

Dead Boy Detectives Zine

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About Us

The Dead Boy Detectives Zine is a fully digital, non-profit, free-of-charge zine celebrating the joy and impact that the show has brought us. This zine is a tribute to the show that we all keep close to our hearts and our way of saying thank you. Of showing our love and appreciation. It will have a mix of writers, spot artists, page artists and an assortment of free and digital merchandise and it is currently set to release in March of 2025.

What Is A Zine?

A zine is a compilation of exclusive pieces of art and writing created under a common theme. Contributors work within a timeline to create exclusive pieces for the zine that they are a part of.

Schedule

MOD Applications Open	September 7th 2024
MOD Applications Close	September 14th 2024
Interest Check Close	September 15th 2024
Contributor Applications Open	September 22nd 2024

Contributor Applications Close	October 13th 2024
Emails Sent	October 20th 2024
Claims/Pairing up Starts	October 24th 2024
Claims/Pairing up Ends	October 31st 2024
1st Check-In	December 6, 2024
2nd Check-In	January 5, 2025
3rd Check-In	February 2, 2025
Final Submission	February 9, 2025
Release!	April/May 2025

Zine Contributors

Our current number of contributors:

- ★ A total of **41 contributors** in total!
- ★ 14 writers
- ★ 15 page artists
- ★ 7 spot artists
- ★ 3 comic artists
- ★ 2 merch artists

SFW

This zine will be fully SFW and will **not** include things such as:

- ★ Explicit sexual content/NSFW
- ★ Gore
- ★ Major character death

Theme

Post Canon

After their wild and wonderful adventure in the States, the boys/gang come back to a familiar environment feeling different. With new allies, changes, and unexpected questions that were left unanswered, we're opening up the floor to our contributors' interpretation. What do they do After?



Zine Expectations/Guidelines

General

- ★ The zine will mainly operate through Discord, therefore all contributors are expected to have a Discord account in order to access the server and effectively communicate with the MODs and other contributors.
- ★ Once the server has been occupied, all contributors will be given a certain amount of time for:
 - ★ Writers, comic artists and page artists to make their pitches and claims.
 - ★ Writers and spot artists to be paired together.
 - ★ Merch artists to decide what kind of merchandise they will make and make their claims.
- ★ All contributors are required to be punctual with check-ins and the final submission. If extensions are needed, we ask that you contact a MOD in advance so that we can find a suitable timeline for you.
- ★ We kindly ask that all contributors respond/react to messages as soon as available.
- ★ To remain protected from AI, we will require all artists to Nightshade/Glaze their artwork.

Writers

- ★ All writers will be expected to submit 1 completed fanfiction piece with a word count ranging from 2.5k-3k words.
- ★ Your work will be beta-ed but we also ask that you edit and proofread your own work before submitting.
- ★ Your work must be submitted via an accessible Google Doc.

Page Artists

- ★ All page artists will be expected to submit 1 fully completed piece, fully rendered and with color.
- ★ Your work must be submitted in a Google Drive link.

Comic Artists

- ★ All comic artists will be expected to submit a comic a minimum of 2 pages and a maximum of 6 pages long, full rendered and with color.
- ★ Your work must be submitted with separate pages in a Google Drive folder.

Spot Artists

- ★ All spot artists will be expected to submit 2 fully completed and transparent pieces, fully rendered and with color for the two fics that you will be assigned to/paired with.
- ★ A spot artist will be required to pair up with 2 writers and create separate artworks for both.
- ★ Your work must be submitted in a Google Drive link.

Merch Artists

- ★ All merch artists will be expected to submit 1 fully completed piece, depending on the agreed upon type of merchandise to be made.
- ★ If merch artists wish to make 2 pieces of merchandise, they are allowed to do so. One of those pieces will be used as a stretch goal while the other will be released with the zine.
- ★ Your work must be submitted in a Google Drive link.



Add-On

General

- ★ We're going to create a companion zine/add-on zine to be coupled with our main zine.
- ★ The add-on zine will be **themeless**, so the creators have full freedom to create whatever they wish.
- ★ While the main zine will run on a selection basis, **the add-on zine will run on a submission basis**. Which means **anyone can submit their creations** and can be showcased in the zine.
- ★ We'll be opening the form for a certain amount of time and during that time, those who wish to will be required to do so in that time.
- ★ To make sure that we don't overwhelm the formatting MOD(s) and to keep this organized, we will be limiting **the maximum number of showcased pieces to 100**.
- ★ It will be a **first-come-first-serve basis** so if we hit the 100 mark before the submission close date, we will be closing the form early.
- ★ In order to ensure that there are spots for everyone, **we kindly ask all creators to submit 1 piece each**. If you have one or more pieces that you wish to submit (or if you're indecisive to pick just one), you can submit the pieces in two different responses and the MODs will pick one for you.
- ★ We welcome **all forms of submissions** including but not limited to: fanart, fanfiction, fan poetry, cosplays, comics, non-video edits, etc.
- ★ We, the MODs, will be going through all submissions so don't worry, your pieces will be beta-ed and reviewed accordingly.

- ★ All fanworks must be original and non-existing. We strongly encourage all creators to **create a new piece for this zine instead of submitting a pre-existing piece.**
- ★ All pieces must come from you. This means **no AI generated stories or stolen works.**
- ★ We ask that you **do not submit NSFW** works as this is a SFW zine. However, having NSFW works on your portfolios/platforms **will not** be an issue.

Schedule

Submission Form Opens	January 5 2025
Submission Form Closes	February 9 2025
Release!	May 2025

Writers

- ★ Writers that wish to submit to the add-on will be required to write 1 fic between 1k-2k words in order to ensure that there's space.
- ★ The fic must be centered around Dead Boy Detectives.
- ★ Poets that wish to submit to the add-on will be required to write 1 poem with a maximum word limit of 500 words.

Page Artists

- ★ Page artists that wish to submit to the add-on will be required to create 1 piece that is in full color and fully rendered in A4 format. WIPs will not be accepted.
- ★ The piece must be centered around Dead Boy Detectives.
- ★ We welcome all forms of art, including both digital and traditional. If you wish to submit a traditional artwork, we ask that you submit a high-quality photograph.

Comic Artists

- ★ Comic artists that wish to submit to the add-on will be required to create 1 comic that is between 2-4 pages in length, in full color and fully rendered in A4 format. WIPs will not be accepted.
- ★ The comic must be centered around Dead Boy Detectives.
- ★ We welcome all forms of comic art, including both digital and traditional. If you wish to submit a traditional artwork, we ask that you submit a high-quality photograph.

Cosplayers

- ★ Cosplayers that wish to submit to the add-on will be required to 1 high-quality photograph of yourself in the cosplay.
- ★ The cosplay must be centered around Dead Boy Detectives.
- ★ All we ask is that you enjoy your cosplay! It doesn't have to be made with a massive budget, as long as you love it, we'll love it.



If you have any further questions, our ask box over on [Tumblr](#) is open 24/7! Send us your question!