

kyali's Completely Unnecessary D4DJ Story Reading Guide

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One of the things that makes D4DJ so enjoyable is that it has a relatively cohesive main story.

Typically, the main story is broken up into two halves:

- 1) Units run around and follow their own hopes and dreams
- 2) Everyone's stories converge at a common point

There's a lot going on and it can be hard to keep up to date with what's going on, so I made this guide to simplify things for new players.

Please read the FAQs at the end.

AS OF 26 November 2025, THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS



MAIN STORY



To start, you could, hypothetically, read **UNIT INTERVIEW -our DJ story-**. This is the event story for the 5th Anniversary and it is a recap event. I do not recommend this as anything other than a stepping stone with the intent of going back and reading the main story properly.

The recaps given in this story are watered down (of course) and biased (for characterization). It is good, however, **for deciding which unit you want to focus on first!**

☐ Pre-Groovy Mix

- ☐ **Watch D4DJ First Mix** OR The Story of Happy Around Manga (if you can get your hands on a TL)

☐ Chapter 1

- ☐ **Road to D4FES** (unlock by getting unit rank to 20, it's okay to start by just reading your faves first and come back later for the others)

☐ **D4FES Story**

☐ **Chapter 2**

- ☐ **Road to D4FES** (unlock by getting unit rank to 40, it's okay to start by just reading your faves first and come back later for the others)

If you are just here for Unichord, at least read Peaky P-key's. Michiru plays a big role. See FAQs if you are here for Abyssmare.

- ☐ **Road to D4FES–Call of Artemis** (DO NOT SKIP THIS you do not need dig rank for this)

☐ **D4FES Story 2**

☐ **Side Origin/Nova**

- ☐ **Side Nova 1**
- ☐ **Side Origin Photon Maiden**
- ☐ **Side Nova 2**
- ☐ **Side Origin Peaky P-key**
- ☐ **Side Nova 3 through 9**
- ☐ **Event story: Voice of the Goddess ~Sing with You~**

☐ **Post Side Origin/Nova**

- ☐ **XROSSBEAT** (all episodes)
- ☐ **Another Story: A Bad Cynic Doggo** (all episodes)
- ☐ **Another Story: Arisugawa Student Council Chronicles** (all episodes) (If you're a real gamer, you can track down the second lyrical lily stage play instead. But be warned that they retconned a looooooot of stuff in the Groovy Mix adaptation, so your experience will be very different from most of the fanbase).

EVENT STORY RECS

These are (for the most part) crowdsourced by the community!
A bunch of D4 Events are really just CGDCT fluff (Not that CGDCT isn't fun!). Others are shitposts (really good shitposts though!) These are THE important ones.

I recommend completing the main storyline before moving on to these.
That being said...

You can generally assume that **the Road to D4FES Stories** are **REQUIRED READING** for these with regards to the OG 6.

For Unichord and Abyssmare, read everything **up to and including XROSSBEAT** first.

For A Bad Cynic Doggo, you want to read their titular event first.

If you don't see one you think is important, message me at [@nyochioiscoming](#) on twitter



Units:

- ☐ **Happy Around**
 - ☐ **General:**
 - ☐ **Side Origin: Happy Around**
 - ☐ **Rinku**
 - ☐ **Jealousy -Link with your heart- - Rinku & Muni**
 - ☐ **Live A Happy Life**
 - ☐ **Maho**
 - ☐ **To Go Around Twilight Travel Sentiment**
 - ☐ **Muni**
 - ☐ **Starry Flowers With Loved One**
 - ☐ **Jealousy -Link with your heart- - Rinku & Muni**
 - ☐ **If It's For The Unknown 'You' - Muni & Shinobu**
 - ☐ **Rei**
 - ☐ **Happy Summer Splash!**
 - ☐ **Time Drifts Lazily - Rei & Esora**
- ☐ **Peaky P-key**
 - ☐ **General**
 - ☐ **Read The Prologue of Peaky P-key (manga) OR P-key Night's Memory**
(Event story, see FAQs)
 - ☐ **Encounters in Ancient Cities -The Peaky School Trip-**
 - ☐ **Kyoko**
 - ☐ **Symphonic New P-key's YEAR!!**
 - ☐ **Shinobu**
 - ☐ **The Loneliness In My Heart - Shinobu & Esora**
 - ☐ **Yuka**
 - ☐ **Peaky Stormy Story**
 - ☐ **Welcome Peaky's Freedom Summer**
 - ☐ **One of the Most - Yuka & Shinobu**
 - ☐ **Esora**
 - ☐ **Peaky Stormy Story**
 - ☐ **The Loneliness In My Heart - Shinobu & Esora**

