

BLOOD OF A VILLAIN is a Persona 5 Royal fan anthology project revolving around the theme of a Phantom Thief other than Crow being the traitor/Black Mask.

This anthology will contain **full spoilers** for Royal, with Tactica and Strikers to be decided. Canon typical violence will be allowed and possibly be spotlighted due to our theme. Due to this, all interested applicants **must be 18+** by the time applications close.

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CONTACT

If you have any other questions, or have anything that needs clarification, you may contact us on any of our listed social medias!

☆ Twitter, via DMs
☆ Tumblr, via our ask box anonymously or otherwise
☆ Retrospring, via asking a question anonymously or otherwise
☆ Email, at traitorszine@gmail.com

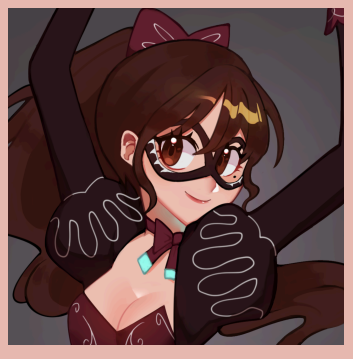
For easy access, you can also find all of this information on our Carrd.

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MODS

Head and Shipping/Financing

Xia



Twitter | Tumblr

EXPERIENCE:

Wish Come True — Head and Art Mod, Emergency Shipping/Finance Mod
SCRAMBLE! A Phantom Strikers Anthology — Head/Organization Mod
The Scars Are Fading — Art Co-Mod and Finance Intern
Le Blanc, Chat Blanc Zine — Graphics Mod
Bloom For You! Persona WLW Zine — Intern Mod
Bunxia Events — Co-Host
Amino Events Host — Persona Tarot, Merlin Christmas Exchange, Persona Valentine's Exchange

“Hello everyone! I am Xia, aka Xiabee :) I like girls and bees and cats!!!!!! I had a brain blast in October 2023 to make a zine with the theme of other PTs being the traitors, and here we are now! Personally I am a Traitor Haru supremacist, but I am super excited to see what everyone here has to offer :3c ”

Art

Sniper



Twitter

EXPERIENCE:

SCRAMBLE! A Phantom Strikers Anthology — Art Mod, Comic Artist

Winds of Blessing: An Akeshuake Travel Zine — Graphics Mod, Merch Artist

Sumitaba Week — Event Runner, Graphics, Art

You and Me Against the Universe! A Pearlina Fanzine — Comic Artist

One Day: Akeshuake Adventures in the Future — Spot Artist

Bloom For You! Persona WLW Zine — Spread Artist

“Hi everyone! I’m Sniper, and I’m really excited to be here! I can’t wait to see everyone’s AU’s and see which thief will get their hands a bit dirty. I’m a little biased towards traitor Sumire, but I’m especially looking forward to seeing any potential Ann or Futaba betrayals out there~ (◕ᴗ◕✿)”

Writing

Tzvia



Twitter | **Tumblr** | **Bluesky** | **AO3**

EXPERIENCE:

ANTITHESIS: A Joker/Crow Roleswap Zine — Writing Mod

Visions of a God: 2020 Death Note Calendar — Organization Mod

God’s Eye: Death Note Tarot — Writing Mod

Secret Shinigami Death Note Gift Exchange — Co-Host

Various Zines — Writing Contributor

“As you can probably guess from all my past Death Note projects, I adore fictional treachery. If I were writing a traitor AU, I would want to write Traitor Morgana—his relationship with Joker has a level of intimacy that would make it devastating. I’m thrilled to be part of this project, and I can’t wait to get my heart broken by all of your delicious ideas! <3”

Graphics

Bree



Twitter | Bluesky

EXPERIENCE:

One Day Zine — Interest Check Graphics

Other Events — various fandom event account graphics

“Hey there, I'm Bree! There's so much potential for every Phantom Thief to have their own traitor arc, but I'd love to see some villain energy from traitor!Yusuke. I just know he would have a wicked traitor costume design. I'm really stoked to see what everyone comes up with!”

