Ätzend [ET-send]

adj.

1. (lit.) corrosive
2. (colloq.) lousy, awful

Role Play Basics

Locations

I am comfortable doing:

✘ Comment
✔ Chats [private server]
✘ Notes
✘ Forum
✘ Skype
✔ Google Docs
✔ Other [DM]

For one on ones and very small groups I find DMs easiest to keep track of, namely on Discord, but Google Docs and private Discord servers (or channels in group servers) are both fine too! I don't like using other locations, sorry! In particular I will not use Skype anymore, as I've lost countless messages and message archives using it.

Participants

I am comfortable with:

✔ One on one role plays.
✔ Up to three people.
✔ Up to four people.
✔ Five or more people!
✘ As big as possible!

I like groups! However, I dislike very big groups. With more than like 20-25 players (not characters, players) I struggle to get invested, since I have a four year old child and struggle to keep up with lots of non-stop activity.

Post Length

I usually write about:
✔ One or two sentences.
✔ One or two paragraphs.
✔ Two to five paragraphs.
✔ More than five paragraphs.
✔ A few pages worth.
I can do it all lol. One on one or in very small groups I prefer making larger posts because… I can write a lot lol but in larger groups I'm comfortable using script too. I usually match my partner/s. I can't really measure in traditional paragraphs due to my writing style, but generally my posts fall between 300 and 750 words depending on my partner and what I have to work with. I like to make sure every word of my posts further either the action or the character development, rather than just padding to look impressive, so however many words I need to get the job done!

I am comfortable role-playing with people who write:
- One or two sentences.
- One or two paragraphs.
- Two to five paragraphs.
- More than five paragraphs.
- A few pages worth.
Quality >>> quantity!!! Cannot stress this enough!! If you write a few pages worth but it's nothing but interior monologue then I have nothing to respond to. If you write a paragraph or two with a really good prompt then I can go all out! And vice versa too, natch lol.

Role-play Requests

I like getting requests from:
✘ Anyone and everyone at any time!
✔ When I ask for role-plays.
✔ From friends and acquaintances.
✘ From friends only.
I'm a *lot* more comfortable getting requests from fellow group-mates, but I don't like calling it "friends only" -- if we're both in the same group but haven't talked much yet, let's go for it anyway! Best way to *become* friends, right? :)

Romantic Relationships

*** Important: Communication is the key to a real life relationship, it shouldn't be abandoned for a fictional one either! Be sure to talk to your partners when considering romance!*

** Addendum by Ätzend: Shipping in general is not my primary directive when it comes to RP. I don't intentionally seek it out and I'm not just looking to quickly pair off every character I have just for the sake of having them in a pairing. That said, I am still always open to give a ship a try if it makes sense or seems fun, and if my partner and I plan it! My main discomfort is that I dislike pure "fluff" shipping, us posting back and forth about sitting around plotlessly being in love, or nothing but every day typical domestic life, and basically ignoring everything else going on. I'm married and have a child, I'm not comfortable with nothing but fluff lol. On top of that, I like to be able to actually develop a character how I see fit, which may at times end up negatively impacting a shipping partner's character. I wouldn't spring a major negative development on a ship partner without mentioning it to them first, but if said partner just wants a cute domestic fluff ship where nothing bad happens, I'm just not a good fit.
Additionally, just about every character I use for RP is a character in an external story, and used for RP as a means of developing them outside of the confines of their canon story. That is to say, any RP group is completely non-canon, as are any relationships formed in them, romantic or not. If you want a completely exclusive canon relationship, I'm not your girl, sorry!

Shipping

I am comfortable shipping my characters:
- Never.
- Our character know each other deeply.
- Our character know each other deeply, and I know I can trust the role-player.
✘ At the first sign of flirting!
✔ Only if the role-player and I plan it.
✔ It depends on the character.

It *absolutely* depends on the character lol. There are some characters I have that are asexual [Hektor], aromantic [Benny], both [Antonella], or just plain don't seem shippable to me for one reason or another [usually new ones whose orientation hasn't developed lol], and so they may need to meet particular requirements for a partner. For example Antonella in particular is flat out antisocial and the chances she'll approve of a relationship are… slim to none lol. Always feel free to ask though, no matter the character! Even my little ice queen might thaw for someone suitable :)
Let's be honest though if your character just starts flirting out of nowhere I'm probably not gonna think you're seriously intending to start a relationship and I'll just reply with a shitpost cos I am ätzend (colloq.) :P

If you want to ship with my characters:

✔ Talk to me about it from the start.
✔ Talk to me about it once our characters know each other.
✘ Talk to me about it once they both have some feelings for each other.
✘ Talk to me about it when they finally decide that want to go beyond hugging.
Please talk to me about it from the start!! If you think our characters would be a good match, bring it up! Otherwise I won't even *have* a character develop feelings for yours so that bulletpoint won't even come to fruition lol.