☐ **Photon Maiden**

☐ **General**

- ☐ **The Starting of Photon Maiden manga** (if you can find a TL) OR New Year's Radiance Happy New Bright (the manga focuses on the whole group, but the event is Saki-focused. See FAQs)
- ☐ **Our Words are Guiding Signs - Towa & Noa**

☐ **Saki**

- ☐ **Don't Worry, Trust Me - Saki & Ibuki**

☐ **Ibuki**

- ☐ **Don't Worry, Trust Me - Saki & Ibuki**
- ☐ **Dear you, Aiming for the Goal - Yuka & Ibuki**

☐ **Noa**

- ☐ **Cyber Police Case Files**
- ☐ **Chocolate Project**

☐ **Towa**

- ☐ **Marine Girls Summer Live**
- ☐ **Cyber Police Case Files**
- ☐ **Sulking Maiden and Caring Angel**
- ☐ **It's my style - Towa & Marika**

☐ **Merm4id**

☐ **General:**

- ☐ **Watch D4DJ Double Mix**
- ☐ **Side Origin: Merm4id**

☐ **Rika**

- ☐ **Mutual Feelings, Conveys Emotions- Rika & Tsubaki**

☐ **Marika**

- ☐ **Two Flowers, the Stage for Dreaming - Marika & Dalia**
- ☐ **Take Me Groomy**
- ☐ **It's my style - Towa & Marika**

☐ **Saori**

- ☐ **The Sizzling Floor and Where I Belong - Rika & Saori**

☐ **Dalia**

- ☐ **Two Flowers, the Stage for Dreaming - Marika & Dalia**

☐ **Rondo**

☐ **General:**

☐ **Watch D4DJ Double Mix**

☐ **Tsubaki**

☐ **Because We Can't Play It Alone - Tsubaki & Nagisa**

☐ **Circling, Dancing, June's Song**

☐ **Where the Azure Song Goes**

☐ **Hiiro:** (More than anyone else's: you must read these three in order)

☐ **Prayers Will Surely be Answered**

☐ **Cloyingly Sweet Cocktail - Dalia & Hiiro**

☐ **A Girl Alone in Solitude**

☐ **Nagisa:**

☐ **Because We Can't Play It Alone - Tsubaki & Nagisa**

☐ **The Moon Fills the Stage ~The Tale of Genji~**

☐ **Aoi:**

☐ **My Prince - Aoi & Haruna** (This event is a little divisive, but it's an important read)

☐ **Side Origin: Rondo**

☐ **Lyrical Lily**

☐ **General:**

☐ **Side Origin: Lyrical Lily**

☐ **Miyu**

☐ **To My Future Self - Miyu & Miiko**

☐ **Haruna**

☐ **White Corsage of Dearest Love**

☐ **Kurumi**

☐ **Come Closer to the Nano Distance - Kurumi & Miiko**

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☐ **Unichord**

☐ **General:**

☐ **Summer ChØrd & The Four Secrets** (you can read this prior to Xrossbeat)

☐ **Lumina:**

☐ **IfChØrd 404: Not Found**

☐ **Michiru:**

☐ **The Magic!? of Halloween!**

☐ **Hayate:**

☐ **UniChØcolat To a Restless Heart, Eternity**

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☐ **Abyssmare**

☐ **General**

☐ **Transmitted Heat, The Heart at 100.4° F** (Or 38°C for you non-Americans)

☐ **Crossroads of Abyssmare**

☐ **Neo**

☐ **Encounters in Ancient Cities -The Peaky School Trip-** (Yes, this is a Peaky event. No, this is not a typo. Yes, please read it for Neo's character. It establishes her character outside of the context of Abyssmare.)

☐ **Sophia**

☐ **Dive into the Blue Abyss**

☐ **The Magic!? of Halloween!**

☐ **Victory for You ! (currently JP only)**

☐ **Elsie**

☐ **Dive into the Blue Abyss**

☐ **Weronika**

☐ **st(r)ay with you**

☐ **Victory for You ! (currently JP only)**

☐ **A Bad Cynic Doggo**

☐ **A Bad Cynic Doggo -Crimson-Tinged Sky Blue Blank-**

SUPER OPTIONAL: CARD STORIES

Not required reading in the slightest, but give little insights into characters that can be missed.
Look these up on Youtube probably.



