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A Maria, Gerald and Shadow focused zine, that focuses on creators' interpretations of their relationship on the ARK.

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ABOUT THE ZINE:

This zine will be a **SFW for-free zine with digital merchandise**.
This zine will be **completely free** upon release.

Our goal of this zine is to present the various perspectives on **the events that happened on the Space Colony ARK** with the creation of **Project Shadow**. This zine will involve **Maria Robotnik**, **Gerald Robotnik** and **Shadow The Hedgehog**. It will also explore their relationships during their time on the Space Colony ARK.

We hope to explore **different canon and original events** within this zine. This will be a **gen zine** purely focusing on the **found family interactions** of the three.

Please check the **guidelines and FAQ** for more information about this zine.

PROJECT SPECS:

This zine will be a **digital zine with digital merchandise**.
There will be estimated around **20-25 contributors** (10 page artists, 5-10 writers, 5 merch artists).

SCHEDULE:

This schedule is **due to change**, but we will keep our **contributors and supporters** **updated** if any **drastic** ones are made.

Dates are in **DD/MM/YYYY** format.

Event	Date
Interest Check & Mod Applications	24/03/25 - 24/04/25
Contributor Applications	28/04/25 - 28/05/25
Contributor Results	31/05/25
Discord Join Deadline	04/06/25
Pitches Due	07/06/25
Check In #1	07/07/25
Check In #2	07/08/25
Check In #3	07/09/25
Final Check In	07/10/25
Final Submissions Due	12/10/25
Formatting Period	13/10/25 - 03/11/25
Final Release Date	08/11/25

MODERATION TEAM:

Mod Lumi
Host & Social Media Mod
" I have been a massive fan of Sonic since I was little! I am so excited to finally make some content for the fandom I have loved for so long! Let's do this! "

Experience:
➔ La Fleur (Host, social media & writer)
➔ Turnabout Ballroom (Co-host)
➔ One Conclusion (Organisation mod)
➔ The Three Musketeers (Co-host & organisation mod)
➔ The Adventures Of The Great Trial (Writer)
➔ Rainbow Girl (Discord mod)

Socials:
Twitter - Tumblr - AO3
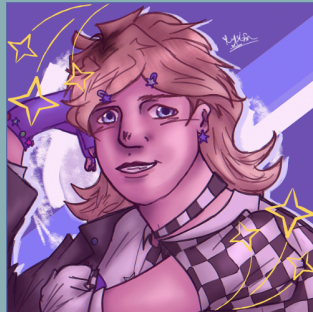

Mod Violet
Art Mod
" Shadow and Maria's story is one of my favorites in the Sonic franchise, I'm excited to be a part of this zine! "

Experience:

➔ La Fleur (Merch Artist)

Socials:
Twitter - Tumblr - Bsky - Instagram

Mod Rylas
Discord Mod
" I'm not too into sonic (although, it was definitely super relevant in my life growing up) but the movies made me cry and I would love to help out here so here I am! "
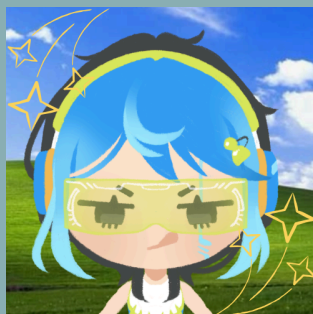
Experience:
➔ The Adventures Of The Great Trial (Head mod)
➔ Rainbow Girl (Head mod)

Socials:
Twitter - Tumblr - Bsky

Mod Sora
Graphics Mod
" I'm emotionally attached to shadow the hedgehog and his silly little boots "

Experience:
➔ Chicago FOB Zine (Graphics mod)
➔ Jingzhe zine (Graphics mod)
➔ Frutiger zine (Graphics mod)

Mod Attila
Formatting Mod
" i've been stuck with sonic for over 10 years now, he never leaves me alone "

Experience:
➔ Nevermind Regality (Host, Organization, Formatting mod)
➔ Unlocking Kitchens (Host, Organization, Formatting mod)
➔ Anthology of Artists (Formatting mod)

Mod Aster
Writing Mod
" shout out to my bestie who's been dragging me down the sonic rabbit hole for the past 8 months :] "

Experience:
➔ Ten Thousand Stars (Host, SocMed Mod + Promo Artist)
➔ What's Your Style (Host, Writing + Formatting Mod)
➔ Anarchy Zine (Art Mod)
➔ Vocalostalgia (Writing Mod, Writer)

Socials:
Bluesky - Instagram

Mod Koi
Intern Mod
" to my best friends who watched Sonic 3 with me, this is the culmination of that hyperfixation "

Experience:
➜ Sunshine Soap Zine (Beta Reader)

Socials:
Twitter - Instagram

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

➜ All applicants must be at least **16 years of age** by the time of the contributor application results. If you have any questions, please contact a mod.

