

The Wattpad Portal Contest Official Rules

By participating in the Wattpad Portal Contest (“**Contest**”), each entrant (collectively “**Entrant**” or “**you**”) agrees to be bound by these Official Rules and the decision of Wattpad Corp. (“**Sponsor**”), which is final and binding in all matters.

1. How to Enter: NO PURCHASE OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.

To participate in the Contest, you must submit your entry of up to five (5) chapters of a webcomic based upon one (1) of the available stories detailed on the contest page through Wattpad.com (“**Website**”) during the period beginning at 9:00:00 am EST on August 19, 2024 through 11:59:59 pm EST on October 19, 2024 (“**Entry Period**”). Visit the contest profile at Wattpad.com/user/TBD (the “**Contest Profile**”) and follow the instructions provided (“**Instructions**”) on how to submit your entry of up to five (5) chapters of a webcomic based upon one (1) of the available stories (the “**Contest Stories**”) detailed on the contest page (each, an “**Entry**”). Eligible Entrants may enter as many times as they wish (with unique Entries) during the Entry Period but may only submit one (1) Entry per Contest Story. If you do not already have a Website account, you will be required to create one in order to enter. Creating an account is free as of the publication of these Official Rules. All Website terms and conditions apply. Accounts or Entries generated by script, macro, artificial intelligence or other automated means will be void. Website’s clock will be the official time-keeping device for the Contest.

All Entries must meet the following criteria:

- Each Entry must be in English, original and may not exceed 200 panels in length, as determined by Wattpad in its sole discretion.
- Each Entrant must have all rights necessary to post and submit each Entry.
- Entries must not infringe on the intellectual property or other rights of any third party. It is each Entrant’s responsibility to ensure that Entrant has all necessary rights to submit the Entry (with the exception of any rights associated with respective Contest Stories) and to grant Sponsor the rights described in these Official Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, Entrants are granted permission to make use of all aspects of the Contest Stories solely in connection with their Entry.
- Entries must comply with all Instructions specified on the Contest Profile (incorporated herein by reference).
- Entries must not contain identifying information (e.g. names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses or mailing addresses) of any real person, including Entrant.
- Entries must not contain material that is obscene, lewd, disparaging, defamatory, libelous, threatening, pornographic, sexually explicit, racially or ethnically offensive, or that otherwise contains inappropriate content or objectionable material as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, or that encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, or violate any law.
- Entries must not disparage the goodwill and business reputation of Sponsor, and/or any of their affiliated companies.
- Entries must be tagged #wattpadportalcontest to be considered.

Sponsor reserves the right to reject any Entry for any reason.

1. Eligibility:

Open to legal residents of all countries and territories where participation in such a contest is allowed by law, who are at least eighteen (18) years of age. By participating in the Contest and using the Website, Entrants agree to the Sponsor's Policies (found at <https://policies.wattpad.com/>), including the Content Guidelines, Terms of Service, and Privacy Policy. Employees, officers and directors of Sponsor, and their respective parent corporations, affiliates, subsidiaries, and advertising, promotion, and fulfillment agencies, and their immediate family members (spouse and parents, children, siblings and their respective spouses, regardless of where they reside) and those living in their same households, whether or not related, are not eligible to participate in the Contest. Contest is void where prohibited. All applicable federal, state/provincial and local laws apply.

2. **Finalist Selection:**

The ten (10) finalists (each, a "**Finalist**") will be selected from all eligible Entries received on or about November 6, 2024. Sponsor shall use the selection process described in section 2(a). Finalists are subject to verification, including verification of eligibility. If an Entrant is unable to verify Entrant's information, the Entrant will automatically be disqualified and their prize, if any, will be forfeited. Sponsor reserves the right to select fewer than ten (10) Finalists if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified Entries.

- a. **Manual Selection.** Finalists will be selected by manual editorial review based equally on (i) creativity, (ii) adaptation and (iii) quality of artwork/writing including grammar, spelling and syntax (33% / 33% / 33%). Ten (10) Finalist Entries will be sent to a judging panel of Sponsor's judging panel, which may include the author or authors of the Contest Stories ("**Wattpad Creators**"), for Winner Selection, as described below.

3. **Winner Selection:**

The one (1) potential Grand Prize Winner and one (1) Secondary Prize Winner and eight (8) Runner-Ups (each a "**Prize Winner**") will be selected by Sponsor and Wattpad Creators on or about November 25, 2024. Sponsor reserves the right to determine an alternate winner in accordance with these Official Rules in the event that any Prize Winner is disqualified, cannot be contacted, or is deemed ineligible for any reason, or is not available to participate in any applicable contesting events. Finalists and judging scores will not be revealed. The decisions of judges are final.

