

Glowfic Events and Trends

Sometimes something happens, leading to a new cluster/wave of threads, characters, etc.
For documenting this community's history and making navigating it easier for readers who come along later.

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Timeline of Notable Community History

This page is a work in progress, especially as history continues to happen, documentation continues to be found, and the in-retrospect notability of events likely shifts. Still, this is an effort to note and document major community moments.

2012

The First Glowfic

The top post of "he couldn't have imagined", the first RP thread in the [Effulgence](#) continuity, was posted in September 2012. ([reference](#))

2014

Alicornutopia

The Alicornutopia board was made by [Alicorn](#) as a center for the glowfic community to discuss things in March 2014. ([reference](#))

Incandescence

The top post of "Picknicking", the first RP thread in the [Incandescence](#) continuity, was posted in March 2014. ([reference](#))

Coining of "Glowfic"

The term "glowfic" was coined by Lambda (Sonata) in July 2014 to refer to the extant glowfic continuities in response to Tulip creating a TVTropes page for them. ([reference](#)) The term was fairly quickly adopted by community members. It was noted in an earlier post that "glowy RP fiction" was a term already in use, due to the existing continuities' mostly light/ glowing themed names.

Creation of the TVTropes Page

The [TVTropes page](#) was created in August 2014 by Tulip. ([reference](#))

2016

Glowfic Community IRC

The glowfic community gained an IRC channel created by Lambda (Sonata) in April 2016. ([reference](#))

2017

Glowfic Community Discord

The glowfic community gained a discord server created by Tamien in March 2017, which was bridged via bot to the IRC channels. ([reference](#))

MZDS/The Untamed

MDZS/The Untamed (Event/Trend)

Began Summer 2020, involving [MDZS/Grandmaster of Demonic Cultivation](#), and its live-action show adaptation, [The Untamed](#), coming into glowfic.

History

The first glowfic thread involving this fandom set, [making room for new regrets](#), a peggy sue fic for The Untamed, was started at the beginning of August 2020 by [argona](#) and [st753m](#). Other glowfic users [MaggieoftheOwls, ...], were already enthusiastic about the fandom set, while others were aware of and to varying extents familiar with it from the wider internet.

Several glowfic users began consuming MDZS/The Untamed after seeing it in glowfic and/or joined in on threading. This includes [Neva](#), st753m, SparrowSea, ChaosMagic, Decima, [others to be added].

Constellation links:

- [making room for new regrets](#)
- [argona](#)
- [st753m](#)
- [Neva](#)

See also: [MDZS/The Untamed sandboxes](#)

Many-person RPs

Tumblr RPs

What's a Tumblr RP?

A Tumblr roleplay (RP) is a roleplay in which the participants write in-character blogs on tumblr and the characters interact with each other as though they are tumblr users. Interactions are mostly unscripted, although sometimes authors confer with each other out-of-character to decide that particular things will happen.

Origins

The origins of the glowfic tumblr RPs can be traced back to Alicorn's AUSJ (Alternate Universe Social Justice) tumblrs, in which she answered asks in-character as various people with, well, weird alternate universe social justice related problems. Alicorn used her main blog to respond to these asks.

In late spring 2017, after Alicorn and lintamande wrote the glowfic thread [in color](#), lintamande began an AUSJ blog as an Amentan caste abolitionist. This was the first instance of an author making a blog that was entirely in-character, as opposed to just writing some in-character things on their main blog. (Note: lintamande's original Amentan AUSJ blog, [colorjustice](#), was incorrectly labeled NSFW during the great tumblr NSFW purge and can now only be accessed from within the tumblr dashboard.)

Amenta RP

Starting in summer 2017, several more people created in-character blogs as Amentans and began interacting with one another, and thus the Amenta RP was born. As the RP grew more active, it was decided that the plot events from "in color" would transpire in the RP, and the RP characters reacted to these plot events. The Amenta RP, following the plot of "in color," continued until summer 2018, when both the plot and the RP ended. In total, over 100 Amenta RP blogs were created, though not all were active at the same time.

A lot of people joined the glowfic community through the Amenta RP. It may have been the single biggest contributor to the population of the glowfic community (note: this is speculation).

More information about the Amenta setting [here](#). A curated subset of the Amenta RP may be read [here](#).

Cascadia RP

After the end of the Amenta RP, westwind and several others founded the Cascadia RP. For a variety of reasons, they chose to make the Cascadia RP a closed RP, meaning that people had to get approval from the RP organizers in order to join; in contrast, the Amenta RP had been open to anyone. The Cascadia RP took place from early fall through winter 2018-2019.

More information about the Cascadia setting [here](#). A large subset of the Cascadia RP may be read [here](#).

