

2025

Hoziernatural Multi-Ship Bang (HMSB)



Introduction

Do you ever just listen to Hozier and think about how perfect his songs are for the Supernatural characters and their stories??

Do you ever listen to "Foreigner's God" and think about Sam's trauma and all the attacks on his autonomy and how [he feels no control of his body](#)?

Maybe you've heard "Dinner & Diatribes" where Hozier sings about fantasizing at a boring dinner about how to spice it up and wondered [what kinds of shenanigans Sam and Dean could get into at a fancy \(ghost\) masquerade](#)?

What do you think it would be like if Jack had sent Castiel back after the finale so that Sam would have someone to be his friend and grieve with him after Dean's death and [after the raven has had its say](#)?

Have you considered how, like Dean, Mary was raised in a hunter family and probably never felt young. Do you think she went through a [mid-youth crisis](#) after Amara brought her back (and that Rowena was calling her *baby* by the end of it)?

When Hozier sings, "My heart is screaming out, and in a few days I would be there, love. Whatever here that's left of me is yours just as it was...before the otherness came" does that conjure thoughts of [Dean desperately trying to save Cas from The Empty and everything he would go through to do so](#)?

How long do you think Crowley would let Cain mourn Colette before Crowley pulls out every stop to find Cain [someone](#) (or maybe even several someones) [new](#)?

Did the finale come and go, and you still sob about your favorite characters because they didn't even get to kiss *like real people do*?

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THESE THINGS NOW???

Good! **Welcome to Round 3 of the Hoziernatural Multi-Ship Bang, where we embrace our ~~sickness~~-love for all things Hozier and *Supernatural*** (and hold each other while we cry over them)!

Ways to Participate

1. Author
2. Artist
3. Beta reader
4. Pinch-hit artist

Event Rules & Conduct

General

1. **Participants must be 18+.** If a participant is found to not be at the age of 18 or older by April 1st, 2025, they will be disqualified and banned from future events.
2. **Participants are expected to read and adhere to the rules of the event.** If you need clarification about any of these rules, please feel free to ask your mods. We're here to help.
3. **Participants are expected to join the event Discord server** since it is how we will keep in contact with you and share updates. An invitation link will be sent out by email at the end of March. That will be the only email communication unless you are removed from the event. All other communication will be through discord.
4. **Mods reserve the right to disqualify participants for hate speech or discrimination of any kind**, including, but not limited to: racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and transphobia.
5. **All writing and art for this event must be your own**, previously unpublished, and inspired by a Hozier song.
6. **Works must remain up and public on Archive of Our Own (AO3) for at least a year after posting** (limiting visibility to users who have AO3 accounts is acceptable). Within that year, participants are not allowed to commission additional works related to any event work. However, after a year has passed, participants are welcome to commission additional works.
7. **Please be respectful of your partners, fellow participants, and mods.** Act in good faith and assume others have done the same.

8. **Respond to your partners and mods in a timely fashion.** If you know you're going to be unavailable for a few days, let each other know to avoid anxiety over "ghosting."
9. This event is being promoted/hosted on Tumblr, so **all participants must have a Tumblr account for posting and linking. Authors must also have an AO3 account.**
 - a. Authors, if you need an AO3 invitation, please contact the mods.

Ships/Characters

10. **ALL** Supernatural characters/ships are welcome. (Yes, even [insert whatever ship you're wondering about.])
 - a. Note: In this bang, we are focusing on the *characters* though, not the actors, so no RPF. "X Reader" and "X Original Character" are welcome as long as the main focus remains on the characters from the world of Supernatural.
11. Bashing or shaming of **ANY** actors, ships, characters, interpretations, kinks, tropes, or stylistic preferences will **NOT** be tolerated. First offenses will result in a warning; subsequent offenses will result in being banned from this and all future Hoziernatural events.
12. Underage ships **ARE** allowed; however, content involving underage characters **MUST** be rated Teen or below.

