Welcome to Escapade 31

What to say, after 30 years of introductions?

Have fun. Be safe.

People are texting with a smile on their faces and coming from a good place. If it's possible to interpret text positively, that's probably how it's intended.

This is our first virtual Escapade after 30 successful years in person. Attendees have become friends or lovers over smiles and eye contact and food and drinks and raw enthusiasm for fandoms and fannish interests. We *know* that people don't climb over the paywall unless they want to be here and have fun.

If someone's answer seems unclear, ask someone else or ask again. If you see someone asking twice, help to see if their question is answered and make sure they feel welcomed and supported, even if the answer isn't great. Remember that text doesn't translate your smile nearly as well it should.

Escapade was created by people who craved a democratic space where members could have a say in how the party took shape. We trust that our values, our thirst for spirited debate; our welcome of all views, races, orientations, interests, fandoms, relationships, pairings and groupings, kinks, etc. will be obvious.

If it isn't... visit the consuite. We have a *great* margarita recipe, and there might be a nice convention-themed well drinks selection, with directions included.

LOGISTICS

Zoom, Discord and Vimeo

Log in to escapadecon.net and go to "My Account" dashboard.

Throughout the weekend, whenever you need them, "My Account Dashboard" will have links to all tracks of programming in Zoom, for the Escapade 31 Discord server, and for Vimeo for the streaming vidshow (first showing, 6 pm PST Friday).

Zoom is our primary video conferencing space, and Discord is our primary texting and watch-party space. Discord also has some a/v chat hangout designed to mimic the convention (The Atrium; hallways; the bar).

If you need technical help, Discord has channels to help you learn what you need to learn. **If you need Escapade orientation, the Zoom consuite** channel members can help.

We offered two tech support trainings pre-con to orient members to Zoom, and there are two Discord trainings, one Friday and one Saturday. We also created some very short, very simple Zoom basics videos. Links to those videos are also on your "My Account Dashboard" page.

Everything we emailed to you is also posted to the News on the escapadecon website, in case you missed something, or would like to read linearly.



Everyone contributes—some more than others.

The convention wouldn't happen without Megan. Period. She is a self-described work horse, though we think of her as an organizational goddess.

Misti handles consuites both live and virtual. Her mission is to make you feel welcome, answer your questions, help you orient yourself to the con, and feed you. Since she cannot feed your belly, she might have recipes and drink ideas; maybe ideas for snacks.

Jo and Killa make the vidshow happen. Literally, they make it happen. We don't even ask how. We just pay for Vimeo and rent computers. Killa also provides web design and luvs and snuggly cat pictures, and we watch SheRa.

Dail answers your emails. That sounds simple, but there was a time before her when that wasn't a guarantee. She also stores things you might see in person, next year.

Barbana runs our art show, and it takes a special form this year. On Tumblr, we'll have our first uncurated sharing of members' art which Barbana has organized, cheerled, and whose execution she manages.

Maria maintains our website. Every bit of it.

We have 6 Discord mods, a dozen or more Zoom tech mods to help things go smoothly (but if something doesn't go smoothly, that's on us), and a host of panel moderators, streaming video hosts, gamers, and donors who help underwrite Escapade from year to year. We have more individual donors this year than usual (people who said, "keep my 2021 reg fees and do what you think best"), whose monies will be held for next year's general and scholarship funds.

Thank you all. You're why the convention continues. You're the *only* reason, the only way, the convention continues.

—Charlotte (who writes a lot of stuff and counts things)





FRIDAY (Meta channel)

11:00 AM

Welcome to Escapade

Megan Kent, Charlotte C. Hill

Welcome to our first virtual Escapade Con. Learn about the expectations and hopes for the virtual event, the Discord server, streaming movies, gaming, and the vidshow. Meet! First-time attendees, consider raising your hands to be welcomed. Long-time attendees, stand ready to help new people. We'll summarize the nature of Escapade; share the basis of our code of conduct ("hey, hey, don't be mean"); remind newcomers that, like a bar, at least some of your consent to participate in adult-content discussion begins at the door; announce the way-back panel and pick the wildcard panel; and welcome you again.

#escapadecon #WelcometoEscapade

Noon

Newcomer Meetup

Barbana, Rhaegal

If you're new to the convention, this is the place to come and meet some smiling faces, ask nontechnical questions, and get yourselves acquainted.

