



## TGCF Vaultworks for Gaza

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## What is Vaultworks for Gaza?

Vaultworks for Gaza is an initiative aimed at keeping a light shining on what's going on in Gaza, and to continue encouraging support for the people of Palestine by diversifying the ways fandom can help the cause.

While Gotcha events are a prominent example of fandom charity drives for Palestine, our structure is fundamentally different, with donations being made to encourage the completion of existing works-in-progress (WIPs) instead of prompting entirely new works. By allowing creators new to fandom (or those returning from a break) to contribute in a novel way, we hope to reignite and keep up momentum, morale, and interest!

As fans of a form of media, we tend to have a lot of ideas as we delve deeper into the material, coming up with canon divergent stories, AUs, and more. However, as creators, sometimes we lack the motivation to fully flesh something out. Vaultworks for Gaza intends to give creators an extra push to bring these ideas or WIPs out of the vault and back to life.

We need **YOUR** help to make that happen.

By making donations to fundraisers for Gaza, you are essentially telling creators, "Hey, your WIP seems cool, I will pay to see you fulfill your vision." Once a pitch is funded, creators will work on their piece(s). As we're trying to make the event as transparent as possible, we hope that creators can be accountable and choose pitches that can realistically be completed in 1 month, with a 2 week maximum extension.

### What's in it for me?

As a sponsor, your generosity will be crucial to helping the people of Palestine. You will also be cheering creators on in their journey to produce more works for the fandom. There are other pluses: You will receive a dedication when the piece is done. Besides, you will be able to gain **exclusive/early access to bonus content**.

## How Will It Work?

### For sponsors:

- 1) Creators will submit pitches that will be compiled into a spreadsheet. Each creator is allowed 2 initial pitches, with each pitch having a number of sponsorship slots based on the scope of the work, as determined by the creator. You may look through the list to pick your favourite ideas to support, though we ask that minors stick to sponsoring SFW pitches only.
- 2) With every donation of USD\$5 (for SFW works) or USD\$8 (for NSFW works), you will be securing a sponsorship slot that entitles you to a dedication in the finished work and bonus content created exclusively for sponsors (1 bonus content per pitch).  
**Note:** Bonus content will be emailed to sponsors for each pitch, so please make sure to provide an email address you check!

- 3) **Single sponsorship:** If you really love an idea, you can donate the full sum to obtain all available slots for a pitch and make sure it gets created! That said, we highly encourage sharing the love and support with more than one creator/pitch.
- 4) **Stretch goal sponsorship:** Once a pitch hits full sponsorship, a stretch goal will be unlocked. If you help a pitch hit that goal too, the creator will get to share the bonus content publicly!
- 5) Sponsorships will be awarded to each pitch on a first come, first served basis. As such, we will ask each sponsor to submit a list of backup choices and endeavour to update the spreadsheet as often as possible. Any remaining slots after going through the backup list will be distributed among the other partially-funded pitches via RNG.
- 6) To make things fair for everyone, we are limiting each sponsor to 10 slots *per day* throughout the donation period. This includes slots to single-sponsor a pitch. We want to give all pitches a chance to be funded and to ensure that more than one person gets access to bonus content for each pitch.
- 7) Once a pitch hits full sponsorship, creators will be given a deadline to produce the work. You may check on its status on the same spreadsheet. Each funded pitch will have its status and deadline clearly denoted, so you know when you might be able to expect to see a completed work!
- 8) When the work is done, it will be posted and dedicated to the sponsors who helped bring the work to life, with sponsors given access to the bonus content.
- 9) **Relisting:** If a work goes beyond the initially estimated limit, we will relist the pitch for further sponsorship. The usual 1-week donation period and rules apply.

