

# **Patreon: Podcast Origins**

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"Station Arcadia started as one of those off-hand ideas that wasn't meant to be taken seriously - 'hey, this would make a cool podcast!'. It very quickly spiraled out of control into the project it is today".

That is how the origins of Station Arcadia and Metal Steve Productions are described on our website's [About](#) page. However, dear readers, you may be wondering: what did happen exactly, and how did it lead to you reading this Patreon post?

Well, dear patrons, we shall tell you!

It all started on that fateful day of April 29, 2020 on a fan server for a British steampunk folk band known as The Mechanisms.

Riz, a former member of the crew, was discussing how it "would be cool to have a story with a steampunk protagon teaming up with cyberpunk and solarpunk protags to take down... [I don't know], Jeff bezos or something... You [would] have little states and countries that combine aesthetics and have their own cultures and ideologies conflicting with those around them". He continued to elaborate on the conflicts that may arise from different -punk characters interacting with each other and lamented how if he "had the motivation [he'd] do something with this idea".

C.V.V.M., one of the producers of Station Arcadia, jumped into the discussion regarding interactions between various theoretical characters, expressing love for "the idea of a world where each continent is a different kind of -punk".

Another former member of the crew jokingly said "hey, you could make a podcast out of this", with C.V.V.M. replying "thanks now i wanna make a podcast out of this".

They discussed how starting a podcast would require "people, especially if it's a story one, [you] need cast, writers, editors

and soundscapers (and probably more)", as well as how the podcast should be formatted. It was suggested that it could be either a straight anthology podcast or one with a meta plot included, both having "various stories set in the same world".

Following various other members of the server expressing interest in joining such a project, C.V.V.M. ended up taking the initiative and created the server now known as the "Station Arcadia Crew" server.

Notable cast and crew members that joined during this period included: Shay Topaz, Emily Bennett, Kay Maurer, Theo Goodwin, Quinn O.A. Feinberg, Avery R.C., Becker Hoang, Logan-Alexis H., Aakash S., and Eli Esdi.

There is a quote from Eli Esdi that made me laugh, when they were expressing interest in working on the podcast. It follows: "I was actually thinking of starting a podcast of my own at some point (I'm busy now so not for a while though) so I'm looking to get some experience on that sort of thing lmao".

Following this comment, in less than two hours, they had become the producer of the podcast, and now spend several hours a day working on Station Arcadia.

Another quote I'd like to make note of comes from Riz near the end of the conversation, which I believe accurately expresses the general energy of the newly formed podcast crew, "I'm about to snatch [Jonathan Sims'] WIG. It's MINE now".