

# Fallout Equestria: The Badlands



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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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## Act 1: The Party

- [Introduction](#) (updated July 21st, 2024)
  - Pages 1, Words 231
- [Prologue](#) (updated Apr 23rd, 2025)
  - Pages 2-3, Words 890-1,182
- [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." -Marcel Proust*
- [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 THE END IS NEVER ..."* - *The Stanley Parable*
- [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 but we got the numbers / Gonna win, yeah, we're taking over.'" - Jim Morrison, 'Five to One' (1968 song)"*
- Chapter 6: Fear and Loathing in The Badlands (Final checks before proofreading)
  - *"There he goes. One of God's own prototypes. A high-powered mutant of some kind never even considered for mass production. Too weird to live, and too rare to die." - Hunter S. Thompson, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream (1971)*

## Act 2: The Hunt

- Chapter 7: ??? TBD (First draft in progress!)
  - *"Mystery quote is still a mystery!"*
- Chapter 8: ??? TBD (outlining in progress)
  - *"Mystery quote is still a mystery!"*
- Chapter 9: TBD (outlining in progress)
  - *"Mystery quote is still a mystery!"*
- Chapter 10: TBD (outlining completed)

- *"Mystery quote is still a mystery!"*
- *(sometimes the big, crucial moments are more filled in than the in-between journeys and adventures; don't judge me)*



## Statistics (Through Chapter 5)

- Page Count: 111
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## 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 completely 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 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)