Welcome to Chainspace

Rattling spaceships sailing the cosmos. Strange and striking species searching for power. Unexplored regions of space that house ancient secrets. An ageing universe on the brink of collapse...

These are the elements of intrigue that pave the way for stories told in **Chainspace**; the fictional setting of **Pills**. Chainspace, an evolving universe of crypto, is constantly developing with the addition of new lore and stories, but its objective always remains the same: *to fictionalise crypto culture and use it as a jumping off point to tell interesting and engaging stories.*

This guide is for anyone that wants to help us create this universe. Inside you'll find a wealth of information to help you get started...

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Introduction to Pills

Through a variety of different mediums, *like comics and interactive games*, Pills intends to explore crypto culture in a way few others have done before. We're producing a massive shared universe, created by ourselves and our community, that encompasses all of crypto and uses it to tell stories. Everything you see in pills inspired largely by things that are happening or have happened in crypto culture.

When we say *inspired by crypto culture*, what we mean is that while most things are based on something in crypto, not everything has a direct parallel.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Anyone with a passion for world building and some understanding of the crypto landscape is more than welcome to get involved. We're always on the look out for creative people with fun ideas who are happy to get engaged to help us build the setting of Chainspace.

How to Get Started

If you want to get involved, there's a few great ways to start. The first is to finish reading this guide and gather a good understanding of what it is we do and how we do it. You can also jump into the project in the following ways:

- Attend our weekly **Lorecrafter Meetings** (which are open to the entire community)
- Write up a contribution for one of our **Community Collaboration Projects** (which you can find in the lore-collab channel on our discord)
- Fictionalise something in crypto that interests you, write it up, and present it in the **lore** channel (perhaps a protocol or figure?)
- Get in touch with **Default Triangle** and arrange a meeting to discuss the lore

When do we Meet?

Our Lorecrafter Meetings are every Tuesday at 3pm EST. They last for one hour and we usually discuss larger parts of the lore as well as leaving room for smaller contributions.

Community Collaboration Projects

Every month we run a **Community Collaboration Project** for the lore in the **lore-collab** channel. These projects get members creating new lore based on something specific (like creating new planets, or creatures, or objects, etc). Every day the community is presented with a new letter, and all you have to do is come up with something for the lore that begins with that letter.

Our previous Collaboration Projects have included:

- The Zoo of Topheilia
- The Encyclopaedia Planeticca

Except for headings, anything underlined in this document is a link :)

CREATING YOUR OWN LORE

We strongly encourage members of the community to create their own lore — Chainspace is a big place and we can't fill it all ourselves! The best way to go about doing this is to find something you enjoy in the crypto landscape and try to fictionalise it yourself. Then, once you have your idea, write it up!

Fortunately, we have a bunch of templates you can utilise to help you do this. Find something you like and use the templates to help you both get a grip on your idea and type it out. When your ready, you can post the link (we love hackmds but Google Docs works just as good) in the **lore** channel for the lorecrafters to look over and comment on. They can help you develop it and make it fit within the universe.

If you need more help, feel free to book a one-on-one meeting with Default Triangle who can help you formalise your ideas.

That link right there leads to a booking page!

Some Templates

- Locations
- Species
- Creatures
- History
- Objects
- Groups

Building Lore & The State of Lore

If you're reading this document, chances are you either want to know more about the lore or get involved with creating it yourself. Well, hopefully this document can help lay that foundation to help getting you started...

Currently the universe is quite young in terms of its lore, and although there's a lot of it to explore already, it presents a steep learning curve to understand. That's something we're working on right now through the creation of *new fiction* (like short stories) and figuring out better ways to present the lore!

The lore is mostly community-driven and overseen by both **Pillhead** and **Default Triangle,** who work to keep it consistent with an eye on potential for creating the most engaging stories with it. People who contribute regularly are given the rank of *Lorecrafter* and have a bigger say in what direction the lore moves to and what becomes canon. There are even potential monetary rewards for their contributions.

