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Elsewhere: An Interview with Jay Faerber and Sumeyye Kesgin

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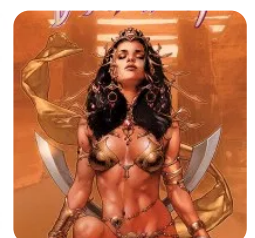
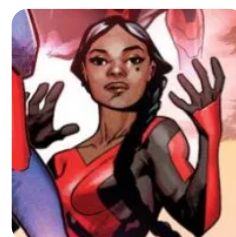


I recently was lucky to interview both Jay Faerber and Sumeyye Kesgin on the creation of their comic Elsewhere. Have a look on how they came by the idea of creating this wonderful comic!

1. How did you come by the idea of using Amelia Earhart in this story?

JF: I wanted to tell a fantasy story, set in a very foreign, exotic landscape. And I really wanted to anchor the whole thing with a grounded, relatable person — an ordinary human flung into this place. Then somewhere along the way, I hit on the idea of using Amelia Earhart, because (a) everyone has heard of her, so

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there's built-in name recognition and (b) because she's a real-life courageous adventurer.

2. How much research did you put in the story especially since it involves a historical character?

JF: I researched Amelia's background fairly heavily, but obviously we're taking liberties, considering our story is fictional. The most important thing, for me, was to try to make her personality and motivation consistent with who the real woman was. And that turned out to be pretty easy, all things considered, because the real woman was so inspiring and heroic.

3. How do you feel about people who might not understand having Amelia being stranded on another planet?

JF: You mean people who may object for fear that we're tarnishing her good name or something? I honestly haven't given that any thought. We're not slandering or degrading Amelia — we're celebrating her. And she's been the subject of fictional stories many times over. She's been in comics, novels, movies, TV shows — you name it.

4. Are we going to meet other historical characters?

JF: Not many people are aware that Amelia didn't vanish alone. A man named Fred Noonan, her navigator, was also aboard the plane when it disappeared. Finding Fred is a big part of Amelia's initial motivation. She wants to find Fred, and then get the both of them home. Whether she finds him or not, you'll have to keep reading.

5. How many comics are planned in the series?

JF: It's open-ended. We're committed to doing at least 12 issues. Hopefully many more.

6. The art is really great, did you get inspiration from any specific artist?



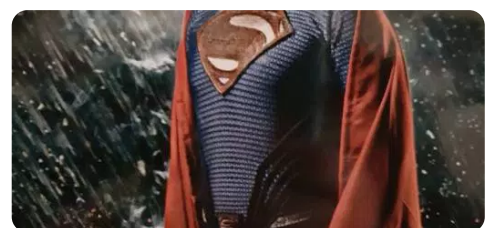
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SK: Thanks. I tried to find something new and unique but i think my biggest inspiration is Moebius. I never get tired of seeing his artwork. I'm in love with this strange and beautiful feeling of his artwork and I think my admiration reflected on the designs of Elsewhere.

7. Will we discover more about the planet? It really leans itself to so many stories.

JF: Yes, Amelia will constantly be learning more and more about her new home. We spend the first story arc (4 issues) in one area of this world. But in the second arc, we expand the scope pretty widely. It's a really big, diverse landscape to play with. We don't anticipate getting bored anytime soon.

SK:Yes this universe is getting more and more colorful in every issues. Stay tuned...



8. Will you both be attending any conventions this year?

JF: I have no plans to, at this point. But that could change.

SK: I have no plans either. I'm hoping for next year

9. How did you two come to work together?

JF: I came across Sumeyye's work online and was immediately drawn to it. I knew we had to work on something together — it was just a matter of finding the right concept. I think we found the right one.

SK: I felt so excited Jay contacted me first time. And I said "yes" immediately. He's an amazing writer and it's an honor to work on a creator owned book together with him!

10. How can fans find you on social media?

JF: You can follow me on Twitter @JayFaerber.

SK:Twitter @sumeyyekesgin1 & instagram @kesgin1

Do also have a look at my review of Elsewhere. Elsewhere #1 arrives in stores on the 2nd of August.



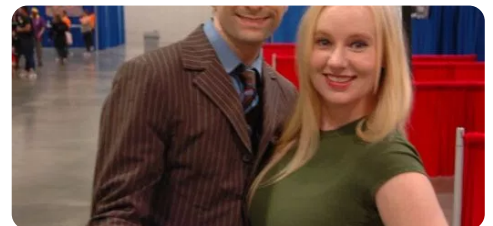
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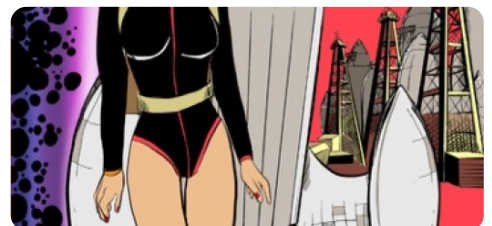
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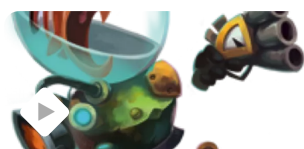
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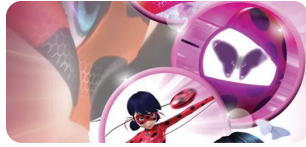


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