



JOIN THREE PATCH PODCAST  
FOR A LIVE RECORDED PANEL ON  
**CROSSOVER SHIPPING**  
*with Emma Grant*

YOUR SHIP IS OUT THERE.

**GRIDLOCK DC**  
**AUGUST 16**  
**6-7PM**



# Recording the Podcast

- We will be using a handheld mic to record the audio, so please wait until the mic is close to you before speaking!
- We will be editing this discussion down to about 30 minutes, so we apologize in advance if your comments are edited out of the final recording.

# What is a crossover?

- “A **crossover** is a fanfiction story in which two or more fandoms are combined in some way.”
- “In the most common form, characters from Fandom A may meet characters from Fandom B” and interact with them.
- “Crossovers can involve as many fandoms as the author(s) can juggle; there's no limit to the potential madness and creativity of the exercise.”

# Top Sherlock crossover fandoms

1. Harry Potter
2. James Bond
3. Doctor Who
4. Marvel
5. Supernatural
6. Cabin Pressure
7. Star Trek
8. Sentinel
9. Tolkein
10. His Dark Materials

- The vast majority of these are crossovers with the BBC Sherlock universe, though many of the other Sherlock incarnations are also represented.
- Ranked by AO3 kudos
- Data from [Destinationtoast.tumblr.com](http://Destinationtoast.tumblr.com)

# What is an AU?

- “**Alternate Universe** (often abbreviated as AU) is a descriptor used to characterize fanworks which change one or more elements of the source work's canon.”
- We tend to use "AU" to describe all alterations from canon in the Sherlock fandom, but in other fandoms, AU is often subdivided into more specific subgenres like AR (reality – parallel universe), AT (timeline), AS (setting), or AHAU (all human).

When you think of Sherlock AUs,  
what comes to mind?

# A STUDY IN AU!SHERLOCK



GREASER!LOCK



TUNAI!LOCK



BALLET!LOCK



OTTER!LOCK



ZOMBIE!LOCK



FEM!LOCK



STRIPPER!LOCK



WING!LOCK



POTTER!LOCK



ROCKER!LOCK



FAWN!LOCK



ANDROID!LOCK

Of approximately 65,000 Sherlock fanworks on AO3, around 9000 (14%) are self-identified as AU.

The Top Ten AUs on AO3 (as of mid-July 2014):

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Teenlock   | 6. Red pants    |
| 2. Parentlock | 7. Virginlock   |
| 3. Kidlock    | 8. Superwholock |
| 4. Omegaverse | 9. Potterlock   |
| 5. Femlock    | 10. Bondlock    |

# Followed by...

11. Unilock
12. Vamplock
13. Drugslock
14. Catlock
15. Winglock
16. Fawnlock
17. Smauglock
18. Retirementlock
19. Merlock
20. Greaserlock
21. Octojohn
22. Werelock
23. Porn star
24. Balletlock
25. Piratelock
26. Otterlock
27. Batjohn
28. Bunnylock
29. Tattolock
30. Tunalock

# On the storied origins of Tunalock:

*One beautiful day in 2013 a small group of people were hanging out in a livestream and taikova went to make herself a tuna sandwich and after a bit of messing around tunalock was born.*

*This is all there is to it. The wait for S3 had never anything to do with it. You can stop making those jokes.*

– **[fuckyeahtunalock.tumblr.com](https://fuckyeahtunalock.tumblr.com)**



♥ 96 likes

🗨 **emily\_cumberbatch** My baby is a fish💕💕

**ninillas** A tuna fish

**itsmaddyrafferty** tunalock <33

**fandomonium** #tunalock = life

- AUs and crossovers are not unique to fandom, of course. But... why?
- Why do these kinds of fanworks appeal to you?
- How do they allow you to experience stories differently than do fanworks set in the canon universe?

# Breakout groups

- Form a group of 4 or 5 people
- Choose a favorite AU or Crossover
- You have 10 minutes to answer the questions on the following slide.
- When we start again, be prepared to share!

# In groups (10 minutes)

## **Option 1: Pimp ur crossover!**

1. Give a one-sentence summary of the (other) fandom.
2. Why is this a good crossover with Sherlock?
3. Give examples of popular ships or tropes for this crossover.
4. Rec a fanwork!

## **Option 2: Pimp ur AU!**

1. Describe the AU in a single sentence.
2. Why does this AU appeal to you?
3. Give examples of popular tropes in this AU.
4. Rec a fanwork!

Please email links to any fanworks  
you recced here to  
[bored@three-patch.com](mailto:bored@three-patch.com)  
so we can include them in our show  
notes!