

GEEK GIRLS

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BEMUSED

For the most part, when I was very young, I got support.

When I started drawing, I started stories, too.



A CAT!

...and then he says...

The faster she can draw, the more they'll HATE her!

she draws so many animals because she HATES people!

WEIRD STUFF I HEARD GROWNUPS SAY...

Don't listen to them...

I liked to read, but it just made me want to do my OWN stories. (Still true today.)



They never seemed to be like any other stories, so I learned to keep them to myself.



Who'd want to read THIS... except ME?

But, I wasn't like everyone else, either.

IF I'M CATHOLIC, it just makes a LOT more people I'm...NOT!



And, if I'm a GIRL... then HALF the WORLD are "OTHERS"...

What if the...BOY goat is... REALLY.. good friends with the boy sheep?

The animal is the LAST of his kind. The others are all EXTINCT... and it's dawning on him...

The super-villain has the HOBS for the super HERO!

She wins a REAL "bargain" trip to outer space! It'll be so... FUNNY!



HA!

No! I have to get up early to go to SCHOOL...!

So, DROP OUT!

WE can teach you a...LOT more...

Lifelong INSOMNIA...





SHIPPING

By Jenn Woodall

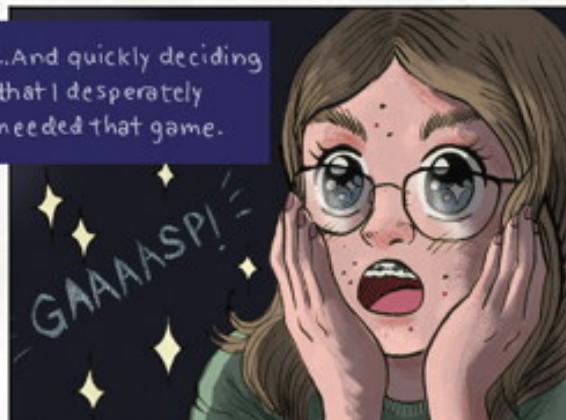
Growing up, I was always a huge nerd for the things I liked. One of my most intense obsessions was Final Fantasy 7.



I remember seeing the commercials for the game on TV as a kid...



...And quickly deciding that I desperately needed that game.



I begged and begged my parents for it along with a PlayStation 1.



And on Christmas morning, I finally got my wish.