Many-person RPs

Many Worlds Forum

Many-person RPs

Scholomance (glowlomance)

History:

The Scholomance megacontinuity RP began in 2021. The RP is open to anyone (unlike most glowfic, which typically has a pre-defined set of authors). The moderator of the RP is lintamande. See [the megacontinuity's wiki page](#) for more information.

The megacontinuity is sometimes called "the glowlomance."

Many-person RPs

The Chelish Constitutional Convention

Megacontinuity written in 2024-2025. See [here](#).

Selftopias

Selftopias (Trend)

A self topia (selftopia, self world, author world, etc) is roughly speaking a setting centered around the concept of the author, the author's philosophy, the author's neurotype, or etc as a normal or dominant component of the setting's inhabitants.

There are several versions of the prompt. Two major ones are author aliens and medianverses, though that list isn't exhaustive. Many though not all selftopias include additional magic or science fiction premises.

[Here](#) is the (WIP) chapter on the wiki for selftopia settings.

Author aliens is a prompt largely rooted in the utopic fiction tradition, treating the concept of "what if my worldview was dominant?" seriously, and then expanding into the concept of "and what would an alien species that strongly meets my personally ideal biology look like?" Author aliens are all non-human by virtue of the prompt, though the focus on worldview can occur outside of author aliens selftopias.

Medianverses are settings which answer the question "what would a world look like if I were the median person in it?" Some of these answer "what world produces me as the median person," while others answer "what world is created by a people in which I'm the median person?" Many medianverse settings are alternate Earths inhabited by modern humans with no magic.

The medianverse version of the prompt became popular in 2021, starting with Iarwain's glowfics set in his medianverse, dath ilan. However, this was not the first instance of the prompt on the constellation (which currently seems to be ChaosMagic and Decima's author aliens, the krissan, from 2020), and there's a complicated development timeline of different versions of the prompt.

Alien Fiction Review Threads

A recent trend (as of May 2022) on the Constellation has been for people to write threads in which members of a world of theirs solicit submissions of in-world fiction (as well as nonfiction and non-literature art in some cases) from other authors' worlds and comment on, categorize, and in some cases censor them. The majority of worlds doing reviews and submissions so far are self worlds, but not all threads are limited to submissions from self worlds. This page is meant to keep track of all of those threads.

Listed in order of posting, from oldest to newest:

- [it is a beautiful day at the censorship bureau and you are a horrible medianworld](#) by westwind (world is Ozytopia)
 - Ask ozy to be added to the groupchat for the thread before posting.
- [consectetur adipiscing elit](#) by sphinx (world is Malachitin)
 - This thread is marked abandoned.
- [Call For Submissions \[Open\]](#) by Evenstar (world is Heart)
 - Open to submissions, just post.
- [\[Open\] Format Conversion](#) by Murloc (world is Antsfolk)
 - Open to submissions.
- [\[open\] softwood coniferous trees](#) by Arete/Stars (world is Trees)
 - Open to submissions, just post.
- [The First-Glance Readers \[Open\]](#) by Rockeye (world is Planet)
- [Proceedings of TILES \[Open\]](#) by Tower (world is Towertopia)
 - Open to submissions, but PM Tower for approval first.
 - Towertopia is seeking works that comply with its guidelines, read the toppost for more information.
 - Spinoff thread: [The Girl In The Black and Blue Dress](#)
- [Church of Truth International Archive \[open\]](#) by Lotus (world is Carolingia)
 - Open to submissions, just post.
- [cave novel \[Open\]](#) by ChaosMagic and Decima (world is Krisses)
 - Fully open to submissions, no need to PM first.
 - No content guidelines on submissions.
- [the moon is crumbling but that's okay \[semi-open\]](#) by Blazing Darkness (world is Shadelings)
 - Contact Blazing Darkness if you would like to make a submission.
- [\[Open\] gentle-humor illustrative-satire-pointmaking small-bites setting-exploratory-noncanon-fun medianverse-fiction-trendjumping](#) by rusalkii
- [multiversal media mountain](#) by perinoveau (world is periverse)
 - Open to submissions.
- [Surreal and Sublime](#) by celer (world is Kellearth)
 - Do not submit unless celer has finished replying to everyone before you.
- [media imports \[open\]](#) by st753m (world is Therrune)
 - Open to submissions.
- [the invisible dragon in our garage is not impermeable to flour](#) by westwind (world is Ozytopia)
 - Open to submissions by PM.
 - Seeking religious/philosophical works, see toppost for details.
- [Content Begets Content \[open\]](#) by Thatwasademo (world is Demoscene)
- [when I was green in judgement](#) by Alicorn (world is Green)

