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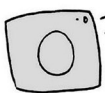
THE SECTION

BY
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IM LAWRENCE
IM 36
IM FROM CALIFORNIA
I MAKE COMICS
I TEACH COMICS
I LOVE COMICS

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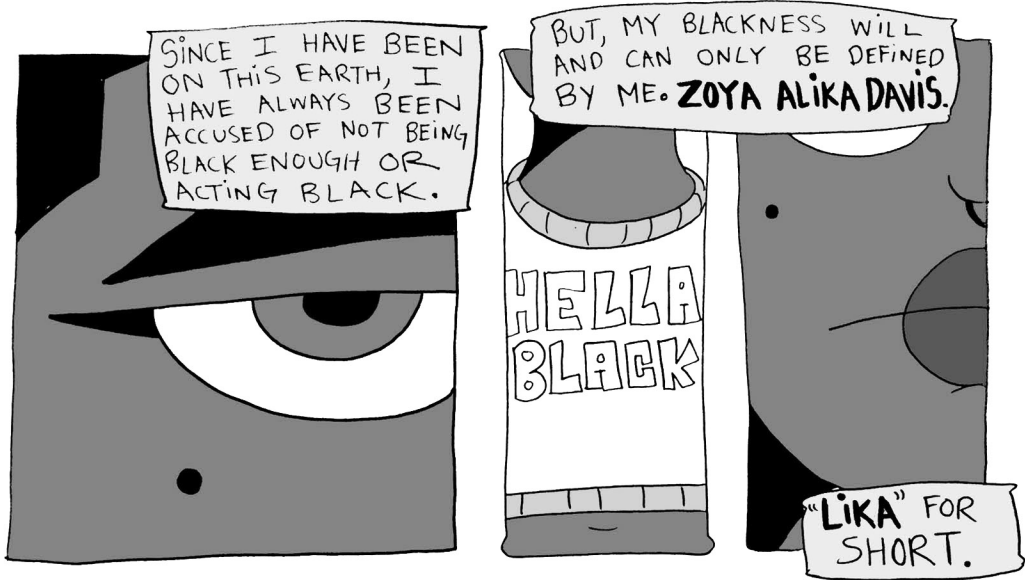
THIS BITING COMIC SERIES DIVES INTO BLACK ANXIETIES,
INTERSECTIONALITY, AND SELF-LOVE

The Section is a series of biting comics that highlight, call out, and dispel limiting stereotypes and projected archetypes of what Blackness is and isn't. Created by artist/cartoonist Lawrence Lindell, the series is also a blunt call for intersectionality and respect for black identities that differ from yours, like the black trans and queer communities. The Section dives into black anxieties, love, and beyond through the eyes of four awkward black people navigating their own intersections and place in the world.

-Afropunk

"I started writing and drawing The Section as a response to the intersections of being black and how often times if we do not fit into this ideal way of being black, we seem to lose our "black card",," says Lindell. "I have noticed amongst my people we are for black liberation and black love, but only if we fit within the perimeters of "Blackness", which is a contradiction because blackness is fluid and multifaceted. We don't highlight the other black voices. I heard a brotha say, I don't like the gays pushing their agenda on black people. I just thought, but what about all the queer folks who are also black? What about all the queer folks throughout history who have died fought and been there for black folks just as much as any other black person throughout history? What about all the Afro-Latinx Folks, The mixed kids(who are still black) being forced to identify with one side over the other as if they cant be black and other. When are we gonna see its all of us or none? So I started making this comic, which is an extension of the work I already create."

-Afropunk



BEFORE WE MOVE ON,
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU
TO THE SQUAD!!



ALSO, I TEND TO TALK
ALOT WHEN IM NERVOUS.
SO, YEA, IM SORRY IF IM
TALKING TOO MUCH.



YET ANOTHER
LAYER OF ME.
ANXIETY.

MEET AMOR BALDWIN.
I MET AMOR ON
INSTABOOK. THEY ALSO
SHARED MY HARDSHIPS
OF NOT BEING BLACK
ENOUGH, OR TOO BLACK.

THEY ARE ONE OF
MY BEST FRIENDS
IN THIS WORLD.
THEY ALSO SUFFER
FROM ANXIETY.

AMOR IS OFTEN NOT
SEEN AS BLACK BY
OTHER LATINX FOLKS
AND SEEN ONLY AS
BLACK FROM OTHER
BLACK FOLKS...

THEY ARE BOTH though.
AFRO-LATINX. AND
THEY ARE VERY
PROUD OF BOTH
SIDES OF THEM.

WE ARE HUGE
ANIME FANS AND
NERD OUT TO COMICS,
AND RECORDS!

THEY ARE TEACHING
ME SPANISH.
¡Estoy emocionado!





MEET TONY BROWN. THE OTHER ANXIOUS BLACK PERSON I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT EARLIER.