Formatting

Rio



Tumblr

EXPERIENCE:

Memories of You: a Persona 3 Zine — Head Mod

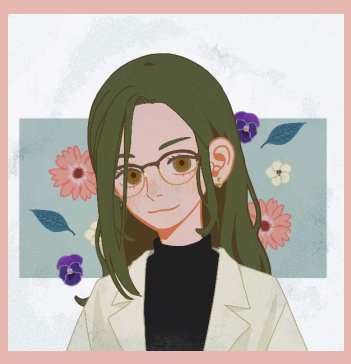
True Strength: Shiho Suzui Zine — Emergency Graphics & Formatting Mod

Sunrise: a KiriBaku Wedding Zine — Graphics & Formatting Mod

“Traitor thieves save me… I’m so excited to see what everyone creates; I’m especially excited for any traitor!Futaba concepts since she’s my favorite aside from Hero.”

Writer Intern

Aki



Twitter | Tumblr | Bluesky | AO3

EXPERIENCE:

Rivals Zine — Writer

Festival of Stars Zine — Writer

Celestial Zine — Writer

Royal Days: Royal Trio Fanzine — Writer

Other fandom events — Writer for Shuakeshu Artist Secret Santa 2020, Justice Reversed Reverse Bang 2021, Persona Big Bang 2021, Bunxia Spookiss Mini-Bang 2023

"I'm approaching my fifth year of P5 fandom and I'm so happy to be part of a zine from the mod side!! Can't wait to see other PTs dirtying their hands as well, especially if it's Sumire or Ann >:) "

Art Intern

Ore Kitsune



Twitter | Tumblr | Bluesky

EXPERIENCE:

Rivals Zine — Page Artist

Other Events — Mystic Messenger Collab, Kingdom Hearts "Our story" Collab (host), Genshin Pastry Collab (Host), Bunxia Spookiss Mini-Bang

"Hi, I'm Ore!!! I'm pretty much new in the fandom but really excited to participate ^_^ I enjoy drawing, singing or doing lots of different stuff!!! I'm excited to see everyones AU's, I must admit, I'm a little biased and hope to see smth with Akiren, Haru, Yusuke or sumi HSDIIHDS I wish everyone a good day, wherever you find yourself at <3"

Organization Intern

Ace Swervey



Twitter | Tumblr | Bluesky | AO3

EXPERIENCE:

Rivals Zine — Writer

Other Events — Bunxia Valentine's Day Exchange, Bunxia Spookiss Mini-Bang, Top Joker Exchange Event, 2020 Shuakeshu Artist Spicy Santa, 2015 and 2016 Portal 2 Secret Santa

"Hello hello, I'm Ace Swervey !! I like long walks on the beach, writing Goro Akechi, and have a track record of attaching to the traitors in stories, for some reason. So, basically, I'm living it up here. I am SO excited to see what people cook up, and must say I'm certainly looking very respectfully over in the traitor!Yusuke corner, right now."

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SPECS

BLOOD OF A VILLAIN will be an
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Digital/Physical Anthology

Physical merch to be decided. We plan to include about 45+ Artists, 15-20 Writers, and 5-7 merch artists. Numbers are subject to change based on our interest check.

Mods and contributors will be compensated with the digital anthology and all digital merch created. If break even is met, all mods and contributors will be given a full physical bundle as well.

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F.A.Q.

Is this a zine?
Yes, this is the sort of fan anthology typically referred to as a zine. However, because we are interested in possibly having mini traditional zines as merch, we are calling the main project an anthology to keep the distinction clear.

Can I apply for more than one position?
As a contributor, you can apply for multiple positions; however, you will likely only be selected for one.

Will there be a physical zine?
No, **there will be no physical zine for buyers**. However, if there is enough profit after preorders to accommodate it, **contributors** may possibly be compensated with a limited run of physical books. If this occurs, we will only be ordering enough for participants, and likely will **not** have leftovers.

