

Jean's Policy on Fanfiction & Fanart:

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Greetings!

For those of you interested in writing fanfiction or drawing fanart based on my writings, I have a few rules. They're simple, straightforward, and easy to remember. Please follow them:

1) No making any money whatsoever off of fanfics or fanart based in my universes. I much prefer to remain pleasant and friendly. (It's a duhh, but it has to be said.) Please include a Fanfic Writer's/Artist's Disclaimer along the lines of: "This story/artwork is based on characters and situations created by Jean Johnson; no money is being made and no copyright or trademark infringement is intended."

2) No descriptions or drawings of smutty stuff with characters who are under 18 years of age. (If the local restriction is higher than that, heed that, too.)

3) The Author's Disclaimer: "My universes and stories are very much the product of my own imagination; I do not need to filch from the writings of others to come up with my ideas, trust me." But since the lawyer types get all twitchy about it, I'm not going to read any fanfics based on a particular series until after that particular series is finished. Nor will I be able to listen to any fanfic plot ideas you have until that particular series is done, sorry.

4) Because of #3, I will not be able to host or link any fanfics on my JeanJohnson.net website. However, I do hope you'll use JeanJohnsonFanFiction.com. Do feel free to post at other sites willing to accommodate fanfics set in my universes, too; all I ask is that you follow these rules.

5) I won't host a fanart area on the JeanJohnson.net website, either, mostly to keep the site download-friendly. However, like the fanfics, you may definitely post it elsewhere! (Pssst: From time to time, the web-ministry team for JeanJohnsonFanFiction.com will be looking for new fanart to help make it look good!)

6) Lastly, I am the final arbiter of What Is Canon in my writing universes. (I've heard "horror stories" where readers argued with authors about What Is Canon in those author's universes, and I just want to avoid the whole facepalm-ness of it right from the start.)

...There. That wasn't so difficult, was it? Just make sure to follow the above rules, and the rest of it, I leave up to your imaginations. Above all (though it's not an official rule) Have Fun Writing!

~Jean