Communication

13. **Check-ins are mandatory**, and participants who fail to check in will be removed from the event.

- a. If a participant is late for more than 2 check-ins, they will be banned from the next round of HMSB, even if the mods choose to work with them to complete this year's event.
 - b. If a participant is late *without prior communication*, upon the second instance they will be removed from the event and banned from future rounds of HMSB.
14. Although we will be posting reminders in the event Discord server, **it is the participants' responsibility to be familiar with the event schedule and to manage their time accordingly.**
- a. If you know you're going to be busy the week/day of a check-in, contact the mods about turning in your check-in *early*.
15. **At no point are you allowed to drop your partners and form your own team.** If you are having trouble working with a partner, please contact the mods for a solution.
16. **If the mods suspect that a participant is ghosting their partner/s and is unable to be reached, we reserve the right to remove that participant and find new pairings for their abandoned partners at our discretion.** No one is expected to be available 24/7, but if you know you are going to be unreachable for more than a few days, please let your partner/s know in advance.

Drops/Removals from Event

17. If a participant drops out before claims, there is no penalty.
18. If a participant drops out *after* claims, they will be banned from the next round of HMSB.
19. If a participant is *removed* from the event for *any* reason, they will be permanently banned from any future rounds of HMSB.

Tiers

We might be a little different from bangs that you're used to in that we have a **tiered system!**

Would you love to write a short one-shot or create a single art piece instead of committing to a larger project? We've got you!

Are you the type of artist who always wishes you could make extra art for your partners, or are you an author who's feeling that itch that to write a 200,000 word behemoth and would love some extra time/an extended schedule to do that? Well, guess what...we've got you, too!

1. Tier 1

- a. Fic length: 1,000-4,999 words
- b. Art requirements: 1 piece that can either be cover art or story/character art
 - i. Note: In the event you choose to do cover art as your one piece for **this** tier, since it is the only piece being created, the art should involve similar effort and be of comparable quality to story/character art (so, something like a solid background with a plain title across it would not be sufficient).
 - ii. Note that artists in **any** tier are allowed to create beyond the tier's minimum requirement if they *wish*, but are not expected/required to nor can it be requested of them.

2. Tier 2

- a. Fic length: 5,000-19,999 words

- b. Art requirements: 1 promotional banner/cover art + 1 story/character art

3. Tier 3

- a. Fic Length: 20,000+
- b. Art requirements: 1 promotional banner/cover art + 2 story/character arts

You'll notice when you look at the event schedule that while claims will still be held all together, each of these tiers has a slightly different checkpoint schedule and posting range to accommodate the various options.

NOTE: The official tier of a fic and the art requirements from its claiming artist will be the same from the time of claims onwards, even if an author later adds enough words after claims for it to have been in the next tier or the artist chooses to create extra art.

Claims Process & Participation Limits

Participants, you will notice when you sign up that *you do not have to commit to a tier at registration*. **Authors**, your story's tier will be determined at the time you submit your fic and info for claims. Until that point, feel free to follow where your muse takes you. **Artists** and **Betas**, your tier will be, well, whatever you choose to claim. (Basically, *participants* are not locked into a tier; their *projects* are.)

Here are a few rules/guidelines about claims for this version of the event:

1. Each author is invited to submit **one** fic for claims. **Co-writing** is allowed; however, both authors must register as participants and are not permitted to create additional writings beyond the one being co-written.
2. Participants are permitted to work on a total of **up to 3** different projects (though only one of them may be a fic submission).
 - a. Examples: Are you submitting a fic as an author but also either an artist or beta reader? Then you may claim up to **two** fics to work on alongside the fic

you are writing yourself (or as a co-author). Are you participating as an author, artist, *and* beta? One of each would be your three.