### For artists:

- 1) After you sign up, please join our Discord server for ease of communication and updates. We will also lend support and clarify things as needed.
- 2) Consider past ideas or WIPs and pitch them for sponsorship. To prevent anyone from being overwhelmed, artists will be limited to an initial 2 pitches. We recommend picking ideas you're currently most excited about and are confident about completing!
- 3) Your pitches do not need to be detailed and you do not need to share your WIPs directly. They should be short and sweet.
  - a) Examples:
    - i) Fanart based on X scene of Y fic (black and white)
    - ii) Xianle Trio laughing and bonding while doing a joint mission in the woods (full colour)
  - b) Your pitch should include a description of the style in which you intend to do your artwork and its complexity. This will determine the number of sponsorship slots available for said pitch.
- 4) We will let you know when your pitch is fully sponsored! (And when your deadline is.)
- 5) Keep us updated on progress. We understand that you may need time to reacquaint yourself with an old idea and rework it. Please let us know when you start sketching, start adding final details, and complete the work. If you are working on one of the pitches, the second one will have an "On Hold" status.
- 6) You will have 1 month to complete your artwork and bonus content (1 per pitch). You are allowed a 2-week extension at most.

- 7) Please submit bonus content separately so we can email them to the sponsors. If you manage to hit your stretch goal, you will be asked to post the bonus content 2 weeks after you've posted your main WIP and emailed the bonus content to your sponsors.
- 8) We understand that the art can grow more complex than what the writer initially expected. As such, these pitches will be relisted for sponsorship based on the new estimated complexity. The usual 1-week donation period and rules apply.

### For writers:

- 1) After you sign up, please join our Discord server for ease of communication and updates. We will also lend support and clarify things as needed.
- 2) Consider past ideas or WIPs and pitch them for sponsorship. To prevent anyone from being overwhelmed, writers will be limited to an initial 2 pitches. We recommend picking ideas you're currently most excited about and are confident about completing!
- 3) Your pitches do not need to be detailed and you do not need to share your WIPs directly. They should be short and sweet.
  - a) Examples:
    - i) Modern AU fengqing where they're married but feng xin is secretly a prince
    - ii) Post-canon Xianle Trio working out their queerplatonic relationship
  - b) Your pitch should include an expected word count; this will determine the number of sponsorship slots for said pitch
- 4) We will let you know when your pitch is fully sponsored! (And when your deadline is.)
- 5) Keep us updated on progress. We understand that you may need time to reacquaint yourself with an old idea and rework it. Please let us know when you start outlining/drafting, start writing, and complete the work. If you are working on one of the pitches, the second one will have an "On Hold" status.
- 6) You will have 1 month to complete your fic and bonus content (1 per pitch). You are allowed a 2-week extension at most.
- 7) Please submit bonus content separately so we can email them to the sponsors. If you manage to hit your stretch goal, you will be asked to post the bonus content 2 weeks after you've posted your main WIP and emailed the bonus content to your sponsors.
- 8) We understand that the fic can grow larger than what the writer initially expected. As such, these pitches will be relisted for sponsorship based on the new estimated word count. The usual 1-week donation period and rules apply.

## Timeline

### *26 Sep–2 Oct: Creator Signup Week!*

(The form opens 9 a.m.\*, Sep 26 and we'll close the form at the same time on 3 Oct, or when we hit 50 signups, whichever comes earlier.)

### *3–9 Oct: Pitch Submission Week*

(Pitches may still be edited, but are locked in once Donation Week starts. That being said, the sooner you lock in your pitch, the sooner we can help you hype it up on social media!)

### *10–23 Oct: Donation Weeks!*

(The pitch spreadsheet will be made publicly viewable, and donations close at 9 a.m, Oct 24.)

### *10 Oct onwards: Creation Month(s)*

(Creators may start work as soon as their pitches are fully sponsored. Mods may perform check-ins as needed and help post links to finished works on the pitch sheet.)

\*All dates and times are stated according to the GMT+8 timezone.

## FAQ

### **1) What causes can I donate to?**

You may donate to any of the following causes:

- [Care for Gaza](#) (PayPal)
- [Palestine Children's Relief Fund \(PCRF\)](#) [on the site]
- [Translating Falasteen](#) (Chuffed.org/PayPal/Venmo)
- [The Sameer Project](#) (Chuffed.org)
- [eSIMs for Gaza](#) (instructions on website)
- [Crips for eSIMs](#) (Chuffed.org)
- [najungiesims](#) (many donation options)

### **2) How do I sponsor a pitch?**

After you choose the amount of slots you want to claim (and which pitches you're sponsoring), you donate the corresponding amount to vetted fundraisers for Gaza and submit a form with your choices. Please provide proof of your donation that is timestamped close to the time of your form submission.

