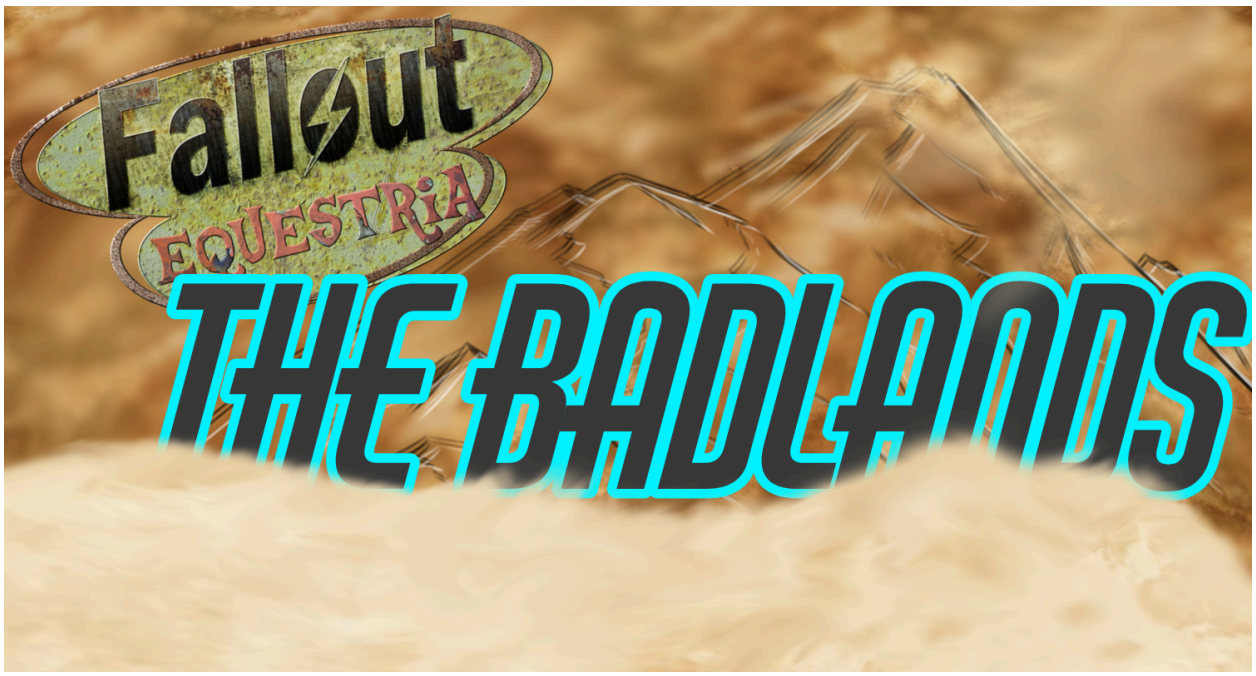
Fallout Equestria: The Badlands



By FIReNVY

This story focuses on a talented trio of bounty hunters from The Badlands. The things that they encounter south of Equestria will truly put them to the test, as they explore the differences between success and happiness, money and wealth, partners and friends.

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Links to all published chapters can be found after the page break!

Below that is a list of other useful links, followed by release comments from the author.

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Book One: The Party

- Introduction (updated July 21st, 2024)
    - Pages 1, Words 231

- Prologue (updated Apr 23rd, 2025)
    - Pages 3, Words 1,182

- Chapter 1: The Big Bounty (updated Feb 5th, 2025)
    - Pages 16, Words 6,928
    - *“They still get to experience the thrill of discovering who they are, and what they're meant to be.”*

- Chapter 2: How Far They Fall (updated Feb 6th, 2025)
    - Pages 25, Words 11,483
    - *“No one just starts giggling and wearing black and signs up to become a villainous monster…”*

- Chapter 3: The Light At the End (updated Feb 6th, 2025)
    - Pages 14, Words 5,859
    - *“We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full.”*

- Chapter 4: …Of The Tunnel (uploaded Feb 7th, 2025)
    - Pages 16, Words 6,524
    - *“...THE END IS NEVER THE END IS NEVER THE END IS NEVER ...”*

- Chapter 5: Five (uploaded Sep 4th, 2025)
    - Pages 36, Words 14,982
    - *“Five to one, baby, one in five, / No one here gets out alive… / They got the guns…”*

