

Clients.

I was skipping around and testing the hardest comms with my muse and asking about refunds, but I'll just go through the whole list. (I didn't consider this progress that's why the list is unchanged in progress) I work better under pressure, but a list that long is still daunting on the psych and you all have waited so long, so this will whittle it down and make things easier for me and those that stay on. I'm going to send a new email out to everyone on the main list (or hit a shared social if they appear active), so if you got one or lost a previous one, you don't have to go looking for it, just answer the latest one. If you've already answered my message, you won't receive a new one.

I'm finally in a position I can either do the comm, or refund. But I'd like to know which ones I'm actually still doing before starting. I will be contacting you in sets. You can actually see your sets color coded on the commission list right now. I know there's multiple of the same people, but you will only be counted once.

First catch:

Attendance Protocol. You **MUST** answer the message I send out, even if you want to continue. This is actually an **attendance litmus test** to see if you are still there. I don't finish a comm if you don't review the roughdraft. I also don't hunt for you, I don't background check anyone that commissions me (for plausible deniability) so if you have another alias you haven't detailed to me, I have no idea. For those who haven't experienced this before I will clarify the Attendance Protocol at the end.

For the first 5 set of people (color coded on the client list), if you don't answer in the two weeks after you receive your message, the protocol will be activated. I will be contacting in sets over this week. The **FIRST** set is the only one that has two weeks. Second set has 3, third set has 4, fourth has 5, ect. But to **START** commissions in 2 weeks, I need my first set to answer.

If you do answer within the pending 2 month time, (and prove you are the original if applicable-more on that in clarification) you will be placed nearest your position on the list. If I've already gone past your original slot, you will be slotted next in line.

Second catch:

This is all or none. Many of you have multiple comms, especially with the way mine were set up. We are not picking and choosing, you either keep them all, or refund them all. And when I refund, I refund all of the comms you had in one go.

Third catch:

This does not apply to any comms not solely on the Main list. So things like Beta Reading and Sketch Warmups do not apply and I will be doing those regardless.

Refunds:

Now I can't refund everyone all at once. This is overtime. I'm limited from 1-2 a week depending on the price. There are still a few debts and things I need to financially do on top of my bills (like still fix my car). So while I've already scheduled some, I will provide a new sheet (after I receive more answers) that will give you a weekly estimation of who and when will be refunded (first come/answer basis). So far it seems to be every wednesday and/or friday. It's not set in stone, because things like holidays will change things up especially during the winter season.

There is a liability to my new job though. It's dangerous, and unpredictable. At any moment, one major crash and I could lose it all. My car dies? I lose it all. I have to work 3 months to be able to get a new car, if I make it through December I will qualify for a new car which will then pay for itself. Then I will have two cars, so if one does get jacked up, I will at least have a backup.

If the worse DOES happen, and you have opted for a refund. You will still be refunded, just when I'm able to procure job funds again. Refunds promised, yes, but not timely exact. If this happens and I'm going down the client list steadily that does mean I may open comms again. This does not mean a refund decision can be reversed.

Where I've been:

Some of you refer to Bluesky in the messages. Remember that Bluesky is blocked in MS, and I can only get it to work when I'm on desktop due to workarounds or under certain wifi around town. So any news you get from Bluesky is actually *very late*. Besides a death. It's not a recent news. Bc Bluesky was kind of my only public social media, everyone not in my Discord DMs is in the dark.

Due to some accusatory messages let me say that I may have been mourning, but I wasn't idle. Anything but really. As I fought like hell to get his ashes back. I briefly detailed what happened on Bluesky (though it was late news).

In all that time I'd been away, I hadn't been home longer than to sleep (if I even did go home to sleep at all) or check on Broadway. I'd been scrambling and taking on every odd job I could get my hands on, working for as many hours as permitted. And still wasn't making enough to even get my bills paid. I made so little my manager kept me alive by feeding me else I would have nothing for days unless I pulled over by a dumpster or caught the soup kitchen open (on the rare chance I wasn't working in its short hours).

So it wasn't that I was moping away at home. I wasn't able to work on commissions in that time because my art stuff is on my desktop and I repeat, *I wasn't home. I knew this. I warned you*

because I knew I'd be away from my computer. I was BEGGING for commissions, and I could not beg anymore than I already had. There was no one else to beg to. I'd squeezed every drop to get by, and I couldn't squeeze the extra huge sum to get my baby back. That's why I left the computer to find steady work. I needed more. Not out of greed, but *because life isn't fair.* And even when I wasn't working, I was out looking and *begging* for more work and asking every establishment if they were hiring.