#escapadecon #NewcomerMeetup

1:00 PM

Intro to Discord

Jessica Dickinson Goodman, Saklani

Are you new to Discord? Do you want to learn the basics of fandom's (and Escapade's) current home? This is the panel for you.

#escapadecon #Intro2Discord

2:00 PM

Wildcard Panel

Mods TBD

We save this space for the topic that is more current than when the panel suggestions closed and the ballot was completed. Chosen on-the-fly during the welcome panel.

#escapadecon #Wildcard

3:00 PM

Wayback Panel

Mods TBD

This is our chance to revisit something we talked about at Escapade ten years ago. Selected by poll before the convention.

#escapadecon #Wayback



Social Event: The Old Guard watch party

Watch party for *The Old Guard*, a modern, female-poc-directed action movie with canon queer characters and a decent fanfic library awaiting you, to start the convention off.

#escapadecon #TheOldGuard

6:00 PM

Escapade Songvid Show

Jo, Killa

Vids, vids! The show will be a livestream on Friday night, so we have a chance to experience it together. Then it will be available for re-watch throughout the weekend.

#escapadecon #SongvidShow

9:00 PM

After Party and Bedtime Stories

Franzeska

Would normally involve liquor and snacks, laughter and fic reading. Might still involve liquor and snacks (you must provide your own), and will definitely involve laughter and fic.

#escapadecon #AfterParty





9:00 AM

Fantastic Bits and Where to Find Them: The Monsterfucking Panel

MlleMusketeerMeta

Why are we so horny for horns? Tittilated for tentacles? Squirmy for spiracles? Let's talk monsterfucking and what makes xeno in fanwork so much fun.

#escapadecon #FantasticBits

Good Omens: Ineffable Husbands

Rhaegal, Bethany WindsorFandom

Almost two years after the TV adaptation, and more than three decades after the book, Good Omens fandom is still going strong. We've had conventions (including one where Neil Gaiman confirmed that the Ineffable Husbands are canon), a string of virtual parties through lockdown, and now we even have official merch! With rumors of a Season 2 ramping up, what's next for the fandom?

#escapadecon #GoodOmens

How to Discord

Saklani, Jessica Dickinson GoodmanTech

Come learn the tricks, tips, and fun features of one of fandom's growing homes. If there's enough moderators (or aspiring moderators) we can swap advice on how to manage moderating, bots, NSFW channels, roles, permissions, and all that jazz.

#escapadecon #How2Discord

DIY: Hooked on Potter

What hooked you on Harry Potter? Was it the characters, the set-up, the MAGIC? What reels you in again and again? Pairings? Tropes? All the possibilities? Come discuss what we love, what we don't, and everything in between.

#escapadecon #HookedonPotter

SH: Are Starsky and Hutch the best cops in Bay City?

Oft described as the best cops in Bay City, are they really? Discuss examples from episodes.

#escapadecon #StarskyAndHutch

10:00 AM

What changed about fandom in 2020 (or did it?)

Emile St. Claire, Liz/Ealasaid......Meta

Inspired by an article in the New York Times (How Pop Music Fandom Became Sports, Politics, Religion and All-Out War), claiming that fandom has become more competitive than ever in light of the pandemic, this panel explores how fandom changed in 2020, if at



all. Did fandom ramp up, did the ride-or-dies take over now that they have more time on their hands, or is it all as intense as it ever was?

#escapadecon #Fandom2020

Guardian: Slash without the Goggles

sakana17, glymr......Fandom

Guardian is still sparking joy, and seems likely to do so for some time to come. What is it that's keeping fans hooked, despite show's the low budget and last-minute changes? Is it the identity porn? The pining? The awesome power couple(s)? The found family? The idiots to lovers? ...did I just answer my own question? Whether you love Guardian, love to hate it, or have no idea what I'm on about, let's talk about this genre-defining C-drama!

#escapadecon #Guardian

Vid Review

Mods TBD......Tech

The only thing we love more than watching vids is talking about them.

#escapadecon #VidrRview

Rec Lists and Fic Reviews

The shift away from community blogging meant the end of crack_van and similar groups. The death of Delicious meant the loss of thousands of personal recs. Where are you getting your "worth reading" recommendations these days - Twitter? Private Discord servers? AO3 bookmarks? Or do you skip recs and just sort for your OTP by kudos? What can we do to support a culture of sharing the great fics we've found?