What is a pinch hitter?
In the case that a contributor has to drop out of the anthology, mods will contact interested applicants not previously accepted into the project to fill in the drop. Pinch hitters will be exempt from the immediate next check in period but will not receive extra time past project deadline to work on their piece unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Please keep this in mind if you decide to accept a pinch hitter position.

Will shipping be allowed?
Light shipping will be allowed; however, because of our theme, we encourage applicants to pitch at least one non-ship themed idea.

Will this project contain NSFW?
Due to the nature of this theme, it is highly possible NSFW may be present within this project. *However,* we ask that explicit sexual encounters / graphic depictions of sex **not** be included in your project piece. Mentioned or implied sexual content will be allowed to a degree. Violence and canon-typical gore is encouraged! We ask that any interested applicants are 18 years or older by the time applications close out.

Will pitches have an effect on my application?
Applicants will be considered based primarily on their portfolio, not on whether you provided a pitch. However, if a tiebreaker is needed, we may consider pitches to help with the decision.

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THEME F.A.Q.

What exactly are you looking for theme-wise?
"What if someone else was the traitor instead of / in addition to Akechi?" is our theme. For example, what if Ann were the traitor? What if it were Yusuke or Haru? What if Joker teamed up with Akechi to betray the Thieves?

Is this an arcana swap?
This anthology is not focused on arcana swap. However, if you would like to include arcana swap in your specific piece (i.e., whoever the traitor is in your AU is also the Justice arcana), that will be allowed.

I have a written/drawn AU of this concept, can I use that for my pitch?

Yes, if you have a traitor AU already, you are more than welcome to use it for your pitch! However, your contribution to this zine must be **new material**, even if it builds on your pre-established AU. We will not claim any ownership over your design or AU, but we ask that any works made for the anthology stays under wraps under project release.

Does the character have to be in a Black Mask [design] specifically?

Nope, the traitor can be in their exact same outfit as in-game if you wish, no secondary / alternate outfit required! If you wish to create a secondary design OR new design all together, this will be allowed as well, but they must be YOURS. Please do not use other's designs without explicit permission.

Does this mean Black Mask Crow will not be available to make a pitch for?

Yes and no. Because this project is themed around other characters being the traitor, we ask that you steer away from Black Mask Crow themed pitches. If your pitch involves him as a secondary character or an accomplice, that is perfectly fine to put forward. **However**, works involving Akechi being a traitor will be limited, and such pitches will be judged on uniqueness & relevance to the anthology theme.





Can I pitch a non-Phantom Thief traitor?

If you have a unique, non-crack concept for a non-PT character being the Black Mask, feel free to submit it as a pitch! However, we plan to prioritize canon Persona-wielders for this project.

Could I create a piece where EVERYONE but Akechi is the villain?

If you can create a piece with all 8[+] characters within the given time frame and dimensions / word limit, yes, you can do so.

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CREATION PERIOD

Are pitches going to be assigned?

After contributors are accepted, they will be given a form to pitch their ideas for their piece and to rank their pitches in order of preference. Unless multiple people have very similar first choice ideas, we will try to give everyone their first choice pitch. :)

How long will we be able to work on our piece?

After contributors receive their pitch 'assignments,' they will have about 3 ½ months to complete all of their pieces. No extensions will be given for the final deadline except in extreme cases.

Will I be able to share WIPs on my social media?

We ask that all contributors refrain from sharing any WIPs of your piece on public accounts, but you may share WIPs **privately** amongst friends. However, if we learn that a contributor is (publicly **or** privately) releasing any WIPs, screenshots, or project information that are not theirs to share, that contributor may be removed from the project.

When can I post a preview of my project piece?

Once preorders have opened, contributors will be able to post a preview of about 25% (or less) of their piece to help boost project interest! Our Graphics Mod will make a project template border for contributors to use.

When can I post the full image of my project piece?

Once all customers have received their orders and the project is beginning to close out, you will be free to post your full piece! Past that point, your piece is completely yours to do with as you like. :)

Can I sell my piece as my own merch after the project concludes?

Yes! Your works are your own. Once all sales for the project have finished, you may use your contribution as you please. 💕