

NICO BRANCHES INTO COMIC DESIGN 12/14/16 FROM THE BLOG OF NICO MOVING

Recently I began to experiment with different forms of digital art, specifically digital painting and illustration. I felt the need to master this new medium for several reasons, the primary two being necessity and practicality.

Taking on a new medium is always a challenge, and using a tablet is no exception. I spent a year becoming comfortable with just the physical feel of it, while also researching methods for adjusting to the tablet pen and surface. Online tutorials via YouTube and Google made this transition even easier, and considerably cheaper than adapting to a new traditional medium.

While adapting, I became acquainted with the popularity of web comics. These comics are a fantastic way to reach out to an online audience, I discovered. Web comics are a

delightful way to give something weekly (monthly, or perhaps daily depending upon your ambition) to your audience that is fun, light hearted, and expressive.



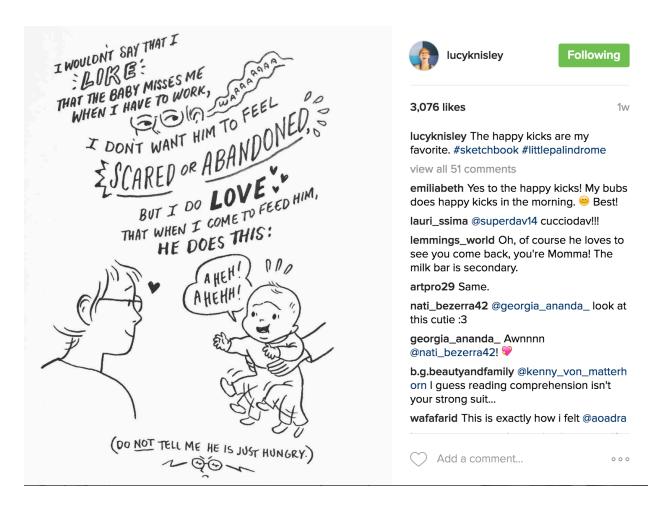




A web comic by Penny Arcade, © 1998-2016

Besides being entertaining, another benefit to web comics is the potential to communicate through them in a simple manner. Rather than posting weekly via text, a blogger or artist can use the web comic format as a means to convey their message/ideas through a visual format. This can border more upon web journaling, but the appearance is nearly the same.

Including a blog section on my portfolio website was intentional. I want my clients and users to know who I am and what I spend my time doing, which includes how I use my free time to keep up to date on art & design, the culture surrounding it, and my personal projects surrounding this. Many online artists utilize web comics for this in a similar fashion, because text can be boring, especially in the social media era.



A web comic posted via Instagram by Lucy Knisley. I have followed her comics since 2006. © Lucy Knisley 2016.

I've decided to embrace this new way of communicating to the world. Small details of an artist's life can serve as tiny indicators of what we create, what drives us to create, and why that process brings us joy. And so, readers, please stay tuned, because I have decided to create my own web comic, and I look forward to sharing with you soon!

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