4. **Winner Notification & Requirements:**

Sponsor or an agent of Sponsor will attempt to notify the Prize Winner(s) by email or direct message on Website within forty-eight (48) hours of selection. The potential Prize Winners will be required to correctly answer, without assistance of any kind, a timed mathematical skill-testing question administered by telephone, video conference, or email. Prize Winners will be required to execute and return a Declaration of Eligibility and Release (the "**Declaration and Release**") form within forty-eight (48) hours of time of notification. If such Declaration and Release are not returned within the specified time period, winner notification is returned as undeliverable, a potential Prize Winner fails to correctly answer the mathematical skill-testing question or a potential Prize Winner is not in compliance with these Official Rules, prize will be forfeited and, at Sponsor's discretion, a runner-up may be selected. Prize Winners will be announced on Wattpad.com/user/TBD on or about November 29, 2024.

5. **Publicity Grant:**

Entry in the Contest constitutes permission for Sponsor, and each of their respective designees to use each Entrant's and Prize Winners' Entries, as well as Entrant's name, website(s) or other social media handle or other ID, biographical information, address (city and state) and likeness, for advertising and promotional purposes, in any manner, in any and all media now or hereafter devised, worldwide, in perpetuity, without further compensation, notification or permission, except where prohibited by applicable law and as otherwise provided herein. The preceding expressly includes, without limitation, any video associated with any winning Entry.

6. Prizes:

The one (1) Grand Prize Winner will each receive:

- a. Seven thousand five hundred dollars (US\$7,500)
- b. An offer to enter into an agreement with Wattpad

And the one (1) Secondary Prize Winners will each receive:

- a. Three thousand five hundred dollars (US\$3,500)

And the eight (8) Runner-Ups will each receive:

- a. Seven hundred and fifty dollars (US\$750)

Sponsor shall recognize or credit each applicable Wattpad Creator as a partner associated with the creation of the submission. Prize Winner(s) will have no approvals over the final messaging used in conjunction with any winning Entry or its content. All other prize details are at Sponsor's sole discretion. Prize(s) must be accepted as awarded and may not be substituted or transferred, except at Sponsor's sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to substitute a prize of greater or equivalent monetary value if a prize cannot be awarded as described for any reason. Any other costs, taxes or expenses associated with a prize not specified herein will be the responsibility of selected Prize Winners. All federal, state/provincial, local and other taxes are the sole responsibility of each Prize Winner.

a. Intellectual Property / Use of Entries:

Each Entrant owns the underlying copyright of the original elements of their Entry, except for the underlying copyright owned by the respective Wattpad Creator. Each Finalist (if applicable) and Prize Winner grants to Sponsor and its designees the exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, sublicensable right and license to use, perform, exhibit, reproduce and/or otherwise exploit the prize-winning Entry in any manner and in any and all distribution channels, venues or media now known or hereafter devised, without further notice or any compensation to Entrant. The preceding grant of rights is subject to any rights retained by a social media operator in its social media platform. Entrant further waives any "Moral Rights of Authors" or similar natural rights of ownership Entrant may have in the user content. Entrant further agrees, upon Sponsor's request and without compensation of any kind, to execute any additional documents so as to effect, record or perfect the grant of rights contemplated by this subsection.

b. Representations & Warranties:

- a. Each participating Entrant hereby represents and warrants that any Entry and other materials and information provided by such Entrant are original to Entrant and do not

violate or infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity, moral rights or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity, and do not violate any rules or regulations contained in these Official Rules. If the Entry or information or materials provided by Entrant contain any material or elements that are not owned by Entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, Entrant represents that Entrant has obtained, prior to submission of the Entry and information or materials, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit use and exploitation of the Entry and information and materials by Sponsor and in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation.

- b. Each Entrant represents and warrants that the Entry and materials and information provided do not contain information considered by Entrant or any other third party to be confidential, and that the Entry, materials and information provided do not violate any applicable laws or regulations. Entrant agrees that Sponsor has the right to verify the ownership and originality of all Entries. In the event a submission is selected as a winning Entry, and Entrant's ownership, rights and the originality of the Entry cannot be verified to the satisfaction of Sponsor or is in any other way ineligible, Sponsor may select an alternate winner based on the same judging criteria.
- c. By participating, Entrants acknowledge that Sponsor may be working on or may receive other Entries (or Sponsor's employees or third-party independent contractors may create materials on their own) that are similar or identical in theme, format or other respects to that submitted by Entrant. By submitting an Entry, Sponsor does not waive any rights to use similar or related ideas previously known to Sponsor or developed by its employees or agents, or obtained from sources other than entrant. Neither Sponsor nor shall have any liability to Entrant for any direct, indirect, contributory, vicarious, secondary or other infringement or protection of any copyright in or to entrant's Entry. Neither Sponsor nor Wattpad Creator are not responsible for any unauthorized use of Entries by third parties.