#escapadecon #RecLists

Pros ep: Backtrack

......Chalk & Cheese

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11:00 AM

Old Friends Who've Just Met

Jonaneth (Neth) Smiley, Megan Kent......Meta

Fandom has always been a multi-generational space. Let's raise a glass to all the fans who've come before. The mentors we had who helped us and taught us how to be mentors ourselves. Fandom is a rare space where age isn't nearly as much of a factor that restricts who you make friends with and learn from, and while some of that's been lost, it's not yet gone. Join us celebrating fandom as a place for all ages.

#escapadecon #OldFriends



She-Ra: Who Got Femslash In My She-Ra?

Adrienne Fandom

Friends turned enemies turned lovers! Let's talk Adora/Catra, the worldbuilding choices that lead to it, and other femslash ships, canon and fanon.

#escapadecon #SheRa

Becoming Someone Else: The Many Faces of Roleplaying

Airawyn, Lana AltProg

Whether your game uses text, dice, or Rock Paper Scissors, there are plenty of ways to become someone else. Come talk about your favorite game and the wild things that can happen. Learn how to get started or tell us how you adapt in-person games to play online. Discuss how to navigate consent issues. Get advice on thorny player or GM questions.

#escapadecon #Roleplaying

Pros: Desert Island Musts

Fic - fic - fic. Can you narrow to just three picks for endless reading? Let's try - We can share what sustains us.

#escapadecon #ProsDesertIsland

Noon

Omegaverse and Other Migratory Slash Tropes

cathexys, Liz/EalasaidMeta

Omegaverse—a term barely a decade old—not only moved from SPN to other fandom, but also into pro fiction, and can be found on AO3 as easily as on Goodreads. What makes some tropes so popular they move within and without fandom? What draws you to certain tropes? Will you follow them to other fandoms? Do you like them enough to read outside of fannish writing? Come share your favorite tropes and let's theorize why we love them.

#escapadecon #Omegaverse

The Old Guard: New Immortals, New Game

Raine Wynd, Charlotte C. Hill.....Fandom

General squee over the amazing movie (maybe some comics love too) plus speculation over what might be coming if in a sequel gets made. Let's talk about plot holes, rec some fan works, share Discord channels, and the way fandom has reacted to canon - good and bad.

#escapadecon #TheOldGuard

Writing Group: What It Says On The Tin

Saklani, MlleMusketeerTech

Inspired by your fannish company? Come make some progress on your WIP or start something entirely new.

#escapadecon #WritingGroup



Best fanfiction ever! How to find the best stories.

There are so many stories, but too many of them aren't your cup of tea. How to find great stories, and let's share those!

#escapadecon #Bestfanfictionever

Shetland: I land, you land, we all land for Shetland!

1:00 PM

From Squick to Click: when you discover a Kink you didn't know you had

GlymrMeta

Is there a kink you swore you'd never, ever write - and one day you found yourself doing a full 180 and pounding out thousands of words of (incest/RPF/vore/monsterfucking/mpreg/insert kink here)? What flipped that switch in your mind from "no thanks" to "can't get enough"? A specific fandom? A specific FIC? Come and share your "Oh NO" moment! #escapadecon #SquicktoClick

MCU: Stucky Past, Present or Future

Pauline ZedFandom

What do you prefer? Pre-war Stucky in Brooklyn? Present-day Stucky, clearly ignoring Endgame? Future Stucky off in space? Come and discuss in what setting you enjoy seeing Steve and Bucky fall in love, and why.

#escapadecon #Stucky

Vidding 101: Vexercises

Lola, bonibaruTech

Last March, as a tool for distraction, we launched the Vidding Exercises project on Dreamwidth: a series of 1 minute vidding exercises designed to introduce people to vidding and to different vidding approaches and aesthetics. In this workshop, we'll *make* the first vexercise (what we call the vidding "pikachu"). Come with source and editing tools if you have them, or to get a sense of the process so that you can try the vexercises at your own speed. Newbie vidders and experienced vidders alike welcome!

#escapadecon #Vidding101



What You Can't Bring to Escapade

We're virtual this year! What would you like to show off that you can't bring to a hotel? Art that's too fragile to travel? A costume that's too elaborate for a relax-a-con? Your adorable pet? Something that's legal where you are but not on a plane? Let's play show and tell with things we can't normally share.

#escapadecon #BringtoEscapade

Pros: Location! Location! Location!

