

DIMIDUE BIG BANG



Thank you for your interest in the [Dimidue Big Bang](#)! This event is centered around creating long fanwork for the ship between Dimitri Alexandre Blaiddyd and Dedue Molinaro. We hope to run the biggest bang for the biggest men!

You can follow us on [Twitter](#) or send us a question on [CuriousCat](#).

SCHEDULE

~~Interest Check: August 4 – August 18~~

~~Sign Ups: August 22 – September 5~~

~~Writer Outline Submission Phase: September 6 – September 19~~

~~Artist Selection Period: September 21 – September 27~~

~~Assignments Given: September 28-29~~

~~Check One: November 14~~

~~Check Two: December 19~~

Check Three: January 23

Posting Begins: February 14

Posting Ends: February 20

Exact dates are subject to change.

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Dimidue Big Bang?

The Big Bang is a fan event focused on creating longform fic with accompanying art for Dimidue. An artist and author are partnered together so the author writes a fic and the artist makes art for them.

All content that is Dimidue centric is accepted -- including but not only AUs, polyam ships with Dimidue, and so on -- with only a few restrictions (see "[Guidelines](#)" below). If you have questions or concerns, please reach out via CuriousCat so we can help out!

Who are the mods?

There are three main mods! All of us love Dimidue and we're super excited to bring this event to life.

[Donnie](#) -- He/Him -- @dmisunbreakable

[Elliot](#) -- He/Him -- @ashes8012

[Milly](#) -- She/Her -- @meowcosm [Likes may content NSFW content, please view responsibly]

We also have an art mod who is drawing all of our fantastic graphics!

[Helen](#) -- She/Her -- @fireemblazem

How will this be run?

After the interest check, the mods will organize sign ups for artists, writers, betas, and pinch hitters. Betas and pinch hitters, based on interest, may or may not be contacted before assignments but the mods will be in touch after assignments are made.

If contributors are interested in working in duos, they will be allowed to do so (see [“FAQ”](#) below).

Writers will then be contacted for their pitches, which will be compiled and presented to the artists. They will then have the option to select their top three writer pitches. All the pitches will be anonymous, so artists will not know who they are signing up for. Mods will decide final assignments so that everyone will be in an artist and writer duo.

Once assignments are given, everyone will be contacted via email. All updates will be emailed, but if there is interest we will also set up a Discord server for folks to connect.

There will be a minimum of three progress checks throughout the process. Mods will reach out to make sure that everyone is on track to finish their work.

Once a posting period is decided, mods will determine the exact schedule. Based on the number of participants, this may be structured over multiple days or weeks.

Exact dates will be determined after the interest check with a minimum four month creation period.

[CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION](#)

[WRITERS](#)

While the minimum word count will be determined by the interest check, we encourage writers to expect to write at least 15k. There will be a minimum of five months for the creation period with posting starting after that.

All writers are expected to have a summary or strong concept by sign ups and will be asked for an outline for assignments. See "[Assignments](#)" for more detail on how that process will be run.

ARTISTS

Artists will be asked to complete at least one fully colored and rendered piece for their author. If they prefer multiple black/white pieces or a small comic, they may discuss that with their author upon matching.

BETAS

We are encouraging every writer to have a beta to assist them during or after the writing process. If one does not have a beta, we will compile a list of folks who are available and provide their information for authors to reach out.

PINCH HITTERS

In the situation where someone must drop in the middle of the event, pinch hitters will be contacted to fill the position. They will be expected to contribute a less intensive piece, based on the amount of time left until the end of the event. More details will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

PROCESS INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENTS

After sign ups are completed, writers will be contacted to submit a full outline for their fic. Writers will have a week to do so. They will also be asked to include any content warnings, whether something is NSFW/SFW, and any sideships. These results will anonymously be presented to the artists. All artists will be given a week to select their top three prompts. The mods will then organize the matches and send the results to everyone after another week. By week three, all participants should be matched and creation can begin.

Please note that minors are required to work on SFW projects only. During sign ups, we will have a section to indicate whether minors are comfortable matching with adults and vice versa.

Additionally, artists will have the option to work on two fics if they request it, based on availability of writers. Folks will also have the option to be both an artist and writer if they would like, though we want to encourage self-care and self-restraint take precedence.