c. **General Rules:**

- a. In the event of a dispute regarding any Entry, that Entry will be deemed made by the authorized holder of the primary email address associated with the Entry at the time of the Entry submission, and such Entrant must comply with these Official Rules. Sponsor, each of their respective parent corporations, affiliates, subsidiaries, and advertising, promotion and fulfillment agencies and all of their respective officers, shareholders, directors, employees, agents, representatives, licensees and assigns, as well as Wattpad Creators (collectively, "**Released Parties**") are not responsible for technical, hardware, software or telephone malfunctions of any kind, lost or unavailable network connections, or failed, incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate, garbled or delayed electronic communications, or for errors or difficulties of any kind whether human, mechanical, electronic, computer, network, typographical, printing or otherwise relating to or in connection with the Contest, including, without limitation, errors or difficulties which may occur in connection with the administration of the Contest, the processing or judging of Entries or in any Contest-related materials. Released Parties reserve the right at their sole discretion to disqualify any Entrant who tampers or attempts to tamper with the Entry process or the operation of the Contest, mobile application or website (including the Website); violates the Official Rules; or acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the

Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages (including attorneys' fees) and other remedies from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules will not constitute a waiver of that provision. Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest if it is not capable of running as planned, including, but not limited to, infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other problems. Released Parties will have no liability or responsibility for any claim arising in connection with participation in this Contest or the exploitation by a Released Party of any Entry. Entrants assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in this Contest. Aside from providing portions of the Prizes and selecting the Prize Winners (as outlined hereto), shall not be responsible for the conduct and administration of the Contest, including the distribution of the Prizes. Entrants acknowledge and agree that Sponsor shall be the sole party responsible for the conduct and administration of the Contest.

- b. The Released Parties have not made, nor are in any manner responsible or liable for, any warranty, representation, or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to any prize, including but not limited to its quality, mechanical condition or fitness for a particular purpose. By accepting a prize, each confirmed Prize Winner agrees to waive all recourse against the Released Parties if the applicable prize or a component thereof does not prove satisfactory, either in whole or in part. By participating in this Contest, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, each Entrant: (i) releases the Released Parties from any and all liability, loss or damage that the Entrant may incur in connection with the Entrant's participation in this Contest and, if applicable, with respect to the awarding, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of a prize and notifications in respect of prizes; (ii) agrees that under no circumstances will the Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages; (iii) agrees that all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, or any prize awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and (iv) agrees that any and all claims, judgments, and award shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, excluding attorneys' fees and court costs.
- d. **Release / Limitation of Liability:**

ENTRANTS HEREBY HOLD THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY THIRD-PARTY CLAIM ARISING FROM USE OF THE ENTRY, THE STORY, OR ENTRANTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, RIGHTS OF PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY OR FALSE ENDORSEMENT. RELEASED PARTIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, LATE, DAMAGED, MISDIRECTED, ILLEGIBLE, INCOMPLETE, DELAYED, INACCURATE, GARBLED, STOLEN OR MUTILATED ENTRIES, OR FOR ANY COMPUTER, ONLINE, TELEPHONE OR TECHNICAL MALFUNCTIONS, DELAYS OR HUMAN ERRORS THAT OCCUR IN THE PROCESSING, TRANSMISSION OR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES, OR FOR INACCURATE TRANSCRIPTION OF ENTRY INFORMATION, OR FOR ENTRIES THAT ARE STOLEN, MISDIRECTED, GARBLED, LOST OR DELAYED BY COMPUTER TRANSMISSIONS, OR IF, FOR ANY REASON, THE CONTEST IS NOT CAPABLE OF BEING CONDUCTED AS PLANNED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INFECTION BY COMPUTER VIRUSES, BUGS, TAMPERING,

UNAUTHORIZED INTERVENTION, FRAUD, TECHNICAL FAILURES, OR OTHER CAUSES. RELEASED PARTIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INCORRECT OR INACCURATE ENTRY INFORMATION, WHETHER CAUSED BY INTERNET USERS OR BY ANY OF THE EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAMMING ASSOCIATED WITH OR UTILIZED IN THE CONTEST OR BY ANY TECHNICAL OR HUMAN ERROR THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE PROCESSING OF THE ENTRIES IN THE CONTEST.

- e. **Disputes:** This Contest and the rights and obligations of Sponsor and Entrants will be governed by and controlled by the laws of the State of New York, applicable to contracts made and performed therein without reference to the applicable choice of law provisions. All actions, proceedings or litigation relating hereto will be instituted and prosecuted solely within the City of New York, New York. Entrant agrees that: (i) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; (ii) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Contest, and in no event will Entrant be permitted to obtain attorneys' fees or other legal costs; and (iii) under no circumstances will Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and Entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.
- f. **Use of Data:** Information submitted in connection with this Contest is governed by Sponsor's Privacy Policy (available at <https://policies.wattpad.com/privacy/>), and by participating in the Contest, each Entrant acknowledges that the Entrant has read and accepted the Privacy Policy and agrees to Sponsor's usage of the Entrant's personal information. Sponsor prohibits entry by, and does not knowingly collect personal information from, anyone under thirteen (13) years of age.
- g. **Winner's List:** You may request the name of the Prize Winner(s) (available after December 5, 2024) by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Sponsor at the address below for receipt by no later than January 5, 2025.
- h. **Sponsor:** Wattpad Corp., 36 Wellington St. E., Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5E 1C7.