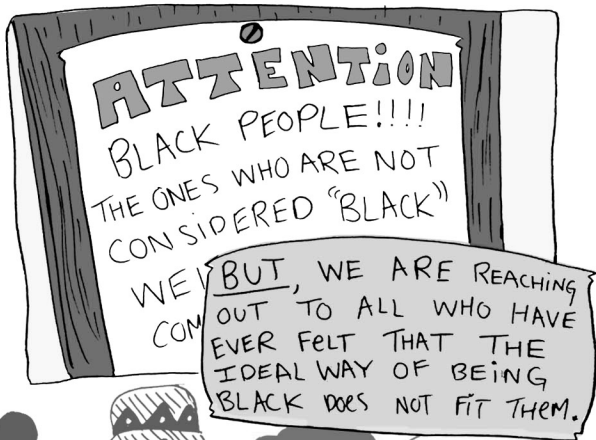
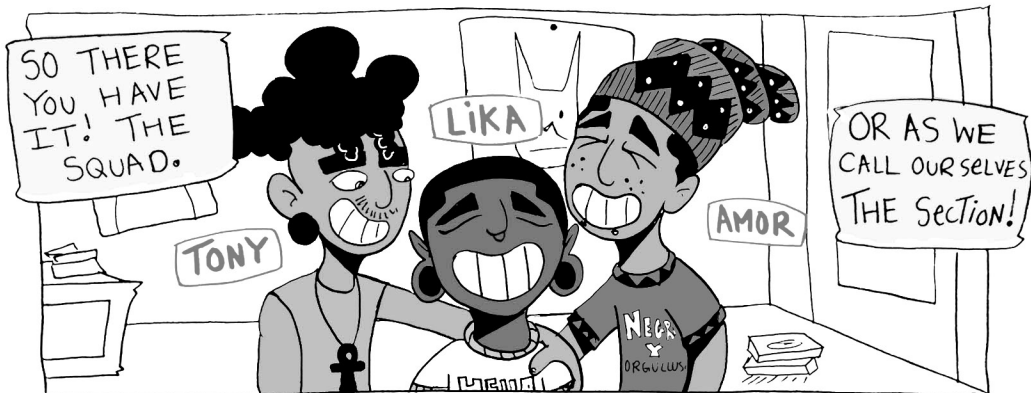
HE IS MY OTHER BEST FRIEND. AFTER THAT DAY IN THE COMIC SHOP, WE'VE NEVER STOPPED HANGIN'.

HE READS ALL THE TIME. THE BOY IS NEVER WITHOUT HIS BOOK. NEVER, EVER!



HE'S REALLY INTO MEMOIR COMICS AND POEMS. HE WRITES ALOT, BUT WOULD NEVER CALL HIMSELF A WRITER.

HE WAS TEASED ALOT AS A KID FOR "TALKING WHITE" AND LISTENING TO "WHITE PEOPLES MUSIC!" NOW EVERYONES A BLACK ROCKER THESE DAYS.



MONDAY

AMOR!
que hora es!

HELLA
BLACK

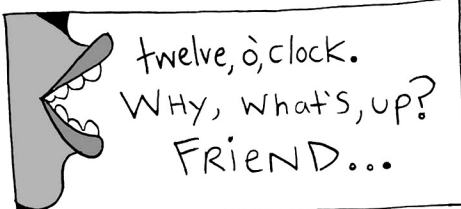


las doce
en punta
¿por qué?
Amiga.



WHAT?

DUDE!
WE GOTTA
WORK ON YOUR
Español.



twelve, o'clock.
Why, what's, up?
FRIEND...



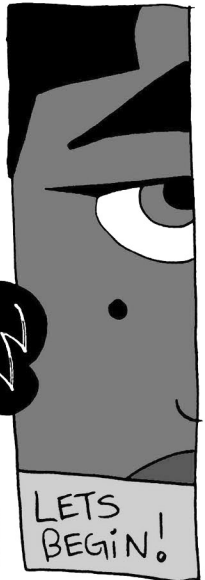
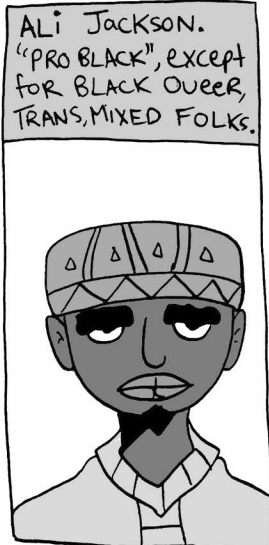
Love
You!

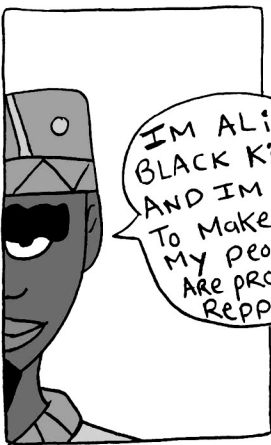
BUT,
YEA. WE
GOTTA meet
TONY!



DON'T, GET, SMART!

¿por que?





BLACK MAN IS GOD



THE SECTION
is A Group
Dedicated to the
Destruction of
the BLACK
Family!

