Halloween Big Bang 2021 Rules and Guidelines

A big bang is a writing event where authors write long fics under a given topic. This big bang is Halloween themed. The hope is to have enough artists and writers that one of each can be paired together. Unfortunately if we don't have enough artists then writers can choose to be paired with another writer or write their piece on their own. This will also be the same idea if we have more artists and less writers. However if someone does not want to collab at all that will be an option as well.

However if everything works out then we should have a writer being paired with an artist. Sign ups will open in March for artists and writers. The event will run until October-November 2021.

1. All works must be new and unpublished. No plagiarism! Please don't steal from other writers or artist and claim the work as your own. You should be submitting an original piece for the Big Bang.
2. All works will be posted on Archive of Our Own (AO3) and there will be a group tag once we get closer to the due date. For Artists a link must be provided to your writer to be posted in the AO3 fic.
3. Writers and Artists must be able to communicate either through Tumblr, Twitter, Discord, or email (whichever is preferred).
4. You may provide your own artist and editor if you'd like; if this applies to you, be aware you will still follow the check-ins outlined in the schedule. Any concerns contact a mod.
5. No incomplete works. Make sure the work is spellchecked and at it's best. If you are unsure there is a beta channel you can have your work reviewed by a beta reader.
6. As a reminder, we are looking for narrative stories, not movie scripts. If you need help or would like guidance, please let a mod know.
7. Please familiarize yourself with the schedule and deadlines. The schedule can be found in the Discord channel labeled "Schedule".
8. When inspiration strikes, please check in with a mod to make sure it is something that fits into the Halloween theme. We need to know your idea so you don't waste time writing your piece only to be told later it cannot be accepted because it didn't follow the guidelines.
9. Please do not share your work until after the event is over. You are welcome to post your piece to AO3/Tumblr/Wordpress/wherever after the event. Treat your work as an exclusive piece - we are!

Writers:

- Minimum word count is 3,000 words for the mini bang. For the big bang a minimum of 5,000 words but if you wanna go above that go for it!
- Any violence or AO3 warnings must be applied. For example please state in tags if a character dies, or if there is abuse, or sexual content.

Artists:

- You can use any type of art media to create your work! If you chose to do traditional media (ink, paint, etc.), simply make sure you are able to capture your work via a camera or some other device that can convert your work into a Jpeg, CYMK, or other form that can easily be linked.
- No incomplete sketches. Please make sure the art is completed either by being colored or inked.
- Cosplay will not be allowed or photos of individuals.
- If you want to do a comic panel, go for it!

NSFW Guidelines

Ok so this is going to be new for me. I'm allowing NSFW content for this Big Bang since AO3 has multiple NSFW on it's site and as long as it's properly tagged I'm fine with it. As for artists if your artwork is NSFW it has to be cropped in a way no one could guess it was NSFW. AKA please don't zoom and crop the dick of your image as the crop piece. Maybe a face or hand but please not that.

If you are under 18 you are not allowed to participate in NSFW material period. I do not care if you are an artist or writer under 18 means no NSFW at all you can make it PG-13. If a mod finds out you lied about your age. You will not be allowed to participate in the Big Bang and will be removed from the discord. Below are some PG 13 guidelines.

PG-13/Mature – i.e., kissing, making out, heavy petting of the non-explicit variety, fade to black scenes, blood, and minor injuries are allowed. No explicit sex or gore will be included.

For artists once the event starts you can post your work once your writer has posted their work. Writers you will need a link to the artists works placed in the note section of AO3. This link will be the link to the cropped NSFW image and if they want to continue to the full piece then they will need to click the next link which will show the full art piece.

The main goal is to have the writer and artist posting their piece at the same time. If anyone is confused by the wording above please contact me (Roshy) on discord and I will explain further.

Schedule

(Schedule subject to change at any time)

Sign-ups open: March 1st, 2021
Sign-ups close: April 5th, 2021
Fic summaries due by: April 12th, 2021
*Artists claiming opens: April 19th 2021
Artist claiming closes: April 23rd, 2021
Artists assigned: April 27th, 2021 (Fics should be in progress by this date at the **latest**)
Pinch-hitter sign-ups open: May 3rd, 2021
Check-In #1: May 3rd, 2021
Pinch-hitter sign-ups close: May 10th, 2021
Check-In #2: June 7th, 2021 *Last Day to Drop*
Check-In #3: July 5th, 2021
Check-In #4: September 20th, 2021 Final Submit day (If you need more time notify Mod)
Posting dates assigned by: October 11th, 2021
Posting period begins: October 25th, 2020 until all fics are published (one per day). (subject to change depending on how many participants there are.)

If an artist and a writer say they want to collab together before the official artist claiming period they can be automatically assigned together. Based on first come first serve basis.

Check-In Information

- If you need more time, please DM a mod as soon as possible so we can accommodate.
- Check ins are a simple way to give the mod a heads up if you are having a rough time or need some help brainstorming or advice. It's basically used to keep the participant on track and give a warning to the mod if a participant may need more time later on. I don't expect finished pieces by the first check in. If you do that's amazing and kudos to you. I only expect you to have started on your work by the first check in.
- Use each check in as a guideline of having 25% of your work done by each check in. For example first check 25% done, second check in 50% and so on.

If you don't have that percentage done by that check in day not a big deal. Real life happens just notify the mod.

Writer Summaries

For artist claim purposes, a 100-300 word summary must be provided by writers by April 12th to the mod. Writer summaries will be anonymously assigned a number to avoid any bias.

Summaries must include:
- Basic plot and warnings such as will it be NSFW, violence, gore, anything you feel the artist should know.