SPACE BATTLE LUNCHTIME

READER,

Thank you for being patient while I wrote and drew this sequel!

Space Battle Lunchtime is a series about making the best of a weird situation. I love fish-out-of-water stories, and I love even more to see that fish grow legs and find their way in the world. Peony is a character who never gives up, believes in herself and others, and is always adapting creatively. I wanted to write a character with a big heart who also has the practical mind that comes with a very problem-solving, heavily creative skill like baking.

SBL is also about food—or at least visually it is—because I love to draw it! So many factors go into how you eat... I think it's a great focal point for doing sci-fi or fantasy worldbuilding, plus it's fun for me to make up fantasy food. I love to draw slime!

I'm personally not a huge baker (although I love to cook!), so this is also the closest I'm going to get to making macarons until I move to a place with a bigger kitchen...

To me, both creating and reading stories are a way to find a friend; reaching out and wanting to be understood. Sometimes, you can be best understood by way of lesbian chefs in cartoon-space peril. I'm just following my heart here.

Being a cartoonist is a very weird job—99 percent of it is spent alone in a studio, so you can share a little dream with people you'll probably never meet. Still, *SBL* really has given me the chance to make some of the dearest friends and loves of my life.

Thanks for reading!

– NATALIE





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