➜ All applicants must have **a working discord account** that is able to join and check the updates and announcements on the zine's discord server. Applicants must have their **dms open** incase zine mods need to reach them as **discord will be our main point of contact**.

➜ Applicants and/or contributors must have **their portfolios able to be viewed**. Any portfolios we **cannot** see will be **disqualified**.

➜ Plagiarism of any kind is **not allowed and will not be tolerated**. This goes for any art or writing piece **made by AI**.

➜ As this is a full **SFW zine**, your portfolio, samples and final piece should **SFW**. If your portfolio contains **NSFW**, your application will be **disqualified**. Please include **a warning for any sensitive content** in your samples.

➔ Applicants **should be responsive**. We completely understand that we all have personal issues outside of the zine. If you will need extra time, please do tell us!

➔ This zine **WILL** have **spoilers** of **the events of Project Shadow**. Please take that into mind when applying.

Artist Portfolio Guidelines:

The link to your portfolio **must** include:

Four or more **finished** art pieces.

No NSFW examples of art.

Your art must be either **digital or, if traditional, scanned in high quality**. The former is encouraged.

Samples related to **Shadow The Hedgehog / Maria & Gerald Robotnik** are encouraged, but not required.

Writer Portfolio Guidelines:

The link to your portfolio **must** include:

Two or more **finished** pieces of writing.

No NSFW writing.

All examples must be **3,000 words or less**.

Samples related to **Shadow The Hedgehog / Maria & Gerald Robotnik** are encouraged, but not required.

CONTRIBUTOR REQUIREMENTS:

➔ **Accepted page** artists will be expected to create and **make 1 page or 1 spread** for the zine book. There will be an additional option to provide **small spot illustrations** for our writers and be a **pinch hitter**, if necessary. Spreads may depend on pitches if there is a high demand.

➔ **Accepted merch** artists will be expected to create and make **1 merch piece each**. There will be a list of merchandise that we are able to make digitally.

➔ **Accepted writers** will be expected to create and write **1 piece of writing**. The minimum word limit is 1k and the maximum word count is 3k in length.

→ Contributors will keep the rights to their work, but we ask that they **not** share, sell, or post their full pieces until after release. Previews are **allowed** during the **third check-in**. Please contact our mods for more information.

FAQ:

What is a zine?
An unofficial publication known as a fanzine is one that is created **by enthusiasts** of a specific cultural phenomenon **for the enjoyment** of other people who have **similar interests**.

How old do contributors have to be?
All contributors must be at least **16** at the time of application.

Will this zine contain not safe for work content?
This zine is **fully safe for work**.

Is this zine physical or digital?
This zine will be **only digital with digital merch**.

Can I apply for more than one position?
Of course, **you can apply for as many as you like**, however, you may only make **one** position for the final zine.

Can mods contribute a piece to the zine?
Yes, mods **are** allowed to create & submit their own pieces. However, like other contributors, they can **only submit one piece per person** and need to **tell the moderation team** if they plan to partake.

Do I need zine experience/skills?
Not at all, we **encourage all types of writers and artists** to take part in this zine! While skill does not matter, we recommend having some basic skills (e.g. rough anatomy).

How long will I have?
You will have up to **four months** to complete your piece for the zine with **four check-ins** during that period. Any issues can be raised with a mod.

What if I need extra time?

Although we have a creation period, we understand that people may have issues come up during that are beyond your control. **We are open to any extra time** you may need, just hit us with a message and we can get that sorted as soon as possible.

Will there be spoilers?

Yes, there **will be spoilers** for **the events of Project Shadow**. Please take this into consideration when applying. We hold no responsibility for spoilers being shown to you during the period of the zine.