Do certain locations lend themselves more for sexual escapades? The Capri? The restroom? An alley wall!! Where gets the most action?

#escapadecon #ProsLocation

2:00 PM

Fandom's Next Platform

Elf......Meta

Post-LJ, post-Tumblr, Post-Twitter... what other options are there? Several sites want to be fandom's new home, or one of them: Pillowfort, Fanexus, and Bobaboard are all in development. Find out what makes them different and how likely they are to succeed. Let's talk about what we're looking for in a fandom social platform.

#escapadecon #NextPlatform

SW: Expanding the Universe

Saklani, Commodore MarieFandom

Disney has and continues to expand the Star Wars universe, through movies, streaming, TV and both live and animated content. What is everyone's favorite and least favorite parts of the new verse? What are people looking forward to that's coming up? And how are we fannish about it- reading, writing, art, etc.? What pairings do we love? And what more would we like to see?

#escapadecon #StarWars

AO3: You CAN always get what you want (maybe)

Megan KentTech

Of the literally millions of works on the archive, how to find the ones that float your boat. Presenting tricks for finding, filtering, bookmarking, and re-finding the works you want.

#escapadecon #AO3Search

Virtual Gallery Walk

Take a stroll through the virtual art show to admire and discuss the submissions.

#escapadecon #GalleryWalk



Pros songvids
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3:00 PM
Putting the 'Trans' in Transformative: Trans Representation in Fannish Creations
MlleMusketeerMeta
Whether inspired by the source material's explicit inclusion of trans representation, or
whether representation is all fanon, we're here to talk about fandoms with lots of trans
narratives. Come recommend your own, debate what counts as rep, or propose headcanons
that make you happy.
#escapadecon #TransRepresentation
Leverage 2.0: Just One More Job?
Raine WyndFandom
Speculation, spoilers, discussion about the new characters, etc.
#escapadecon #Leverage2
Help, My One-Shot is Making A Funny Noise: The Great Escapade Ficcish Wankfest II
NevTech
Did your slow-burn burn on? Your enemies to lovers stick on enemies? Your seasonal fic
underseasoned? Come here to share your woes and help other authors troubleshoot theirs as well.
#escapadecon #FiccishWankfest
Fandom Dating Game
Michelle FishieMishie
Come find the fandom of your dreams, or represent the one dearest to your heart (or at
least the funniest for a contestant to take home). Each contestant can ask a number of
questions of 3 candidatesbut only the audience knows what fandom each candidate is.
Hijinks ensue!
#escapadecon #FandomDatingGame
Pros ep: Purging of CI5
Chalk & Cheese

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BL is Waiting to Take Your Call!

Celi, Michelle.....Meta

An introductory guide for anyone who's ever been curious about Boy's Love! You've been inside for nearly a year now and have exhausted AO3, danmei, gay romance novels, and every other possible slash outlet. But have you considered BL/yaoi/Geicomi? Find out why it's a lot more than just lanky boys with sparkly eyes, where to find what you want to read, and get any questions you have answered. Bring recs or receive them based on your favorite fic tropes.

#escapadecon #BL

SPN: I'll Just Wait In The Empty, Then

KillaFandom

Ohhh, Supernatural fandom...2020 was quite the year for the little show that could. Fifteen seasons ended with a tumblr-crashing explosion of feels, angst, despair, righteous victory, sad disappointment, and half-canon revelations. It spawned a thousand fics, videos, and memes. Can we talk about that ending? (All nails and rebar must be checked at the door.)

#escapadecon #SPN

I caught that reference!

Charlotte C. Hill.....Tech

Does slang throw you in (or out) of a fic? Does it matter if an old-school Stucky fic mentions flappers? How accurate does that corset have to be, anyway? Come chat with fic writers about how we sneak in all those tiny cultural references and details that make a fic come to life.

#escapadecon #lcaughtthatreference

Escapade's House of Games

Based on the popular UK TV game show Richard Osman's House of Games, this is a series of fast-paced games of fandom knowledge and wordplay adapted to be played remotely in a large group.

#escapadecon #HouseofGames

Pros: When Did They

Kris KrisserCI5, Kathy Snow, KatChalk & Cheese

When did they first fuck, kiss, commit? There are dozens of whens... let's explore.

#escapadecon #ProsWhenDidThey



AO3: What Needs to Change?

