

TYPES OF FANFICTION WRITERS



SAAMIN AZAM SUHA

Fanfiction is one of the most creative ways to interact with a fandom. When you're frustrated with the current plot or looking for something new, fanfiction is your holy grail, and the brave writers your salvation. However, even these writers can get stereotyped. Can you pick your favourite?

THE CELEBRITY

You know this one; they're the most popular writer in the fandom, *everyone* knows them. All their works get hundreds of likes and comments just minutes after posting. People create fan-art for every chapter, some even build shrines for them. You either find them brilliant or overrated, but everyone agrees that they're insanely talented.

THE UNUSUAL

This is the author who always tries something out of the box, either leaving you staring at your screen in awe or scratching your head in confusion. Odds are, they were the first to revolutionise many different fandom tropes. None of their works are the same, and you truly admire their ability to come up with such unique plots.

THE ONE HIT WONDER

This is that author, with that one fanfiction practically everyone loves, but when your friends ask you about more of their works, your mind comes up blank. It may be that they wrote just one fanfiction and nothing else, or that none of their other works ever reached the same league as their most popular one. Either way, you'll always appreciate them for writing the fanfiction of your dreams.

THE MISSING

Thinking about this author makes you want to cry. Everyone knows that one author who wrote a great fanfiction and left it incomplete, never to be seen again. There are many variations of this type. Either they update their work with new chapters once every two years, or they left their work at a cliff-hanger and never updated it again. You just wish and pray they'd come back.

THE HIDDEN GEM

If you can't recognise them, that proves the point. This is the author lost in the crowd – their work barely gets any attention, and just one comment is more than enough for them. They're the one whose writing is brilliant and could easily pass off as a professional writer. Reading their work leaves you in awe, and you wonder how it's possible that fanfiction is *free* because people like them truly deserve more than they get credit for. So, when you read your daily dose of fanfiction today, make sure to leave them a like and at least a comment because it will truly make their day.

Saamin Azam Suha is a fandom connoisseur, professional procrastinator, and wannabe MasterChef. Send her compliments at saamin.suha@gmail.com

Debunking the excuses behind rejections

FAISAL BIN IQBAL

A simple "sorry" is never enough when someone is being rejected. The question "Why not?" will always linger in the heads of the ones at the receiving end of the rejection. And if the person in question is you, in order to set your sorry soul free, they need to come up with a good enough reason.

But do they really mean it?
YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE BETTER
 That's what they all say. Little do they know, that they were supposed to be that "better" one after you were asked to move on again and again and again by your other interests. They are just saying this because they have to. After all, it is better to make you think that you deserve better than to make you feel completely worthless.

I AM TOO BUSY

You know how people say that it's not about finding time, it's just about priorities? Turns out you were never in their priority list. Your crush may not be busy with studies or career thoughts. What he or she is busy with though, is keeping you at bay and away from his or her vicinity.

WE CAN ONLY BE FRIENDS

"Wait, so you're saying that we weren't friends all this time?" Nope, you were not. Chances are they didn't even know that you existed before you went out of your way to express your feelings towards them. Or, you guys were friends but the fact that you decided to shift into the dating gear made them realise that it's time to show you your place, that is the infamous friendzone.

I LIKE YOU AS A SIBLING

The only thing worse than being friendzoned is being bro-zoned or sister-zoned or whatever *mama, chacha, khala* your love interest identifies you as. Unlike the Lannister siblings from *Game of Thrones*, you do not have a chance at this. You might think that being referred to as the brother or sister of your crush makes you somewhat of a close companion to them, but in reality, it is just their way of saying no politely.

I AM NOT INTO DATING

Of course, they are not into dating. They are busy with other important things in life like binge watching *Friends* for the umpteenth time or just straight out procrastinating. Give it a few days or a week at best and you will eventually find out that he or she is dating your best friend or perhaps your worst enemy.

I AM ALREADY SEEING SOMEONE

Not much to debunk here – the fault is entirely yours. Not because you didn't know that your crush wasn't single but because you didn't try hard enough to make your crush dump his or her current partner for you. Alexa, play "Somebody Else" by The 1975.

Life is meaningless unless you had the opportunity to experience one of these reasons. It takes a lot to come up with such smart excuses, but it takes a lot more to tolerate them.

Faisal wants to be the very best, like no one ever was. To survive university is his real test, to graduate is his cause. Send him memes and motivation at abir.afc@gmail.com

