



Welcome:

Thank you to you all for your interest in the *Starscourage FFXV Goth Zine*. It has been in the talks for a long time now, and we are so excited to get this started! Please read the rules carefully, as we want to ensure this is a positive and wonderful experience for everyone. If you have any questions, visit the mod team section to reach out to any one of us.

Applicants:

We are seeking **10 writers**, **20 artists/cosplayers**, and **1 cover artist** to be a part of this zine. *If you are a cosplayer interested in this zine, please apply as an artist and specify that you want to contribute as a cosplayer. The intent is for every participant to receive at least a free copy of the zine!*

Tentative Timeline:

Applications Open	August 23, 2020
Applications Close	September 23, 2020
Contributors Contacted	September 30, 2020
Contributor Announcement	October 14, 2020
First Merch Check In	October 30, 2020
First Check In (Everyone Else)	November 10, 2020
First Cover Check In	December 1, 2020
Final Merch Submissions Due	January 3, 2021
Second Check In	January 10, 2021
Final Cover Submission Due	January 31, 2021

Final Submission Due (in zine work only)	February 15, 2021
Preorders Open	February 22, 2021
Preorders Close	March 31, 2021
Product production/shipment	April-May

The goal is to have things shipped and arrived in time for World Goth Day on May 22, 2021. Plan on posting your work online on World Goth Day as well!

General Rules for all Applicants:

1. Your piece **must** fit the Gothic theme. This can include any variation of the Goth culture, including subgenres such as pastel goth and industrial goth, as well as taking cultural considerations to the Gothic culture within the world of Eos into account.
2. Ships are allowed. Please consider your top 5 ships if you want to do a piece around it. We do not reject applications based on gender of the ship or if it is poly. Rarepairs are also welcome. Character x Reader and Character x OCs are not permitted.
3. You **do not** have to write or illustrate a ship or more than one character. As long as it is Gothic and FFXV it is welcome.
4. Pieces must be suitable for general audiences up to PG-13. If you are unsure if your piece fits within those parameters, please ask a mod for assistance.
5. AUs are welcome. Since the nature of the zine is based on the Gothic theme, AUs are acceptable as long as it fits the theme.
6. Non-con, abusive relationships, dubious consent, and underaged ships are not allowed.
7. There will be an option to contribute a secondary piece for a PDF version of the zine that is NSFW. As such, if you wish to do a NSFW piece, you **must** be 18 or older at the time of application to partake as a NSFW contributor. If you are under 18 you will be unable to contribute to the NSFW portion of the zine and will not have access to those channels on discord.

Writers:

5 writers will be assigned a 1000 word maximum and 5 writers will be assigned a 1500 word maximum. Please consider carefully which preference you have, if any. We will not reject an application based on preference, but you may be asked to write a shorter piece based on the number of applications.

All zine pieces need to be submitted via google docs or email and must be beta read. If you do not have a beta reader, don't worry. Someone from the mod team will beta read your work.

Poetry, letter writers, and other mediums of writing are accepted into the zine. If you intend to do an alternative written piece and are accepted, please let a mod know so we can determine the specs for your piece.

Artists and Cosplayers:

We are looking for 20 artists, including cosplayers if interested. Artists will need to submit a piece that is on a 5.8 x 8.3 portrait with an approximate allowance of 1/8" or 3mm on all edges as a bleed. It will be perfect bound.

We would like the submitted work to be 300 DPI but recommend you work at a bigger DPI if you intend on selling your work as prints after production is complete and delivery of our zine has been fulfilled.

Our printer uses CMYK for printing, so images must be done in CMYK. Submissions need to be a .tif or .psd file format.

If accepted, a template in the Discord chat will be provided. Please use it!

Cosplayers: please submit a piece similar to an artist piece in size and composition. All photography must have no watermarks or signatures from the photographer for the zine printing. Mods will work closely to ensure that cosplayers are able to fulfill their piece to the standards of the zine. If you are accepted as a cosplayer, you agree that you will contribute as a writer or artist in the event that you cannot fulfill the original piece intended due to matters such as COVID-19. In the event that it is deemed all three are not options, we will then seek a pinch hitter to fill your spot.

Other Specifications for Everyone:

All work submitted must be new and created exclusively for the zine. Do not include any previously published or posted works.

After contributor announcements are made, you can post a small preview on any media platform of your choosing (tumblr, twitter, patreon, etc). As such, we will let you know when you can start posting your pieces publicly- look for it being after the project is completed and the orders have shipped.

You may not get the first ship you want to include, depending on the number of applicants that wish to write or illustrate a ship. For that reason, we ask for flexibility with choosing your piece and keeping in mind if you cannot do your first choice that you have other options in mind, including a gen piece. Depending on how many applicants accepted that want to write or illustrate a ship, we may have to delegate ships based on your choices.

Please remember that the Gothic theme within FFXV must be the primary focus of your piece. The mods will determine if things are outside of the Gothic theme and need to be reworked. For that reason, constructive feedback may be provided from the mod team.

Zine Specifications:

We are working with an A5 size- 5.8" x 8.3".

Permissions:

By agreeing to all of the above and participating in the zine, you permit the work that you create for *Starscourge: A Gothic FFXV Zine* to be printed in or alongside (in case of any merchandise) the zine and used for the purposes of promoting the zine and your participation in it (e.g. social media posts, image previews, etc). The zine and the merch bundles will be sold to first cover production costs of the zine itself. After all costs are covered, all profits will be donated to the zine's designated charity. All contributors have permission to resell additional copies of the zine for a personal profit after the preorder sales have concluded. No one may sell another creators' works outside of the zine except for the creator of the work. Merchandise will only be available for resale to the original creators of said merchandise.

Your work will never be reproduced for purposes unrelated to the zine or displayed without your attribution attached to it. This is just to ensure that no one can prevent the whole zine from being sold by revoking their permissions for their work to be sold in it.

Discord Server Rules:

Rule 1: Be kind and courteous. No hate, bigotry, and anti-rhetoric will be tolerated and will result in an immediate kick from the discord and the project. For other issues regarding general behavior there will be a two strike policy. After the second strike you will be removed from the project.

Rule 2: No ship shaming is allowed. Be respectful of everyone's ships. If it's not a ship for you, just move on.

Rule 3: NSFW things must be kept in the NSFW channels. In order to contribute to the PDF extra as a NSFW artist, you must be over 18 and verify your age with a mod.

Rule 4: If you are sharing any art, credit the artist.

Rule 5: Please put a spoiler on anything that can be considered a trigger. If you are unsure if it's a trigger or not, then spoiler it. Better safe than sorry.

Rule 6: Please refer back to rule 1. We want this to be a creative space where all participants feel welcome. If for any reason you do not feel welcome, please reach out to a mod and we will do our best to mitigate the situation.

Note: Rules are subject to change and be modified as situations shift and arise, but the basic premise of being kind and courteous will always remain.

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Proceeds of the Starscourge: A Goth FFXV Zine will go to The Sophie Lancaster Foundation, a charity aimed at ending hate crimes against those who dress and look differently from the status quo. Find out more information about the foundation here:
<https://www.sophielancasterfoundation.com/index.php>

Special thank you to Data, Cat, and Xhidaka for allowing me to use their zine rules and guidelines from the Lost in Wars zine as a basis for creating these rules!

And thank you to all those who have shown an interest in this zine! This zine will be a success due to your interest and hard work! We look forward to each and every applicant and potential contributor and strive to make the application process as fair and equitable as possible!