Elf......Meta

Last year, the OTW announced upcoming changes, in part to make AO3 more inclusive and supportive for fans of color. These included better filtering options, blocking/muting comments, and better bookmarked collections. What should they work on first? What issues are they likely to run into? Let's talk about the features we want and what we couldn't bear to lose.

#escapadecon #AO3Change

The Untamed: The fandom we,'ve all been training for

Tree Wishes, Nev, AirawynFandom

The Untamed fandom that emerged during the pandemic has grabbed many of us by the hair and won't let go! Let's talk about how this story has driven us to read subtitles and learn so very many acronyms. And the ways that this new genre is compelling fans to watch, read, write, vid, and think in different ways.

#escapadecon #TheUntamed

Pegging! A Delightfully In-Depth Intro

fashes iliaTech

Have you wanted to bend over your boyfriend and have your way with his sweet ass? Come learn how! Are you new to butt stuff and want to learn some basics? Do you want butt sex info for your fic? Come join us!

Panel will feature in depth info on anatomy and techniques plus how to entice nervous first timers.

#escapadecon #Pegging

DIY: Teen Wolf...Werewolf Love and Werewolves in love

Let's explore the lore, the pairings, the characters. Is it the show or the fanfiction that brings you to the fandom. Or like me is it The Stiles that keeps you coming back for more? We can discuss everyone else, they can be fun too.

#escapadecon #TeenWolf

Cop Show Kaffeeklatsch

Open discussion about Pros, SH, or any TV or movie cops you love.

#escapadecon #Kaffeeklatsch



Ugh Fanfic WTF?

Constance Penley, RattlecatcherMeta

Even after AO3 won a Hugo Award, we're still seeing people, including pro authors, insult fanfic. We've heard that fanfic "teaches you how to write worse" and it's "childish, poorly written, and steeped in self-indulgence," and of course, "copyright holders hate fan fiction and they have the legal right to stop it." Why do these myths persist, and what can we do to dispel them?

#escapadecon #UghFanfic

The Expanse: Five Mindblowing Seasons Down, One to Go

Actually, as of this panel submission, only seven of the ten episodes of season 5 have aired. But they will all have aired by the time we get together for Escapade... and based on how the first seven episodes have gone, I can only imagine how tense and riveting the last three will be. Let's get together and talk about it, and our predictions for the sixth and final season.

#escapadecon #TheExpanse

Transcultural Vidding

Lola, bonibaruTech

Lately many of us have found ourselves deep in the world of media from countries other than our own: Chinese or Korean dramas, or kpop, and for many of us the language and genres are new and there's lots of learning to do. What does this mean for vidders in terms of the creative process of vidding? Does it feel different or is it really basically the same process? How do you choose vid concepts, or music, and let's not forget the eternal question of hardsubbing vs. soft subbing? For viewers, how does this shift shape the viewing experience of vids and vidshows?

#escapadecon #TransculturalVidding

DIY: Come and C-Novel

Some of the hottest new fandoms are Chinese dramas: *The Untamed, Guardian*, etc. Before they became TV shows, many were serialized novels! From the zany *Scum Villain's Self-Saving System* and *I Ship my Adversary X Me* to the heartbreaking *Heaven Official's Blessing*, there's a C-Novel for every taste - but not always in English. Join us if you're looking for recs, if you've got recs to share, if you've never read a C-Novel or if you've read them all!

#escapadecon #DIY:CNovel



RPS: the History, the Mystery, and the Gift

Megan Kent, glymrMeta

What was your first experience with RPS (real person slash)? Whether you've been into it forever or just discovered it yesterday, let's talk about our favorite "real life" ships, the way RPS has evolved as celebrities have become more accessible via social media, and what we'd most love to see in the future from the idols and actors we love.

#escapadecon #RPS

Roswell: Rebooting Roswell

#escapadecon #RoswellNM

The Expanse: Speak like a Belter

JenTech

Oye, kopeng! (Hello, friends!) If you've watched The Expanse, you've heard people talking in lang Belta, the conlang spoken by those who live and work in the Belt, the stations and moons around Jupiter and Saturn. Maybe you're planning a trip out to the Belt someday soon and want to learn some relevant phrases? Come to this panel and we'll teach you the words and phrases to make you Belta lik pashang (Belter as fuck)!