LORE ESSENTIALS

Chainspace is a science-fiction setting heavily inspired by the genre of space opera (like Star Wars). You can regularly expect to be visiting strange and new planets, run into different species of aliens with peculiar talents, and deal with advanced and curious technologies.

The main story revolves around the pills (of which the project gets its name). Pills are unique and ancient artefacts that are highly collectible and considered valuable by the denizens of the universe for a variety of reasons. Some worship them, others consume them to gain *something*, while most want to use them to save the universe. You can read more about the pills and their current place in the lore RIGHT HERE!

You can find a list of fundamentals on the next page...

SOME FUNDAMENTALS

- The universe is populated (at least mostly) by organic-based creatures, but is built upon a digital landscape that can be manipulated through its source code.
- The universe is measured in blocks (which themselves keep a record of the universe at its current state when a new block is formed). There is an accepted universal time (AUT) that is accepted by space-faring species, which even includes a calendar (like a stardate).
- The universe (known as Chainspace) contains a great deal of godchains (galaxies) which contains a variety of locations and worlds within them. It mirrors our reality in that way, except the godchains are based on real blockchains, like Ethereum (which in this universe is the Etherchain).
- The Pepel are the most common species in the universe, they were the first to become space-faring and their technology is seen as the most advanced. While they are mostly seen as altrustic (sharing their technology with others), some have come to see them as dominating and tyrannical in nature.
- The main form of travel across the universe is in ramshackle spaceships. Each species has its own flavour when it comes to how the spacecrafts look, but every spacecraft is powered by *Synthetic Godblood* (otherwise known as SYN-G).
- Although local currency exists, most space-faring species use a special currency called SYN-G, which has a direct correlation to how much fuel exists in the universe. Unlike fuel sources we know, this fuel is recyclable. Synthetic Godblood becomes Pure Godblood which is fed to these massive creatures called Blockworms, who then excrete Synthetic Godblood again.

You can find more specific lore on the storymode site. You can get started with that _here_

How is Lore kept Consistent?

Canon is constantly in flux on this project, especially in this critical stage of figuring out what the setting is and how we can best utilise the lore. Lore is currently overseen by **Default Triangle**; any and all lore contributions go through them and they have the best view on the universe of large. Lore can be considered as *Accepted Lore* in this stage— which means others can utilise it for the development of their own lore, but accepted lore isn't necessarily concrete yet.

Lore isn't considered canon until it appears in one of our developed mediums (like in a comic vignette or an officially released short story).

Projects in the Works

One thing you probably want to understand more than anything is how exactly Pills will use your contributions. In short, we use the lore as the basis to tell interesting stories...here's some of the things we currently have in the works which could utilise your lore:

- Short Stories and Flash Fiction
- Comic Book Vignettes (small 4-page vignettes that tell the story of the universe)
- Interactive Projects (like text-based adventure games)
- Podcast (bringing audio to the short stories and making them available to the community)

Becoming an Official Lorecrafter

While anyone is welcome to contribute to the lore, the *Lorecrafter role* in the server refers to those that regularly contribute and can potentially claim some reward for their efforts.

Every month the current lorecrafters come together in the **General Meeting** to discuss the current lore landscape and potential directions. At this meeting, lorecrafters can sponsor new members to join the fold, if two or more lorecrafters sponsor the same member they become part of the lorecrafters (if they want to). There's no specific guidelines on who to sponsor, but we generally sponsor individuals that contribute and regularly take part in the lore building activities.

If you're interested in becoming a lorecrafter, just show us you want to be one and contribute as much as you can, we pay close attention to people who are active and have a keen interest!

CURRENT LORECRAFTERS

Here are the current Lorecrafters building lore officially for the project:

- Default Triangle (Loremaster)
- OxStax
- D_D
- Nami
- ZEKE
- Ericbal