Sponsorship slots are filled on a first come, first served basis, so please make sure that you submit backup choices in case your choices are fully filled. We are limiting sponsors to 10 slots (including full fundings) to encourage picking multiple pitches.

To ensure that your chosen pitch is fully funded, you may choose to sponsor a pitch in its entirety. If you do, thank you for your support! However, if this happens, we will also open 3 additional sponsor slots so others will have the chance to access the bonus content.

### **3) If one of the slots I claimed went to RNG, do I get anything out of it?**

You may receive a dedication if you were one of the initial sponsors (meaning your slot went to that pitch before its stretch goal was unlocked), but the only thing you'll receive apart from that is the feeling of being a selfless Wu Ming who helped a creator hit their initial goal.

**4) What would the bonus content look like?**

For artists, this may be a different character design/outfit, chibi or non-chibi versions, different expressions/reactions, doodles of extra scenes/sequel content, or sketches of different characters in the same verse.

For writers, this may be a prologue/epilogue, a deleted scene within the fic, author's notes on your creative process, or an outtake/omake.

**5) Do I need to wait until my pitch is fully sponsored to start working on it? What if it still isn't fully sponsored by the end of the donation/relisting period?**

That is something we sincerely hope doesn't happen. However, if it does, creators are free to work on their pitches at any point if they feel inspired to keep going! We only ask that completed works not be posted until 2 months after the end of our donation period. That being said, creators should still work on and deliver the bonus content to sponsors of even partially-sponsored pitches.

**6) What else can I do to support the initiative?**

Thank you for helping Gaza! We'd really appreciate it if you spread the word about Vaultworks, as we plan to make this an ongoing project if things go well. And of course, you're welcome to browse the pitch sheet and hype up pitches on social media to help them reach full sponsorship.

**7) What can I submit as a pitch?**

You may submit ideas for any TGCF ship or no ship at all. Crossovers are fine, but please bear in mind that sponsors may not know other fandoms well or be as interested in them. You also must be 18 years of age or more to submit an NSFW pitch.

**8) Are multiship/dead dove pitches allowed?**

Yep. We welcome any and all pitches. However, dead dove pitches will be listed in a separate section in the sheet so that no one sees anything they don't want to while browsing the NSFW tab.

**9) I don't have Twitter/it's banned in my location. Can I still sign up or donate?**

Of course! We'll be keeping in touch with creators primarily through email and Discord, and the pitch sheet link will be added here when Donation Week kicks off.

## 10) Why the creator/pitch/slot claim caps?

While we have a lot of faith in Vaultworks's sponsorship model, we also believe in testing out this new concept before going for a second, larger-scale run. With many mods and potential creators alike juggling Vaultworks alongside other commitments, the caps would also ensure everyone can participate and/or run the event without burning themselves out.

However, if this trial run's a success, we'll consider opening for donations indefinitely so creators can get onboard and put up their WIPs for sponsorship anytime they want!

## 11) What if my WIP isn't as long/detailed as I thought it'd be, and I undershoot my estimate?

You're still good to post! If your muse insists this is as far as your WIP goes, who are you to argue with them? As long as you manage to complete both your WIP and the bonus content within the deadline, you can consider your mission accomplished.

Remember, your estimates are not legally binding contracts and sponsors are donating ***for charity*** at the end of the day. While creators will be expected to stick as closely to their estimate as possible, sponsors will also be expected to focus on the good their donations have done for Palestine.

## 12) I have more questions this doc doesn't answer. Who do I contact?

Thanks for your interest in Vaultworks! We plan to update the FAQs as we go and set up an official Vaultworks email/Discord after the interest check but in the meantime, all questions may be posed to the official Vaultworks for Gaza Twitter (@TGCFVaultworks) via our Twitter DMs. That being said, certain creator-specific questions will be addressed in the Discord server instead.

Note: With a majority-Southeast-Asian mod team, it may take us a while to answer your question if you're in a different time zone/we need to confer with the rest of the team first. Your patience would be highly appreciated.