#escapadecon #SpeaklikeaBelter

8:00 PM

New Fan, Old Fandom

rache, RattlecatcherMeta

So you've discovered this amazing new show/movie/book... that came out years ago... whose fandom was most active in 2015... or 2007... or 1993. Now what? How do you join a fandom that's long since discussed all the character arcs, shipped all the pairings, and explored all the tropes? Can you read fic and avoid spoilers? Should you try to find the early stuff first or just start with what everyone says are the best fics? Should you try to find a newbie-friendly guide?

#escapadecon #NewFanOldFandom



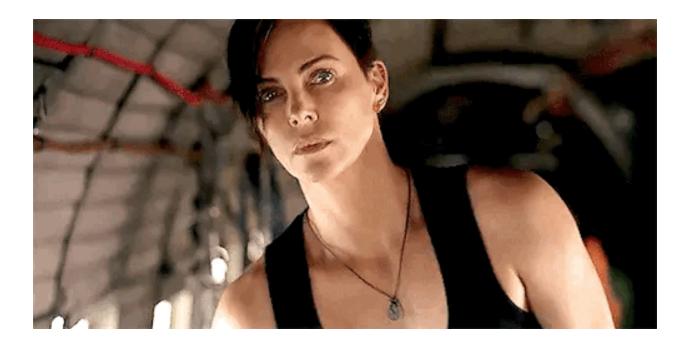
DS9: You Won,'t Believe How Many Ships This Station Can Hold

#escapadecon #STDS9

9:00 PM

DIY: The Magnus Archives: Make Your Statement, Face Your Fears About the Finale

#escapadecon #MagnusArchives





Sunday

Noon

Escapade Review

Mods TBD......Meta

We had decided we were done with Escapade Review. But then we went and changed EVERYTHING. Come talk about what worked and what didn't, and what we should carry forward into the 2022 in-person convention.

#escapadecon #EscapadeReview

1:00 PM

Dead Dog Party

......Meta

Bring your leftover conversations, since we can't bring your leftover food and your boozy drinks (if you're into that). Hang out and talk about the weekend, fill out a comment form online, register for 2022. All the dead dog stuff. Just socially distant.

#escapadecon #DeadDogParty

2:00 PM

DIY: Let's Gather

Gather. Town is a location based social gathering website. Accessible to anyone who has a laptop or desktop camera with microphone and a supported browser. Gather. Town creates a virtual space where you can hop in and out of group conversations by walking your avatar across the landscape. See Agenda (Alt Prog) on website for details and links.

#escapadecon #LetsGather





THE VID SHOW RUN LIST

TITLE	SONG NAME	FANDOM	VIDDER NAME(S)
Lookin' Up	Lookin' Up	Parks and Recreation	Periru3
Turn it Up	Turn it Up	Guardian (TV 2018)	naye
Fit Hot Guys Have Problems Too	Fit Hot Guys Have Problems Too	DC Extended Universe	Nestra
Do I Wanna' Know	Do I Wanna' Know	Person of Interest	JinkyO
Criminals	Criminals	Raffles (1977)	AurumCalendula
Broccoli Casserole	She Stole My Broccoli Casserole Recipe	The Untamed	talitha78
Life on Earth	Life on Earth	Roswell, New Mexico	Nestra
This Is Not A Love Song	This Is Not A Love Song	The Professionals	JinkyO
Matter to You	Matter to You	Cherry Magic	Lola
Sunset Curve Never Gone Tour	Everybody (Backstreet's Back)	Julie and The Phantoms	ryfkah
INTERMISSION			
Levitating	Levitating	The Mandalorian	talitha78
Chasing Cars	Chasing Cars	The Lost Tomb Reunion	teyla
Keep Safe My Love	Willows	Killjoys	AurumCalendula
True North	Live Like a Warrior	The Untamed	Franzeska
Hey Na Na	Hey Na Na	Starsky and Hutch (TV)	Garrideb
Home	It Feels Like Home	Guardian (TV 2018)	Trickytricky
Tiny Pretty and Angry	Agust D - by Agust D	The Sleuth of the Ming Dynasty	Franzeska
Achilles Come Down	Achilles Come Down	Roswell, New Mexico	JoCarthage
Nothing Is Safe	Nothing Is Safe	Watchmen (TV 2019)	thuvia ptarth
Rabbit Heart (Raise It Up)	Rabbit Heart (Raise It Up)	The Old Guard (2020)	Tam_Cranver
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