You'll probably notice I never once apologized, because this is not something to apologize for. It's something I would never ask of you in the same situation. Did everything about this suck? Yes. I did what I had to do, and I expect the same of you. This is not something that is an excuse, or can be excused, or even be considered excusable. It was a *Death*. And something people don't realize is that Death costs a LOT of money. Not having enough money for Death is one of the *most humiliating things you can go through*. You're not even worthy of getting a proper deathrite. Your loved one is just trash, and their remains will be untraceable. You and your loved one are Unworthy. Humiliating death is another boot on the throat of poverty sneering that we're just expendable tools. Lexington is not trash. That's what I was fighting. It was protest.

Presently:

When I was laid off from Pakmail, I also lost all the odd jobs associated with it. So now I'm just doing Doordash (aka DD). Good news is, because it's an overpopulated college town, DD is always available except on certain days (like holidays). At first I didn't live off of it because I was new and it wasn't that great. But I've been doing it a while now and...

Now I make more than a day than I did a whole week at Pakmail.

In a week, I make more than every job I've ever had... combined.

Now to be fair that's still not... a lot. I was **never** paid fairly, but while I'm not rolling in dough, it's the first time in my life I'm not begging for scraps and barely surviving off what I got. But I do have to WORK hard and long for it and much of that money goes right back into doordash itself, like filling my tank every single day. And then there's just the whole stress of... *"I could lose it all at any moment"* due to how dangerous and unpredictable my DD job is. But for now while I can, I have no days off except when DD literally won't let me work (like holidays bc they are full).

In my TOS I never allowed refunds because I was working on scraps, and comms were me begging for scraps. I consider commissions charity towards me moreso than transactional. DD is the first job that allows me to have the extra to refund. And while I'm waiting for answers from my first set, I will be doing as much overtime as possible anticipating the refunds, but will go back to regular hours once I need to start on the new adjusted client list.

In conclusion:

I'm giving my first set of 5 people on the list 2 weeks to respond to my messages before I start on the newly adjusted list. For those that don't respond in that time, the attendance protocol starts.

Because I'm messaging everyone, *ONLY come to me if you've changed your contacts*. As per Attendance Protocol, if you are contacting me from the new handle(s) you will need to prove that you can log into any of your older handle under the name(s) or email you originally provided me. (to avoid scams bc I'm only refunding you ONCE)

In the 2 weeks I'm gathering answers I will continue to work multiple shifts to get ready for refunds, then drop down to a regular shift once I start on the comms.

Clarification:

What is Attendance Protocol?

This is something I detailed in my TOS years ago after my first incident with a client commissioning me who while initially active, ended up disappearing to this day with no warning. (I was active and consistent at the time too, so this is not due to my having been absent) It basically just lets me know you are here and available to review your roughdraft so that I can finish the commission.

How does Attendance Protocol work?

I do not finish commissions without a review of the roughdraft, so---

I give you 2 weeks to respond.

If you do not respond I put you on a pending list for 2 months.

During that time I will message you once a week (on all contacts for you that you have given me) to hopefully grab your attention.

After those 2 months are up I drop the commission and the client while the money is considered a donation. The client is essentially blacklisted.

The commission cannot be reactivated after those 2 months, and because of the blacklist you cannot reapply under your original handle.

If you DO answer within the pending 2 month time, (and prove you are the original- more on that later) you will be placed nearest your position on the list. If I've already gone past your original slot, you will be slotted next in line.

Prove you are the original?

Yes, in certain instances I need to prove you are the original when processing sensitive information. Or in this case- money. This is necessary when you change handles and accounts. I will only be refunding ONCE. So if I get scammed by someone who claims to be you, that's tough. Because you can't prove it WASN'T you. So for a refund, I need you to log into one of the original handles you provided in the commission application (those not on the application do not apply, so if you share a same handle across more than what you gave me, we are limited to the platforms you gave me in the application) on a mutual platform (one we both have accounts on) or email and message me upon when I ask.

This is not to be mean at all, this is efficiency and contingencies born of bad client experiences that made these protocols necessary in case they happened again. And it comes in handy for many very different situations because it's already laid out and ready to use with all its contingencies. It keeps me from panicking the moment something goes awry, and already know what to set out for myself before moving on. You can copy these protocols for your own TOS by all means. I use elements from my TOS almost DAILY against Scammers.