- Open to submissions.
- [PLEASE SEND MAGIC or fiction if you don't have any magic \[Open\]](#) by Audere (world is Auder)
- [Every sufficiently advanced civilization eventually reinvents TVTropes. But they still need to invent books first. \(Open\)](#) by Curious Discoverer
- [it is a beautiful day in Cheliox and you are a horrible medianworld romance novel \[Closed\]](#) by Iarwain (world is Golarion, specifically Cheliox)
- [the natural law is written on the human heart](#) by westwind and spacecadet1848 (dialogue between Ozytopia and satire of Catholics)
- [There's nothing out there quite like me \[OPEN\]](#) by murloc (world is Girl Genius)

Separately, there have been a few threads in which authors post summaries of works from *their* world. Listed in order of posting, from oldest to newest:

- [Books from Planet](#) by Rockeye (world is Planet)
- [All you thought was supposed to exist, I only suppose to exist](#) by JiSK (world is Jiskworld)
- [I write because I must](#) by ChaosMagic and Decima (world is Krisses)
- [Fiction Distribution](#) by SparrowSea (world is Basiland)
- [Auderan media \[open to questions and comments\]](#) by Audere (world is Auder)
- [o say can you see](#) by InfaredArmy (world is Global Alliance)
- [Exports from the TIER \[Open\]](#) by Tower (world is Towertopia)
- [Media from Murlocian Ants \(OPEN\)](#) by Murloc (world is Antsfolk)
- [Information should be shared \[open\]](#) by RationalMoron (world is Ranalite)
- [To explore strange new worlds, to boldly go where no caver has gone before \[open\]](#) by BrinBellway (world is Brinnites)

A major precursor to this wave of threads were the [interdimensional summit threads](#), chiefly [once you have reached the summit of your own heart](#).

Interdimensional Summit Threads

There have been several threads depicting interdimensional diplomatic summits between various selfworlds/medianverses. The first was [once you have reached the summit of your own heart](#), featuring Firstplanet (NormalAnomaly), dath ilan (Iarwain), Green (Alicorn), Ozytopia (westwind), Bobbiverse (Bobbi), and Malachitin (sphinx). [cobra lily](#) (Green and Bobbiverse) is a breakout thread derivative of the former. These were later followed by:

- [there is always another summit](#) (The Krissan, by ChaosMagic and Decima)
- [Home is where the Heart is](#) (Heart, by Evenstar, and Homerealm, by Epheremal)
- [The Heart of the Planet](#) (Heart, by Evanstar, and Planet, by Rockeye)
- [never bring a flag on the summit](#) (Green, by Alicorn, Bicameral, by Swimmer363, Carolingia, by Lotus, and Listeners / Planet-That-We-Live-Upon, by Lethriloth)
- [renounced the hidden things of dishonesty](#) (Kastakians, by kastaka, Tetratopia, by tetraspace, Byway, by Lorec, and Zmalvipre, by Zmalvi)

Pharasma trials

In the Golarion setting, souls get judged after death by the goddess Pharasma and her judges, and sent to one of nine afterlives, corresponding to the nine D&D alignments. The afterlives send representatives to the trials of souls they're interested in. Nirvana, the Neutral Good afterlife, sends a representative to every trial.

The first trial appeared on-page in the middle of the "only that which they defend" continuity, in the thread "what can be destroyed by the truth", in December of 2020. There was another in "the sigh of the oppressed creature" in June 2022, and then a number of threads about trials in spring 2023.

List of trial threads

[what can be destroyed by the truth](#) by lintamande, Swimmer963
started Dec 03, 2020

[the sigh of the oppressed creature](#) by westwind, Fay
wen ning's trial
started Jun 22, 2022

[Scarcely the bell had ceased to toll](#) by Nemo
started Mar 20, 2023

[immortal hand or eye](#) by extent_of_foxes
started Mar 27, 2023

[Enemies Like These](#) by QTesseract
Hell argues for Nirvana
started Mar 31, 2023

[incompatible file format](#) by extent_of_foxes, Rockeye
Karakhan Stoneheart on trial
started Apr 06, 2023

[in spring, anyone can make a fine meal](#) by lalaithion
axis shows up for a trial
started Apr 11, 2023

[finite and temporal crimes](#) by Arete/Stars
Nirvana sends a representative to every trial, no matter what the defendant has done.
started Apr 13, 2023

[dare we hope that all be saved](#) by westwind
tar-baphon gets a trial
started Apr 16, 2023

[nobody is damned until burning and damned](#) by ilzolende
Griffith Young gets an afterlife trial
started Apr 17, 2023