- b. NOTE: If you are beta-ing and doing art for the *same* fic, it will only count **once** towards your max total.
3. Authors who also wish to participate as artists and/or beta readers will have a chance to participate in any subsequent rounds of claims, but will not be able to make a claim in the first round. The reasoning behind this being...
 - a. To make sure all those who don't already have any projects and are only participating as artists and/or betas have a chance to claim a story, and
 - b. To protect the anonymity of claims for at least the *first* round since all authors will have had access to "authors only" channels where other authors have been discussing their fics.
4. Similarly, Beta Readers who came into the event with an author that they are already beta-ing for will not be able to claim a second fic to beta until after the first round, as their current fic counts as their claim for the first round.
5. Claims will continue until all fics have been claimed by both an artist and a beta reader.
 - a. Teams will not be announced nor will authors be notified of who has claimed their fic (only that they *have* been claimed) until the *final* round of claims has ended. Then, there will be a server announcement listing all the teams.

Creative Guidelines

Authors

1. You may sign up and participate as any combination of artist/author/beta, but you may not make art for or beta your own fic. (Authors are permitted to create/commission additional art for their fics *after* a year has passed since posting.)
2. Authors are required to complete a previously unpublished Supernatural fic that centers around/draws inspiration from a Hozier song. The work may be based on a selection of lyrics or the entire song. (Bonus points for using the song title/lyrics as the fic title or for using lyrics in your fic.)
 - a. AI-generated fics are NOT allowed.
3. Fics must be posted on AO3 and mention the author's artist, beta reader, the event, and the chosen song in either the summary or notes of the fic.
4. **All fics MUST be beta read and properly edited before posting.**
 - a. If you already have your own beta that you like to work with, *they must sign up for the event as a beta reader*. Please, have them list you on the form as an author they intend to work with, and we will mark your fic as already claimed by a beta during claims. **This is a requirement as our beta readers are full participants in the event.**
5. As with most events, **we ask that you not discuss the details of your fics before claims** outside of the specified channels in the event Discord. However, *once claims are complete*, feel free to promote your and your partner's upcoming work (including creating/sharing things like moodboards or playlists) as much as you like as long as you:
 - a. Avoid major spoilers.
 - i. You may say things like that you are working on a fic for this event based on [chosen Hozier song].

- ii. You may mention things such as what type of AU it is or themes that you're focusing on.
 - iii. You may hype your team and do things like brag about your beta or share that you're excited for people to see what your artist is working on.
 - iv. You may *not* share things like entire outlines, large sections of the fic (a line or two is okay!), or peeks of the art (aside from the promotional banner *once that has been finalized and submitted*) that your artist has shared with you.
- b. When it makes sense, @mention the event in your social media posts. A rising tide lifts all ships (yes, pun intended), and the more everyone shares about the event as a whole the more visibility there will be for all of our amazing participants.

If you have any concerns about whether or not something is allowed, please contact your mods. We're here to help.

Artists

1. You may sign up and participate as any combination of artist/author/beta, but you may not make art or be the beta for your own fic.
2. All artwork must be previously unpublished and created in response to the claimed fic, respecting any Do Not Want's listed by the author.
3. Traditional art, digital art, and manips are all accepted as long as they demonstrate a significant level of original creative input.
 - a. For example, applying a filter over an otherwise unaltered/barely altered photo is not sufficient creative input.

- b. Additional edits, moodboards, text separators, icons, playlists, etc. are welcome, but do not count towards the minimum art requirements.
 - c. AI-generated art of any kind is NOT allowed.
- 4. Artists may create additional art beyond their claimed fic's tier requirements *if they choose* but are not expected and can not be *requested* by anyone to do so.
 - a. Artists choosing to complete extra art beyond their tier's requirements will still be expected to adhere to the claimed project's tier schedule.
- 5. Promotional banners/cover art must contain:
 - a. Event logo
 - b. Fic title
 - c. Author's Tumblr or AO3 username
 - d. Beta Reader's Tumblr or AO3 username
 - e. Artist's Tumblr username
- 6. Artwork submitted must be of finished quality and reflect your best efforts at creating something fitting your partner's story and the Hozier song inspiring it. **We strongly encourage consulting with your fellow artists in the event discord (there will be an "artists-only" channel where sharing art for feedback and encouragement will be allowed).**
- 7. As with most events, we ask that you not display your art or discuss the details of your partners' fics outside of the event Discord. However, feel free to promote your and your partner's upcoming work (including creating/sharing things like moodboards or playlists) as much as you like as long as you:
 - a. Avoid major spoilers.

