for the Mini-Bang works?

Depending on time, participation, and moderator resources, yes!

Prior to posting, writers and artists may have the option to submit previews of their Mini-Bang collaborations. If one partner wishes to post a preview but the other does not, promos can be posted individually.

How often should I be communicating with my partner?

Remember that these events are to inspire community, collaboration, and friendship in the fandom! During this event, you should be dropping your partner a line **at least every other week**, even if it's just a brief message to update your partner on your progress.

That being said, we all have lives and busy schedules, especially around the holidays. Communication may vary from collab to collab; however, if you are concerned about your partner's communication, contact a moderator ASAP.

What is a pinch-hitter?

A pinch-hitter is somebody who steps in for an artist or a writer who drops out of the Mini-Bang. Pinch-hitters will be given looser minimum requirements in terms of our mandatory minimums and preference posting since they do not have the benefit of the full creation period. If you sign-up as a pinch-hitter, it doesn't mean you must pinch-hit. It just means you're willing to be contacted if pinch-hitters are needed.

Can I post my in-progress art or fic before the posting period?

No, we ask that you keep your collab drafts under wraps; however, (time permitting) the Mini-Bang may run promos to advertise your works.

We also ask that our writers do not publicly discuss their fic ideas in shared spaces, even within the Mini-Bang discord, until after collabs are announced (we want artists to choose which story they want to work on based on a writer's story, not their identity).

After artist and writer teams have been assigned, participants should feel free to discuss their fanworks with others ***within the discord server***.

What if I need to drop out?

In the event that you need to drop out, we ask that you please inform your partner — and a moderator ASAP. And we will be more than happy to assist.

Life happens, we understand! However, please let us know that you are dropping out no later than **December 1, 2021** so that we have time to assign a pinch-hitter.

Information for Writers

What's the minimum and maximum word count for a Mini-Bang collaboration?

Our minimum word count is roughly 3,000 words. There is no maximum word count, but please choose a fic idea that you believe you can comfortably finish before the posting period.

Do I need an AO3 account to participate?

Yes. It's okay if you don't have one at sign-up, but our writers will need an AO3 account for posting to our AO3 collection. Ask a moderator about sending you an AO3 invite to make sign-up faster.

What do I need to send in for check-ins?

- ☐ For your first check-in on **November 13, 2021**, we're hoping to see an outline, detailed summary, or a drafted introduction — along with an estimated word count for your fic.
- ☐ Regarding the second check-in on **December 11, 2021**, we want to see ~35% completion or more on the first draft of your fic.
- ☐ For your third check-in on **January 22, 2022**, target ~75% completion or more of your first draft.

Please note that if you are collaborating with a betareader, you must give your betareader enough time to review and provide feedback. Be sure to communicate effectively with your betareader; keep in mind that you do not necessarily need to wait until your first draft is 100% complete to ask a betareader for help.

The main thing we're hoping to gauge is where you are in the Mini-Bang creation process. These check-ins help us see that you and your partner are on track, but they work best as benchmarks for you to keep *yourself* on track!

Do I have to find my own beta if I want/need one?

No, you may request or find a beta through the Mini-Bang.

The Mini-Bang Mods have decided not to host a traditional claiming process for betas and writers. We prefer to give our writer and beta participants a choice predicated on the creation of betareader profiles that can be used in two ways:

1) Writer/Beta Matching. For writers who want a moderator to match them with a betareader, we will offer matching based on a beta's skills and the writer's wants. For the purposes of matching,

your betareader profile does not need to be public. A moderator will contact a potential beta to approve the match before it is finalized.

2) The Betareader List. Mini-Bang Mods will post beta profiles to a public beta reader list on the Mini-Bang discord server. Betareaders will not be anonymous on their profile, and writers will be able to approach betas directly to ask a beta to work with them. Betas will also be able to discuss the scope of the beta before agreeing to work with any writer who approaches them.

We strongly recommend betareaders to participants who are fairly new to writing fanfiction! You can request a betareader matching through your summary submission form or you may contact a betareader on our public betareader list.

Why do I need to provide a fic summary?

You need a fic summary for our artists to review during the claims process. Your fic summary should briefly feature both your writing style as well as a brief summary of the plot for your fic. Artists will review your summaries to determine which of our fantastic writers they would like to be paired with, so be sure to put your best foot forward.

What if I get paired with an artist that I don't like?

Contact a moderator. We'll do our best to sort out the situation, but please understand that we may not have many options after claims are complete. If you know there's someone that you do not want to work with, please let us know before artist claims begin. Your disclosures are for a moderator's eyes only!

Can I post an unfinished fic?