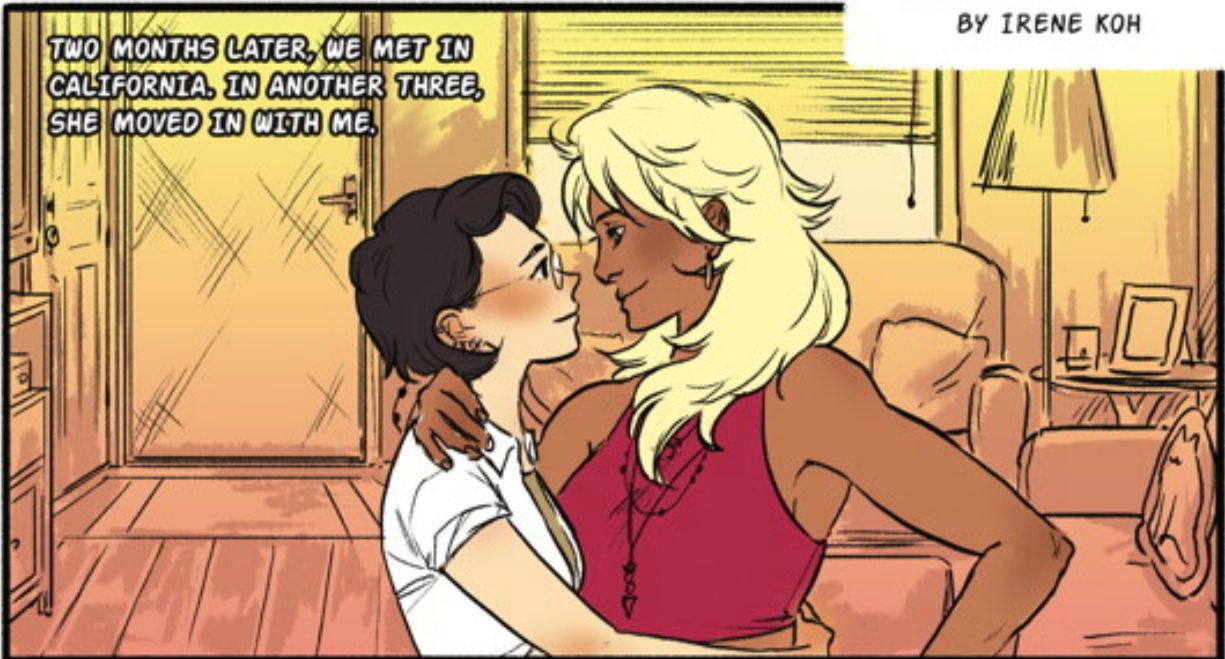




WE MET ON A QUEST TO
DESTROY ATHEON.

NERD LOVE

BY IRENE KOH



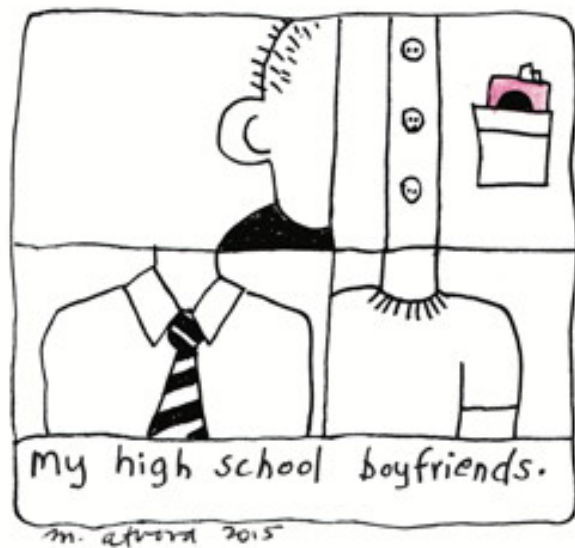
TWO MONTHS LATER, WE MET IN
CALIFORNIA. IN ANOTHER THREE,
SHE MOVED IN WITH ME.



LIFE WAS PERFECT.



I COULD BE MY NERDY
SELF AROUND HER.



WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE WAS ONE QUESTION I DREADED ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

ONE FOR WHICH THERE WAS NO OTHER ANSWER THAN...

do you like me?



YES



NO

MAYBE

story & art by
Megan Kearney

IT'S REALLY INTERESTING
JUST HOW MANY OF OUR
PLAYGROUND GAMES CENTER
AROUND MATCHMAKING.

PICK A
COLOR!



OK, SO YOU'LL LIVE
IN A MANSION...YOU'LL
MARRY MARCUS...AND
YOU'LL HAVE TEN
KIDS...



A...B...C...D...E...F...
I'M GONNA MARRY
FRANÇOISE?



RICH MAN, POOR MAN,
BEGGAR MAN, THIEF...



AT MY SCHOOL, THERE WAS EVEN
AN ELITE TEAM OF FAST, CONFIDENT
GIRLS WHO WOULD CHASE DOWN
THE BOYS AND THEN SMOOCH THEIR
UNLUCKY PREY.

THEY WERE CALLED
"THE KISSING GIRLS."



I WAS NOT
ONE OF THEM.

NO, I WAS AGGRESSIVELY
DISINTERESTED IN ALL THINGS
MUSHY. I TOOK MY COOTIE SHOT
VERY SERIOUSLY.

CIRCLE, CIRCLE, DOT,
NOW YOU'VE
GOT A COOTIE
SHOT...

CIRCLE, CIRCLE, SQUARE,
SQUARE, NOW
YOU'VE GOT IT
EVERYWHERE.



Me?

YES
(as a friend)

NO

EVEN AS A KID, I KNEW THERE WAS
NO EASY WAY TO ESCAPE THIS
QUESTION. MY STRATEGY WAS TO
PLAY DUMB AND THEN AVOID MY
POOR ADMIRER FOR THE REST OF
THE YEAR.