Units:

Happy Around

- Rinku
- Maho
- Muni
- Rei

Peaky P-key

- Kyoko
- Shinobu
 - The Sound of a Played Flute
 - Neon Cyber Kitty Cat
 - White x Thanks
- Yuka

- **Esora**

Photon Maiden

Saki

Ibuki

Noa

Towa

Merm4id

Rika

Marika

Saori

Dalia

Rondo

Tsubaki

Hiiro

Nagisa

Aoi

Lyrical Lily

Miyu

Haruna

Kurumi

Miiko

Unichord

Lumina

Michiru

Hayate

Kokoa

Abyssmare

- **Neo**

- **RAVE 2023 1st Half**

- **Black & White**

- **Groovy Fes Track 2**

- The Greatest Stage
- Sophia
 - RAVE 2023 1st Half (Neo)
 - RAVE 2023 1st Half (Sophia)
 - [REVERSE] Solitude
 - The Greatest Stage
- Elsie
- Weronika

Call of Artemis:

Airi

Shano

Toka

Mana

A Bad Cynic Doggo:

Eimi

Bell

Shika

Date-chan

FAQs:

Q: Why is CoA not listed?

A: All of the Call of Artemis events released so far are required reading to enjoy the main plot. They are *that* important.

Q: Why is X event not listed?

A: Contact me! I'm not an expert on everyone and I'd be happy to clarify my reasoning or it's a unit I haven't done a deep dive on yet and no one has suggested the event go on the list!

Q: I want to read the Road to D4FES stories quickly! How do I get my unit rank up?

A: There are a few ways to go about this!

- 1) Read events stories! The event stories will unlock area conversations. Read the area conversations to get your unit rank up. To reduce the risk of spoilers, read the events that were released earlier first.
- 2) Doing lives. Both the characters on your main team and the ones on your support team will contribute to the amount of unit rank you get after a live!
- 3) Tbh you can probably find them on youtube or something

Q: Why are only side Origin Phomai and Peaky required reading? Why not the other 4?

A: Side Origin Photon Maiden sets up their new role in the plot. This has rippling effects throughout the story. Peaky P-key explores more into the backstory of LMO and sets the stage for all of the other units to go fight Abyssmare. The other Side Origin campaigns are important to their units, but not for the overarching story.

Q: Why aren't All Mix or Double Mix required?

A: All Mix is mostly fluff and isn't required viewing except for one very specific episode for Rondo. That's not to say that it's bad, but it's just not plot relevant. You can watch it any time after D4FES 1. Double Mix is only important within the confines of RonM4id.

Q: First Mix or... the Manga?

A: The Story of Happy Around manga is a beat for beat retelling of First Mix. It's your best introduction to the world of D4DJ and introduces the Yoba Trio (Happy Around, Peaky P-key, and Photon Maiden) who tend to take center stage (and cameo in each other's events), especially in earlier stories.

That being said, I recommend you find and watch First Mix.

Q: Manga vs Events

A: There are three different (relevant) D4 Manga. The Story of Happy Around (see above), The Prologue of Peaky P-key, and the Starting of Photon Maiden. The Peaky Manga has a

translation floating around that you can find (the first three chapters are VERY rough translations, be warned). As of writing, the phomai manga has no tl.

P-key Night's Memory: This is just a very, very watered down version of the manga. It's borderline not even worth reading except for the unit and dig rank. It literally tells you to go buy the manga that you can't buy outside of Japan.

New Year's Radiance Happy New Bright: If you know Japanese, find a raw of the phomai manga (it's out there) and read it over the event story. Unlike the Peaky Manga, it uses furigana and is thus friendlier to beginners at the language. If possible, read this over the event. Much like P-key night's memory, the phomai event is a water downed retelling of the manga.

If you can't track them down,

[Here](#) is the summary of the photon manga written by my husband.

[Here](#) is the summary of the peaky manga, also written by my husband.

I recommend at least tracking down the raws to read along or else you'll miss out on body language cues.

Q: Some characters look different between events! What gives?

A: For the first anniversary, some characters were given updated Live 2D models to reflect the passage of time! Maho's hair is longer, Yuka and Hiroy both got bangs. I think they made Michiru a little taller.

Q: When do UniChØrd/Abyssmare appear?

A: They appear starting in Side: Nova. I *highly* recommend following *at least* one of the OG 6 units' story to that point, however. Michiru, who plays a bigger role in Side Nova, appears as soon as the first D4FES. I think you can better appreciate the Side Nova story if you watch her from her first appearance!

Q: No, really. I only care about UniChØrd and Abyssmare

A: Okay fine.

If you are here for UniChØrd, read through Happy Around's Road to D4FES 1. Read Peaky P-key's Road to D4FES 2.

If you are here for Abyssmare, the path you should take is based on the character(s) you like.

- Elsie and/or Sophia—follow UniChØrd

- Neo—follow Peaky P-key
- Weronika—follow Photon Maiden
- I don't know/don't care—I recommend Peaky P-key because they end up becoming rivals (as stated by the game) or UniChØrd's recommended viewing guide (because Abyss is tied at the hip to UniChØrd).
 - Wait if you don't care then why are you reading this part of the FAQ?