

Hello Team,

I'm working on a piece that, in light of the Orlando massacre, specifically highlights QTPOC (Queer, trans, people of color) cartoonists and comics writers/creators. As a cis, white queer person I want to recognize that this does and doesn't affect my community; I'm not a person of color, but I can still uplift the voices of those in my queer community who suffer and face a high level of risk because of racism, islamophobia and transphobia. With that in mind, please tell me about your favorite QTPOC comics creators! For this article it would be especially helpful to share Latinx and Muslim creators.

Sample

Name of Artist:

Name of comic/zine/book/creation:

Link to website and/or online store:

What you like/appreciate about their work:

Name of Artist

Anissa Espinosa

Name of comic/zine/book/creation

"Barricade" - written by Alison Wilgus, illustrated by Anissa Espinosa, published in the Beyond Anthology, covers for the Bee & Puppypat comics

Link to website and/or online store

<http://redribbonrobot.tumblr.com/>

<http://nicktapalansky.com/castnoshadow>

What you like/appreciate about their work

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about Anissa Espinosa's art is cute noses! I love cute noses; Espinosa draws them extra cute. Scrolling through her tumblr will reveal lots of adorable art, but the comic she illustrated for the Beyond Anthology, "Barricade," is action-focused. If you really want to see Espinosa showing off her chops I highly recommend it; in just a few pages she whisks you through a heart-wrenching moment in which a queer couple nearly lose each other. I'm very annoyed by action comics that are hard to follow, but Espinosa's work is clear, emotional, and wonderful. She's currently working on a book for First Second called *Cast No Shadow* this is set to come out in 2017, and it belongs on your bookshelf.