- i. You may say that you are working on art for this event based on [Hozier song] and/or [@partner's tumblr] and what characters are featured.
 - ii. You may mention things such as what type of AU it is or themes that you're focusing on.
 - iii. You may do things like hype your team and talk about how excited you are for everyone to see your art/your partner's fic.
 - iv. You may *not* share things like your author's fic outlines, major plot points, sections of the fic your author has shared with you, or peeks of your art (aside from the promotional banner *once that has been finalized and submitted*).
- b. When it makes sense, @mention the event in your posts. A rising tide lifts all ships and the more everyone shares about the event as a whole the more visibility there will be for all of our amazing participants.

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Betas

1. Our beta readers are treated as full participants in the event, same as the authors and artists. As such, **all beta readers are required to sign up for the event and join the event Discord server**, even if you are only signing up to work with a specific author.
2. You will have the opportunity to claim fics during claims at the same time as the artists.

- a. If you already have an author that you are already planning to work with, please indicate who it is by tumblr and discord name on the registration form so that we can mark that author as already claimed by a beta going into claims. **You will have the opportunity to claim another fic, if claims goes to a second/third round, but the fic you're already beta reading for will count as your claim for the first round.**
3. Beta reading for Spelling & Grammar is required. However, a few other areas that authors may be looking for help are:
 - a. Wording/phrasing/style
 - b. Structure/pacing
 - c. Characterization
 - d. Idea bouncing

You will be able to see during claims which of these the authors have requested.

4. There is no penalty for not claiming a work to beta, and if you choose not to participate in claims, you are welcome to stay as a cheerleader and pinch hitter in case another beta reader has to step down.

Schedule

[Link to HMSB Google Calendar with the different tiers separated by color](#)

Pre-Claims Schedule

March 1st - Author, beta, and artist sign-ups open

March 31st - Author sign-ups close

April 10th - Author Check-in #1. No drafts due at this time, but authors will be asked which Hozier song they are using and which characters they intend to focus on.

May 8th - Author Check-in #2. There is no minimum word count due since your tier will not be locked until claims, but authors will be asked to roughly describe their premise and should be well into their drafts by now and have an idea of which tier their fic will fit into.

June 5th - Author Check-in #3. Tier 1 fics should be nearly complete. Tier 2 fics should be at least roughly 75% of their estimated word count. Tier 3 fics should be at least over halfway.

June 30th - Artist and Beta sign-ups close. Drafts and claims information due from authors by 11:59 CST. (NOTE: from here on in the schedule we will be highlighting **Tier 1**, **Tier 2**, **Tier 3**, and **All** to help participants more easily spot *check-ins and due dates* relevant to them. If a date has no highlight, it's not a check-in but relevant to all.)

1. **Tier 1 fics** (with a final word count of 1k-5k) must have a **complete first draft** to be eligible for claims.
 - a. It does not have to be edited/refined, but you do need to have a complete first draft.
2. **Tier 2 fics** (with an estimated final word count of 5k-20k) must be at least **90% of their estimated final word count with notes/outline for what still needs to be written** to be eligible for claims.
 - a. Your 90% is subject to *your* estimated final word count, but the lowest word count *possible* for this tier is 4,500 words.
3. **Tier 3 fics** (with an estimated final word count of 20k+) must be at least **75% of their estimated final word count with notes/outline for what still needs to be written** to be eligible for claims.
 - a. The 75% is subject to *your* estimated final word count, but the lowest word count *possible* for this tier is 15,000 words.