CHECK-IN EXPECTATIONS

There will be three check-ins through the process, spaced based on the timeline that is decided from the interest check. The checkpoints are flexible and should be seen more as guidelines rather than hard deadlines. If you feel you are set to finish by the completion date, then we are fine with that. However, these progress checks are to help give folks an idea as to where they should be with their project at any given time.

Additionally, artists will have their check-in a week or two after writers in order to give them additional time to work off of what their writer has created.

First Check-In:

Suggested 25% completion for writers, sketches/early drafts completed for artists.

Second Check-In:

Suggested 50% completion for writers, flats/lineart or similar completed for artists.

Third Check-In:

Suggested 75% completion for writers, colors/base or similar completed for artists.

GUIDELINES

CONTENT

Pretty much all content is accepted! We want to see AUs! We want to see angst and fluff. We want slow burn and established relationship and we want to see everything in between.

The mods want to encourage creativity and freedom of expression for all participants. However, there are some guidelines that we will follow during this process.

This bang does not allow the following content:

- Incest
- Pedophilia (adult/minor)
- Significant power imbalance between two characters (such as teacher/student) used to take advantage of another, such as bypassing consent in sexual situations.
- Explicit depictions of underage sexual content*
- Explicit depictions of non/dub con*
- Explicit depictions of sexual assault*

*Fade to black or implied content is accepted

Additionally, we want everyone to consider the racism and ableism that Dedue and Dimitri respectively face, along with the other aspects of their lore that can cause distress. While we will not ban dark content, we want to be clear that this should be an uplifting and positive event.

If there are concerns, we will reach out on a case-by-case basis. This includes if there are any concerns about white washing Dedue in art. If contributors have specific questions, we encourage them to reach out via CuriousCat or Twitter.

[NSFW content](#) is allowed. However, we require that minors only create SFW content. Participants will also be asked if they are comfortable being matched with a minor/adult.

[Sideships](#) are also permitted, as are polyam ships including Dimidue. However, we ask that the fic at least is predominantly focused on the dynamics between Dimitri and Dedue, since the bang is about them!

[PREVIEWS](#)

We ask that all participants keep as many details private as possible leading up to the posting dates, as part of the joy of a bang is the final reveal. This is especially important while assignments are still being determined, as we want artists to select prompts based on the content and not the writer.

[POSTING](#)

Each duo will be assigned a posting date. An AO3 Collection will be organized and folks are encouraged to promote their work on social media once the full piece is posted. Exact dates will be determined once the interest check is completed. The mods will do their best to limit the number of fics posted on a given date to avoid flooding the tag.

Fics that take place over multiple chapters will be given an initial posting date for the first chapter or first 10k, whichever is greater.

[SAMPLE PITCH](#)

Not sure what to include in your writing summary or how to write a good outline? This is a sample to use as inspiration!

Rating: T

Background Ship(s): None

Tags: Alternate Universe, Meet Cute, Slow Burn, Excessive Metaphors

Summary: The Tragedy of Duscur never happens. Dimitri ascends the throne of Faerghus and Dedue becomes a blacksmith in Duscur. They meet while Dimitri is on a diplomatic mission to Duscur, except Dedue doesn't realize that he's speaking with the king of Faerghus. Hijinks ensue.

Outline:

- Dedue talks with his sister about how it's been really busy because the king of Faerghus is visiting and how it's a big deal.
- The next day, Dedue and his sister watch the diplomats from Faerghus arrive. King Dimitri is wearing a helmet so his face can't be seen.
- Later, Dimitri has a huge headache and runs away from the palace to try to escape his own responsibilities. He gets a bit lost and ends up in Dedue's smithy, where he lies and says his name is Felix. He panics and ends up promising to commission a sword from Dedue before leaving.
- Dedue starts working on the sword. He considers how it's an odd situation, but doesn't think more on it.
- Dimitri is bored out of his mind in a meeting and thinks about Dedue, who he has been visiting frequently. He is so distracted that he doesn't pick up on how someone's daughter is flirting with him, which Glenn makes fun of him later for.
- Dimitri and Dedue talk at the blacksmith once again and Dimitri sees the progress Dedue has made. Impressed, Dimitri asks about Dedue's other work. Dedue bashfully talks about a project he is working on called golden joinery (kintsugi), which is when broken pottery is fixed with golden lacquer. Dimitri finds it beautiful, which surprises Dedue.
- The next day, Dedue is meeting some friends in a park when Dimitri and his group walk in to visit. The two do a poor job pretending not to know each other, much to the amusement and confusion of their friends.
- Later, Dimitri comes and asks Dedue on a date. They agree to meet the next night at the park.