Speed

When shipping my characters, I like the romance to happen:
✘ Swift as lightening!
- Fast, but not super fast.
- Happens in about three months.
- Slow and steady wins the race.
- Slugs know what's up!
✔ My relationships know no speed. They happen if they happen.
As with everything else here, it wholly depends on the characters in question. Not super crazy about "we've decided to ship characters now let's quick get them together so we can dwell on their long idyllic romance!!" type though. See addendum at the top of this segment lol.

Smut

When my characters gets intimate, I prefer:
- To skip the act entirely.
- To write the build up, but skip the act.
- To write the act only if it is very special, but otherwise skip it.
- To write the act all the way through.
I am totally fine with all of the above, and have done all of the above. But *please* for God's sake let there be *more* going on than just smut!! I'm fine with writing it all the way through for no special reason -- I do have characters who happily indulge in casual hookups -- but lord have mercy *please* don't let 85% of their interactions just be constant smut!! Yes I've had partners like this. Keyword: had. If I feel like you're just using RP to get your rocks off I'm gonna bounce.

Romantic Artwork

When it comes to artwork depicting our relationship please:
✘ Do not post it at all without talking to me.
- Post it if it is cuddles and hugs.

- Post it if it is kisses.
- Post it if it is much more.
- Do not post it at all if it depicts sexual acts!
✘ Do not post it where I can see it, but draw what you like! [✘ is only for the first part, I'm fine if you post where I can see!]
Draw or commission all you want! Post it all you want! And I'd LOVE to see, ofc :)

Dramatics

*** Important: Always be sure to communicate with your partner individually if you think you are about to go outside their comfort zones even just the slightest bit!!*

Violence

When it comes to violent situations, I am comfortable with:
- No violence at all!
- I'm fine with verbal arguments!
- Some violence, like a paper cut, or an accidental elbow to the face.
- Mild violence, such as punching, kicking, hair pulling.
- Violence, such as stabbings.
- Beyond violence, such as torture and more.

I am fine with e v e r y t h i n g lol. Outside of RP I'm primarily a horror writer. I'm not gonna be bothered by anything. As with everything here though I value story over all. Long as it makes sense [ie: not just torture porn for torture porn's sake] let's go for it!
The only thing I'm absolutely not okay with doing is anything concerning sexual violence. To anyone or anything, any age, any species. This is not a trigger stipulation; it's a moral stipulation. I'm not bothered by mentions of it -- I'm fine with it being mentioned or having happened in a character's past, or offscreen, or similar -- but I will absolutely *not* act this out with you, including fade to black, no exceptions.

If you are going to do something violent, please:
✘ Don't do it at all.
✔ Talk to me about it first.
✔ Surprise me!

Do please talk to me about it if it's something huge [ie: loss of a limb], as I may have to say no if it conflicts with something I have planned. Chances are though I'll say go for it! [And if it does conflict with something I have planned, I'll most likely say "after I do X then you can" ;P]

Dramatic Artwork

- Do not post any dramatic scenes that that happened between our characters.
- Talk to me about it before posting!
✔ Post what you like!
Do what you like! Share the love! And as always I'd love to see if you do :P

Miscellaneous Notes

-I am older than 25. I will not under any circumstances RP privately* with anyone under 18.
-I almost exclusively join groups that are strictly 18+ but every once in a while have had ones that make an exception for players who are 17. If you're 17 *and we're in the same group* I'd rather not RP privately but I won't ignore you in public RP or public OOC, I'll happily engage as long as it's public! This is the only exception. If you're 17 and we've never met before though, sorry, I'll be turning you down.

-I am a stay at home mom to a four year old with a communication disorder, and am therefore occupied during the day. As a phone poster I do have access to my messages at all times, but may not be available to do more than casually chat OOC or, in the case of script groups, send very short posts. If you're waiting on a response from me and see me posting, don't worry, I haven't forgotten you! I just may not be able to focus on writing a coherent long form reply at the moment. I'm in GMT -5 (EST) and my son goes to bed typically at 8pm my time -- you'll see my activity pick up a lot around then lol.

-I struggle with severe treatment-resistant depression. I never talk about it because lol who cares but I'm bringing it up here just in case. I have absolutely no problem at all with characters who struggle with and suffer from depression. I *do* have a problem if someone tells me to my face that their fictional character's fictional depression is more serious and more worthy of respect than the real depression I really have. Yes someone has said this to me before.

-Somewhat related to the above, despite not volunteering that information much on my own, I am a(n almost) complete open book and if you want to ask me questions about ANYTHING -- depression, motherhood, CAS, something in German you need to translate, places to go in NYC* or Boston or Hartford... … what it's like to have your gallbladder removed whatever -- for research purposes (or just for fun I guess lol) don't be afraid to ask!

-If you haven't noticed, I'm very easygoing and open to just about everything lol. I only have a few hard limits and (I think) they've all been mentioned here. :) Don't ever be afraid to ask me anything!

* the answer is Le Pain Quotidien. Get their Belgian waffles. They're amazing.