NOTE: Whichever tier you submit your fic as for claims is the tier that it will be considered even if you end up adding to it and having enough words to be in the next tier. This is so that artists who claim it have a set number of pieces that they know they're signing up for.

July 2nd - FINAL DAY TO DROP WITHOUT PENALTY

July 3rd - Claims gallery posted

July 6 & 7 - Rounds 1&2 of claims. Claims will open at 10:00 a.m. CST and close at 10:00 p.m. (will close before if all artists/betas have already turned in forms or when all fics have been claimed). Subsequent rounds will be held if necessary.

Post-Claims Schedule

(NOTE: All team check-ins will be completed separately, with the authors, artists, and beta readers each filling out separate check-in forms. There will be some dates where only certain tiers or roles will be required to fill out a form, so read closely.)

July 10th - First (post-claims) Check-in. **All authors and artists, and beta readers** will be asked to check in on this date.

- **All partners** must have communicated with each other.
- **Tier 1 authors** must have given their **beta readers** access to fics to begin editing. (Authors are welcome/encouraged to share anything they have ready with their beta readers before this date, but this is the absolute deadline.)
- **Tier 2 and tier 3 authors/beta readers** need to have communicated and have a loose plan for when the beta reader can expect to begin (the absolute deadlines for authors in these tiers to have their fics to their beta readers are in August, but you can obviously start working together sooner).

- **All authors must have given their artists what they need from them to begin planning art.** Though we do not have specific requirements on what this looks like, and teams are encouraged to discuss what works best for them (authors, please, check with your artists to make sure they have everything they are expecting from you), we *strongly* suggest that:
 - Artists and authors discuss an overview of the fic (and relevant visual symbolism) so that the artist can begin planning the banner/cover art.
 - Authors and artists discuss whether the artist would prefer to have...
 - Access to the fic draft so that the artist can begin looking through for inspiration, (and/or)
 - A description of a few of the author's favorite scenes/visuals for inspiration.
 - (Note: These art pieces are *not* commissions, and this will be the *artist's* choice whether they'd prefer to scan through the fic vs. ask the author for ideas.)

July 31st - Tier 1 and **Tier 2** 2nd Check-ins.

- **Tier 1 artists** must submit a draft of their art. Art does not need to be complete, but it should be recognizable for where the artist is headed. (Examples: there's a sketch/lineart, but it is yet to be colored; or main shapes are drawn in but are lacking finer details, etc.)
- **Tier 2 artists** must submit a **draft of their banner art**
- **Tier 2 authors** must submit a **complete first draft**
- **Tier 2 beta readers** must have been given access to fics to begin the editing process. (Authors are welcome/encouraged to share anything they have ready with their beta readers before this date, but this is the absolute deadline.)

August 7th - 2nd Tier 3 Check-In.

- **Tier 3 artists** must submit a **draft of their banner art**

- **Tier 3 beta readers** must have been given access to fics to begin the editing process. (Authors are welcome/encouraged to share anything they have ready with their beta readers before this date, but this is the absolute deadline).

August 28th - 3rd **Tier 2** Check-In.

- **Tier 2 art draft** and **final banner/cover art** due from **artists**

August 29th - **Tier 1 final art** and **final fics** due!

August 30th - Posting weeks assigned for **Tier 1** teams

September 1st-14th - **Tier 1** posting!

September 4th - 3rd **Tier 3** Check-In.

- **Tier 3 art drafts** and **final banner/cover art** due from **artists**
- **Tier 3 authors** must submit a **complete first draft**

September 12th - **Tier 2 final check-in. Final art** and **final fics** due!

September 13th - Posting weeks assigned for **Tier 2** teams

September 15th-28th - **Tier 2** posting!

September 26th - **Tier 3 final art** and **final fics** due!

September 29th-October 5th - **Tier 3** posting!