- Dedue waits for several hours at the park but Dimitri doesn't show up. He's incredibly upset and his sister tries to comfort him.
- In the morning, Dedue learns that the palace was attacked by assassins. He goes and manages to convince one of the guards to fetch Felix, who he thinks he's been talking to this whole time. Felix - the real one - comes. There's a moment where Dedue is almost thrown out, but Dimitri comes and explains the situation.
- Dedue is working at his forge when Felix comes. The two talk and Felix determines that Dedue has not just been using Dimitri for his own gain. Felix tells Dedue that they are all leaving tomorrow and promises to let Dedue see Dimitri if he would like.
- Dimitri is getting ready to go when Dedue arrives. The two talk and Dedue gives Dimitri the sword he commissioned as well as a pot that he has fixed with his golden joinery process. Dimitri asks Dedue to come with him and Dedue agrees. The two kiss.

[FAQ](#)

[Can I participate as a writer and an artist?](#)

Folks are allowed to be both! Please consider your own health and workload first though.

[Can I sign up with a friend?](#)

Artist/writer duos are accepted. If two writers would like to work on the same fic or if you want to sign up as an artist/writer duo, both participants will have to indicate as such on their sign-up form.

[Do I need to have written/drawn Dimidue before to participate?](#)

No, we encourage folks to sign up even if this is their first time creating for the ship. We strive to be welcoming and provide good resources for new and old fans alike.

[What do I do if I need to drop?](#)

It is okay, we understand it happens. However, **IMMEDIATELY** contact the mods and let them know the situation so we may arrange a pinch hitter.

[Can I draw for two fics?/Can I write two fics?](#)

We are open to folks volunteering to draw for more than one fic. Exact need will be determined once sign ups are closed. For writers, we will allow folks to sign up for two projects but encourage them to prioritize one in case the artist-writer ratio does not meet perfectly.

[Will there be a Discord? Do I have to join?](#)

We will create a Discord if there is sufficient interest. Participation is not required, as all updates will be emailed. However, we encourage folks to join.

[Do I have to have my fic betad'd?](#)

We recommend that everyone have a beta or reach out to one of the folks who offer to beta. Technically, we cannot force you to do this, but we consider it beneficial for fics to have another pair of eyes review them before posting.

How old do I have to be to participate?

We are asking that all participants be at least 16. Minors will not be permitted to create NSFW content and will be given the option to opt in/out of working with an adult. Vice versa, adults will have the option to not work with a minor.

What if I change my idea?

If you change your concept, it must be done before the first check-in. If you have already been paired with an artist, we will need their approval of your new idea before it is changed. We strongly suggest that no changes are made since that will delay the creation process.

What if I cannot meet the wordcount?

If you cannot meet the wordcount by the posting deadline, we will offer an amnesty period, subject to availability and need. We encourage writers to work with the mods directly if they are worried about meeting the wordcount.

What do I do if I am uncomfortable with someone else's prompt/art?/How will content be moderated?

If content makes someone uncomfortable but does not break the guidelines listed above, the situation will be handed on a case-by-case basis. We want this event to be fun and welcoming for all creators, but also want to acknowledge that Dimitri and Dedue both have very difficult backgrounds and there are many subjects that have to be handled with consideration and care.

Folks are encouraged to use content warnings and to do their research on subjects that they may not have the strongest familiarity with. Additionally, there will be separate sections for SFW and NSFW content and participants

will have to opt into NSFW content. Again, participants under 18 will not be able to engage with NSFW content.

Can I pick a posting date? What if the date I'm assigned doesn't work?

The mods will be assigning participants posting dates. As the completion of the project nears, and depending on the number of projects, duos will be asked whether they want an early, middle, or late posting date.