

Escapade 31 Wayback Panel Options

Are TPTB messing with us?

Last year there was NCIS: Gay, er LA. This year there is Hawaii 5-0. Totally married hot male buddy leads. Is this dynamic deliberate on the show runner's part? They can't be naive enough to not know what they're doing, can they? Or are they simply hearkening back to the 'buddy shows' of 20 or 40 years ago?

Flattering or creepy?

Are slash writers flattered or creeped out by increased canon references, academic notice and public reviews? Is the attention encouraging or does it push slash under f-lock?

It's the End of The World as We Know It

Zombies, comets, plague and pestilence – reading or writing, what's the appeal? Let's look at the qualities adverse circumstance can bring out in characters and pairings, and whether certain fandoms are better suited to such blight than others.

Acknowledgment Forum

In fannish disclaimers, it's become customary to acknowledge the creators of our source material. But how often do we take the time to thank the fans who've inspired us? These may be our closest friends, or people we've never met. Come and share some of your inspirations. Hey, you might have inspired someone without even knowing it.

Proslash

It's been a year since we last gathered to talk about the rise of m/m books. A few weeks ago Library Journal had an article about it as a new genre with buying suggestions to start a collection. Does your library have any? Does your local bookstore? Let's talk about books. What's new? Where are you buying? Who are you buying?

Is the medium the mistress?

Fandoms stem from a wide range of media forms: TV shows, movies, books, sports figures, even songs and games. Source material can be a single book or movie, or it can encompass different universes, media, and eras, like Star Trek or Sherlock Holmes. Does the source type dictate the fannish styles? Do the different forms of media in a single fandom all count as canon?

What Rhymes with Ink? Kink!

Wedging kink into your fandom: is it appropriate to the characters and the universe? Do we care? Come and discuss your new-found love of toe- bondage, your confusion over ponyplay, and the characters you like to see indulging.

All the stuff you like: Pimping

Also referred to as Pimping Free for All or Free Range Pimping, this is your chance to rave about the wonders of anything. Did you find a great brand of shoes? A new author? The most comfortable set of sheets ever? Heck, we'll even talk about tv and movies. Come talk about anything you love.

Uniforms and tough guys, and where has all the rough and tumble gone?

This topic is so badass, its description won't be contained by this space: Where have all the tough guys gone? Are they in UNIFORM, regimented, traditional, hyper-masculine? Or are they leather-jacketed lone wolves? Where do we get our really tough guys these days? In the military, what does the repeal of DADT really mean? More SNAGs, or more thrills?

Fan Art Meta

A chance to discuss the burning questions in the fan art world: what is art and what's not? how is art different from fic? where can I find the good stuff? Suitable for fanart creators, collectors, and critics alike!

The Importance of Local Flavor

How much does the integration of the story setting affect your enjoyment? For example, would SPN be as fun if the two hot guys

drove a Volkswagen bus? Would Neal and his retro-hip Rat Pack suits work in LA? Bring examples of shows, movies, and books where settings work and where they don't so we can discuss this often overlooked facet of fandom.

Fannish Bullying

When we turn on each other, things can get ugly. Is bullying ever justified? What about plagiarism? Promoting a non-standard pairing? What if we only bully those who bullied someone else first?

And Now For Something Completely Different: Crafts and Hobbies

Many of us knit and some of us sew, but what else? Maybe you make dolls, or brew beer? SCA or RenFaire, anyone? Or maybe you prefer model trains? Come take a break from the serious meta for a bit and enjoy some lighthearted craft and hobby pimp-age. Pictures and samples strongly encouraged!

OMG, we're getting older!

Escapade is now 21 years old, which means that we, as fans, are also ... older. Is there any such thing as 'too old to be a fan'? How are we planning for what happens to our fannish 'stuff'?

Orphaned Fans

What to do beside thumb twiddling between fandoms. Or, how to survive falling out of fandom before finding a new shiney.

Archiving Fannish History

What's involved in making a fannish archive? How much can be digitized, and how does that happen? What's the difference between re-creating the originals and making the contents accessible? Come talk about university collections, PDF conversion, metadata tagging, anonymity, and other issues involved in creating a usable archive.

Fanlore: are BNFs writing our history?

Fanlore has an official policy of 'plural points of view', but is that really happening? Have you ever looked up a kerfluffle you were involved in, and seen how your side of the battle was portrayed? (And on the other side, are we afraid of conflict, to the point that Fanlore is bland and safe?)

Decoding Vid Meaning

How do you read a vid? Clip choice, lyrics, structure, symbols or the tone of the music-- vids offer plenty of clues, and we decipher them as we see fit. Come watch a vid (or two!) and discuss how we get meaning from what we see and hear to develop a deeper understand of what's going on in the vid. Multiple viewings are required!

The Reccing Crew

Recommending a fanwork is deeply woven into our culture. Are there new social mores at work when we make public recs? How has the move from letters to mailing lists to Livejournal and Delicious affected reccing? Delicious was conceived as a bookmarking site, but often operates as a recs and comments site. If it goes away, what would replace it?

Old Enough or Too Old?: How Age Difference Affects Pairing Potential

Do you like one half of your pairing 'well preserved'? Or is May/December slash romance the squickiest thing you can imagine – especially if one has a duty of care over the other. Which pairings are better because of the age difference, and which are harder to justify? Come and explore topics related to age and age difference in fanfiction.

The Best Crossover Story Idea Ever (That Someone Else Should Write for Me)

The name says it all. Bring your favorite crossover ideas to this fun brainstorming session, get as general or detailed as you want, and be prepared to share them with a room full of like-minded potential plot- bunny victims.