In the spirit of the TodoMomo Mini-Bang, all fic produced should be able to be read on its own as a finished product that meets the minimum word count. However, we understand life can get in the way of fun fandom events. As long as your fic can be read as a completed work (ex: it does not leave off on a cliffhanger and resolves in a way that conveys a sense of completion), meets the minimum word count, and showcases the artist's piece, we will be happy to accept it. While you may add to your Mini-Bang collab after the initial posting, do your best not to bite off more than you can chew. If you have any concerns about your progress, contact a moderator ASAP.

Our Mod staff includes a couple of seasoned writers (and a consulting mod who is a professor of creative writing); we can help you if you get stuck, need advice, or are afraid the fic has wandered off course / may eat your brain, life, the rest of the year....

Don't be afraid to ask us for help, we want you to succeed!

What if I've already posted part of a fic or a one-shot, but I want to turn it into a longer fic for the TodoMomo Mini-Bang?

Generally, speaking, we're hoping that writers will bring new fic ideas to this challenge to increase the amount of TodoMomo content. However, if you're hoping to expand on something you've already started or rework an old fic, contact a moderator so we can work with you on a solution.

Are only English works allowed?

No, our community is global, and we gladly support a global exchange of ideas and fanworks. Please let a moderator know if you will be contributing in another language, so we can do our best to support you (please bear with us if there is a language barrier).

Information for Artists

What are the minimum requirements for art submissions?

One finished piece is required on paper no smaller than 4 x 4 inches. A finished piece should be fully colored with a simple background. The artwork can have a portrait or landscape orientation.

What do I need to submit for check-ins?

- ☐ For your first check-in on **November 13, 2021**, we would like to see a basic sketch or a rough visual concept.
- ☐ At the second check-in, on **December 11, 2021**, we'll also be looking for linework and a color concept.
- ☐ For the third and final check-in on **January 22, 2022**, we expect shading/rendering as well as progress on your background.

Hopefully, by the third check-in, our artists will be focused on finishing touches.

The main thing we're hoping to gauge is where you are in the Mini-Bang creation process. These check-ins help us see that you and your partner are on track, but they work best as benchmarks for you to keep *yourself* on track!

What sort of art is accepted?

For the Mini-Bang, we'll be accepting digital or traditional art. We accept any level of experience or skill; we only ask that you do your best, meet the minimum requirements, and have fun with your collaboration.

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Information for Betas

What is betareading?

A betareader is a test reader of unreleased fanfic. They provide feedback to the author from the perspective of an average reader. So in a nutshell, betas tell writers what works in their fics and what doesn't.

How does betareading work in this event?

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Can a betareader be on both the betareader list and be matched with a writer by the mods?

Yes. That also means betareaders may help as many writers as they want to in this event.

Will every writer who wants a betareader get one?

Maybe.

For matching, moderators will match as many participants and betas as possible, but the number of writers who want betas and betareader participants will likely be uneven. In that case, betareader matching is first come, first serve, depending on a writer's wants and a betareader's skills. Writers may request beta matching on their summary submission form, or if they are not participating in artist claims, they may contact a moderator to request one.

For the betareader list, we will post the betareader's profiles. It will be up to our writers and betas to work out an arrangement.

How long are betareader sign-ups open?

Betareader sign-ups are open until October 10, 2021.

When will the moderators match betareader and writers?

We will match writers and betareaders who opt into the matching process after October 3, 2021, the summary submission deadline. A moderator will provide a brief introduction between the writer and beta.

How does betareading work, and what do you mean when you say the “scope of the beta”?

Communication is key in a beta/writer relationship. Writers should set their boundaries by identifying the aspects of their fic that they want a beta to provide feedback on. Betas, if comfortable with a writer's boundaries, should confine their feedback to the writer's areas of concern. We recommend that writers use google doc's suggestion feature to approve, dismiss, or respond to a betareader's suggestions.

In our betareader profile form, we identify five general areas of feedback that writers and betas may consider when discussing the scope of a beta: 1) Spelling, Grammar, and Punctuation, 2) Characterization, 3) General Likes and Dislikes, and/or Positive Encouragement, 4) Deeper Story Elements (structure, pacing, worldbuilding, etc.), 5) Sensitivity (concerning Race, Culture, Sexuality, Gender Issues, Ableism, etc.).

What if there is a conflict between a writer and betareader?

Please contact a moderator as soon as possible. However, when in doubt, a betareader's suggestions are just that — suggestions. Edits are within the writer's discretion.

What if I signed up as a betareader, but I no longer want to be a betareader?

Life happens; we understand.

If you are already working with a writer, please let your writer know that you cannot beta for them anymore at the earliest date possible. Then, let a moderator know.

If you are on the betareader list and want your profile taken down, please let a moderator know. We will take your profile off the list.