- Chapter 6: Fear and Loathing in The Badlands (uploaded Dec 10th, 2025)
    - Pages 27, Words 10,554
    - *“There he goes. One of God's own prototypes. A high-powered mutant of some kind…”*

Book Two: The Hunt

- Chapter 7: A Fresh Roll of Parchment, Or The Funny Thing About Hurt (uploaded Dec 10th, 2025)
    - Pages 25, Words 10,364

    - *“I wake up every morning at nine and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If my name is not on it, I get up.”*

- Chapter 8: Sandtrap (uploaded October 4th, 2026)
    - Pages 28, Words 12,497
    - *“These pit-digging antlions are called ‘doodlebugs’ in…”*

- Chapter 9: Diverging (Editing and final revisions in progress!)
    - *“Why so mean? Why so crude? | Why so angry? Why so rude? | Can't you be nice?...”*

- Chapter 10: The Harbor (First draft in progress)
    - “*Mystery quote is still a mystery!”*

- More to come…

Statistics (Through Chapter 8)

- Page Count: 191
- Estimated Printed Page Count, if physically printed as a standard double-spaced paperback: 320-340
    - We have now officially passed a full paperback!! But, because of compounding errors, this estimate is just going to get further and further off. So I think that this will be the last chapter that I keep track of this.
- Word Count: 80,655
- Total Number of Characters, Excluding Spaces: 368,161
- Date Started: Jan 12th, 2014
- Last Updated: Oct 4th, 2026

Useful Links:

- A reference map of The Badlands and its surrounding areas (link disabled for now) should definitely help.
    - I'll try to keep this updated. Please note that this map is very rough and proportions may not even be close. You have been warned. =P
    - NOTE: Down for serious maintenance!
- Parting Shot's Cutie Mark as of the end of Chapter 1 (275 dots)
- Yawn's Custom Battle Saddle Rig
    - My terrible and crude drawing might help with visualizing it, maybe
- Fun little side project for a functional pony version of the NATO Phonetic Alphabet:
    - Equestrian Armed Forces Wartime Radiotelephony Spelling Alphabet
    - I put in a lot of work to ensure that the spelling alphabet contains phonetically distinct and easily understandable words. Also, some of the words I pulled directly from WWI, WWII, and beyond spelling alphabets of various English-speaking nations, such as Dog and Easy from the US Military's internal alphabet in the early parts of WWII, and Nuts and Item from the British RAF. I also found good substitutes for some of the current International standard words, such as Unicorn instead of Uniform, and Tangle instead of Tango.
    - If you have any suggestions (OTHER THAN TO ASK WHY "Z" ISN'T "ZEBRA"), reach out, or leave a comment on FIMFiction.
        - Why would Zebra NOT be used for Z? Do you think that would be a usefully distinct word when you are currently at war with the Zebra? I do not, and neither do I see the armed forces of Equestria integrating Zebra into a core part of their military communications. During WWII, "A" wasn't "Axis" and "N" wasn't… well, you know the particular German dictatorship to which I'm referring. Does that make sense?
- The fic that started it all: Fallout: Equestria by Kkat
    - Thank you for letting me and countless others play around in your sandbox!

- The two side fics that I consider (mostly) canon to my story:
    - Fallout Equestria: Project Horizons by Somber
    - Fallout Equestria: Murky Number Seven by Fuzzy
- The two side fics that I may give major nods to but don't officially consider them to be canon to my story:
    - Fallout Equestria: Heroes by No One
    - Fallout Equestria: Pink Eyes by mimezinga
- I may occasionally give small nods to other side fics and FoE based projects, too, but I generally do not consider them canon at all. As such, I most likely won't actually link to them directly.
- The Fallout Equestria Side Stories Compilation Hub has all kinds of useful links for those looking for more Wasteland or looking to play around in the sand themselves.
- The Fallout: Equestria Resource is home to all of your Fo:E needs! Drop by and say hi!
- The Fallout: Equestria Wiki is home to all of the rest of your Fo:E needs! =P
- Hit me up on Twitter (X) if you want, I'd be glad to chat! @FIReNVY
- My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic belongs to The Hub (RIP) and Hasbro.
- Fallout and its sequels belong to Bethesda Softworks and Bethesda Game Studios.
- Any popular culture references and quotations belong to their respective owners.
- This work of fiction is not to be sold and is purely a fan-made work of love.
- If I don't update for a while, I will do my best to post something below in the "Comments from the Author" section.