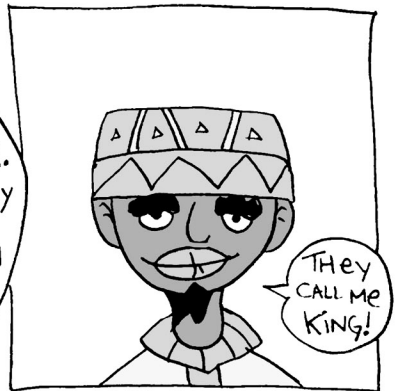
I MEAN,
A GROUP FOR
QUEER BLACK
FOLKS? BLACK
PEOPLE-

ARE NOT
meant to be
QUEER, A
GROUP FOR
BLACK-

WEIRDOS?
Sounds like
the plan of the
white MAN! Please
OVERSTAND ME, FAM.
IM Not here to
criticize, But to
get yall ON THE
Right track!
Without a BLACK
Man in charge,
The section
is Doomed!



WOW!
VERY
insightful.
CAN I SAY
AS AN
ALLY, IM
SO Happy
to Be Here
IN
Solidarity



They
CALL ME
KING!



SO, BEFORE I START.. JUST KNOW, NOT ONLY IS THIS A SAFE SPACE, BUT, YOU NEED TO HAVE SEVERAL SEATS.

YOU ARE NOT A PART OF THE SECTION, SO HOW DARE YOU SPEAK ON IT'S BEHALF?



ALSO, YOUR WHOLE RHETORIC ON THE BLACK FAMILY IS ABSURD. IM TIRED OF "BROTHERS" LIKE YOU... EITHER YOU'RE FOR BLACK FOLK'S OR YOU'RE NOT.

THAT'S EVERYTHING I WAS THINKING. HERE IS WHAT I ACTUALLY SAID....

I HATE CONFRONTATION IM TOO ANKWARD FOR IT....



OH, KAY..... SO, THANK YOU FOR EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERNS? MAYBE THIS IS NOT THE GROUP FOR YOU!?

TYPICAL BLACK WOMEN, ALWAYS SHUTTING DOWN THE BLACK MAN WITH MAN WITH ATTITUDE.



TRIGGER WARNING

PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE DYKES! ANYWAYS! ABOMINATION.



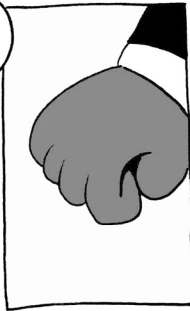
UMMM... WHAT....

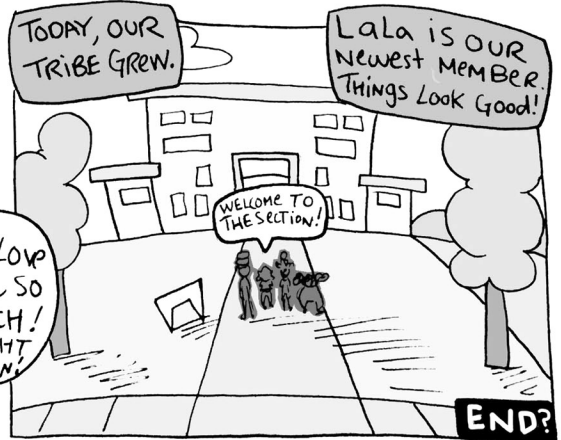


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YOU HEARD ME!

YOU DYKE ABNORMAL MAN HATING





MEET the CAST OF THE SECTION



ZOYA ALIKA DAVIS
"LIKA"

Height: 5'5

Bi sexual

Favorite band:

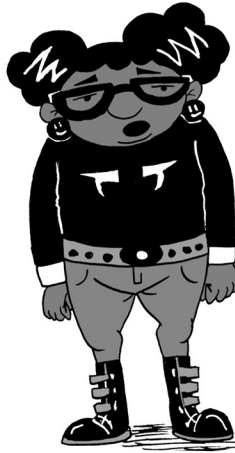
BANE

Food: Fish
and chips

Favorite Anime:

Sailor MOON

AWKWARD, but
sometimes pushy.
LIKA is the "leader"
of "The Section"



Latrice Morton
AKA "Lala"

Height: 5'3

Lesbian

Favorite band:
Siouxie and the
Banshees

Food: Pasta

Favorite Movie:
Buffy the
Vampire Slayer,
Spirited Away

Sassy and
full of
carisma,
Lala is the
firecracker
AND boundary
pusher of
"The Section"



Tony BROWN

Height: 5'9

Favorite band:
CRASS

Food: Vegan
Tacos

Favorite Book:
The FIRE next time
- James Baldwin
The Autobiography of
Malcolm X.
Preferring Facts and
Logic over speculation,
Tony keeps "The Section"
Grounded.



AMOR Baldwin

Height: 5'10

Non binary

Favorite Band:
Los Sirenas

Food: Pupusas

Favorite Anime:
ONE PUNCH MAN

Favorite cartoon:
Bee and Puppycat

Outspoken and
witty, Amor
is who brings
the truth to
"The Section".