Comments from the Author:

- Chapter 8 is live, here and on FimFiction <https://www.fimfiction.net/chapter/1869355>! It blows my mind that I have published over 80k words! Including what I have done of Chapters 9 and 10, it's looking like it'll be over 100k?! I apologize about the excruciatingly long wait between uploads. It was quite difficult to get certain parts of Ch 8 and Ch 9 just right. They had to be taken seriously and given the correct amount of care and attention to keep them balanced enough to be interesting to read without crossing any lines. It took MONTHS for me to finally get through my writers block and get it just right. I do hope you enjoy the read. With love and bullets, FIReNVY
    - (October 4th, 2026)
- Chapter 6 (the finale of Book One - The Party) is live, and my length estimate turned out to be right on the money! Chapter 7 (the beginning of Book Two - The Hunt) is also now live. No reason to force you to wait when it's already done and ready to go. I hope you enjoy. With love and bullets, FIReNVY
    - (December 10th, 2025)
- Chapter 5 is live here now, and will be on FimFiction sometime this week. [EDIT: IT'S LIVE NOW!!] ~~There will be a lot more than the usual work of changing up the formatting between platforms, so it'll take a bit~~. Chapter 6 is largely also done, and therefore Act 1 - The Party is also (largely) done! The first draft for Chapter 7 is in progress with over 2k

words/5+ pages already fully written. Also, found out that average word count for a standard published novel is usually between 70k and 100k words for science fiction, fantasy, adventure. I'm probably going to finish up Act 1 around 55,000 words, so not bad, considering that there's several more Acts to go!
    - (September 4th, 2025)
- Personal life goings on has kept me from doing any significant work on this story. However, I have been doing little bits here and there, and doing some continuing education with the excellent teaching material from one of my favorite authors, Brandon Sanderson. https://faq.brandonsanderson.com/knowledge-base/ Check out his website for his FAQs/Knowledge Base, or follow along with his recorded lectures, complete with lecture notes, for 2013, 2014, 2016, and most recently 2025, at BYU! ANYWAY, I am working on formalizing and better structuring the next several chapters and all of the planned Acts for the story. I've started to implement some of what I've been learning by adding a new section to the beginning of the Prologue. This update is currently live here and on FimFiction. Over the next week or two, I hope to get FAR more work done on Chapter 5, as well as FINALLY getting around to doing a PROPER summarized description of the story. Thank you for your patience and support!
    - (April 23rd, 2025)
- Chapter four is now up here and on FimFic. I also added some hints about the stages of completion for the upcoming chapters, spoiler-free of course! I also did some minor fixes to previous chapters' remaining spelling and punctuation mistakes. Also, I can't believe that I left "VATS-guided shot" in Chapter 3. Oops!
    - (February 8, 2025)
- Chapter three is LIVE!! And the current final edits of Chapters 1, 2, and 3 have been added to FimFiction and to here. Well, Chapter 3 is probably not at the final edits stage just yet. But I am comfortable in how solid it is right now! SO NOW, you can read the most current/final versions of all published chapters on either platform!
    - (October 15, 2024)
- Chapter two is live, as of the end of August! BUT I am going to keep them to FimFiction only for now. There is a lot of formatting and updating back and forth required to keep them both consistent, and I'd rather spend that time and energy creating and writing. This will change down the road, but the versions on FimFiction are your best bet for a while.
    - (September 14, 2024)
- Wow. That most recent update was a bit off the mark… BUT, guess what's coming out, exclusively to FimFiction.net?
    - (July 18th, 2024)
- I'm back from my hiatus! I expect Chapter Two to be out in the next week or two. Woo!
    - (July 2nd, 2014)
- Final editing for my first three sections! Woo!
    - (January 15th, 2014)

- After writing for close to 18 hours straight, I'm pretty excited at what I was able to accomplish. The characters are honestly REALLY fun to play with so far, and nothing of consequence has really happened yet!
    - (January 12th, 2014)
- First comment! Yeah! I'm pretty excited to finally get my take on the universe out there! The Badlands is looking to cover more of the terrors of the Wasteland than ever before. Great respect to those that have come before and built this world in which I play.
    - (January 12th, 2014)