

Welcome to Cartoon Allies!

Please take a seat and mingle.
We will begin shortly.



First a Few Announcements:

1. Next week is **OC Swap Night!** Please **print your reference sheets** before the meeting! **Come in your Halloween costume**, if you dare.
2. We are looking for **new officers** until **Oct 22nd**.
3. **INK Magazine** submission deadline is on **October 27th**.
4. **November 10th is Live Comics Reading**. We'll do a demo next week!



I TRICKED YOU LOL WE'RE MAKING 3 CHARACTERS :-)

To get our creative juices flowing, we'll start by making a fan character!

This character has to live in a pre-existing media property.

Popular choices include:

- My Little Pony
- The Owl House
- Steven Universe
- Homestuck
- Minecraft
- Undertale/Deltarune
- Sonic the Hedgehog
- Spiderverse



Ponysona
Valentine Shultz

This character can be a self-insert, so if you can't think of anything immediately, try adding yourself to:

- Your favorite book, video game, tv show, or movie.
- A reality TV show like The Great British Bake Off or ~~Milf Manor~~
 - What would you bake? Who would you romance?



Ponysona
Edi Yuricic

Some things to consider:

What elements of the universe haven't been expanded upon?

Val took a mechanic from the game *Inscription* which generates random names for bounty hunters and used it to name their character Otto Van Ram.

Val expanded upon the setting of Btopia from the game's third act, creating a wild-west themed home for their new character!



Otto Van Ram
Valentine Shultz



The Amazing Chromarachnid
Zuha Tariq

What is your character's background?

Zuha used her own background as an art student to inform the Chromarachnid's origin story. Since she knew certain paints are created using pigments that are toxic, carcinogenic, and even radioactive, she had the Chromarachnid be bitten by a spider while finishing a painting final!

If you don't have an idea by now I dare you to make a mingus-sona

ESSENTIAL MINGUS QUALITIES:

Little Hat →

Octopus →

Purple →



Teddie Mingus

CHARACTER TWO: MASH UP

Have you ever thought to yourself, what if Vriska Homestuck and Sans Undertale had a baby? Well now you have. Sorry about that, actually.

Take two or more of your favorite characters and combine them to make an original character!

The easiest way to differentiate your character is to put them in a new, original setting. This setting can be the real world, or it can be one you make up.

If you can't come up with a setting on your own, try these:

- Art School
- Office Job
- Post-Apocalypse
- Your hometown



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Everyone's favorite squirrel-mouse-hybrid-thing, SIX from Chosen by Maddy Jones, is a **blatant rip-off** of Miskit, Sonic, and Mega Man, but you don't notice it because Maddy **made her unique in other ways** (like being transgender<3).



SIX CHOSEN
Maddy Jones

Some things to consider:

STEALING VISUALS W/O PERSONALITY vs STEALING PERSONALITY W/O VISUALS

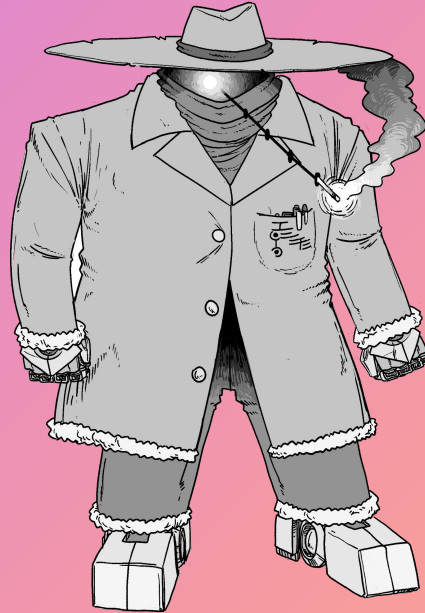
I wouldn't recommend taking more than a few elements from each character, and keeping your influence to either just visuals or just character traits.



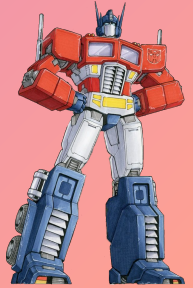
For example, Kit here steals Stan Pines' chaotic and fun con-man persona, while her visuals borrow more from Kim Possible.



KIT / DAGGER
Teddie Hess



ONE-EYE
Maddy Jones



One-Eye steals the design from Miskit's disguise, while their personality (and voice) are inspired by Optimus Prime.

IF YOU'RE LOST PICK FROM THESE

Birth Month

Jan: Sans Undertale
Feb: Bill Cipher
Mar: Reigen Arataka
Apr: Nagito Komaeda
May: Tony the Talking Clock
Jun: The Onceler
July: Black Hat (Villainous)
Aug: Eggman/Robotnik
Sept: Doc Ock
Oct: Spamton
Nov: Jack Skellington
Dec: Purple Guy

Birth Day

1,2: Alphys (Undertale)
3,4: May Borowski (NitW)
5,6: Reagan Ridley (Inside Job)
7,8: Jinx (Arcane, League)
9,10: Asuka (Evangelion)
11,12: Tina Belcher (Bob's Burgers)
13,14: Shego (Kim Possible)
15,16: Anne Boonchuy (Amphibia)
17,18: Ramona Flowers (Scott Pilgrim)
19,20: Lisa Belcher (Bob's Burgers)
21,22: Undyne (Undertale)
23,24: Sasha Waybright (Amphibia)
25,26: Misato Katsuragi (Evangelion)
27,28: Mabel Pines (Gravity Falls)
29,30: Beatrice (OTGW)
31: Winry Rockbell (FMA)

Character Three: Write what you know.

This time we're making completely original characters based off of our most original resource: ourselves.

When I make characters, I have them represent one side of myself, or one part of my personality. Choose a character trait you exhibit, and build a character off of that.

Some character traits you might pick from:

- Hardworking
- Goofball
- Mischievous
- Geeky
- Anxious
- Charming
- Stubborn
- Timid

Think about how this character behaves. You don't want them to act exactly like you, so try to think of other people who embody the character trait you picked. How do they behave? How do they dress? How do they hold themselves?



BILLY/BONES
Teddie Hess

Billy is just like me FR!!! He makes jokes that people groan at, but loves to make them anyway. He is loved and hated by many, usually at the same time. He dresses for the job he wants (a rich person's house cat) not the job he has (band manager).

Billy does *not* inherit my anxiety or shyness at ALL. He is fully extroverted all the time. That's what I mean when I say to separate certain parts of your personality to use for fuel.

Some things to consider:

You want your character sheet to really communicate the character's personality, so don't just draw them standing straight while looking ahead. Pose them to communicate their character.



SOPHIE/ACE
Teddie Hess

Sophie stole my hotheaded tendencies, so I drew her pouting on her character sheet.

Zuha made a great character sheet for Chromarachnid, which **shows her in motion** as well as a close-up shot. She also included a bunch of notes on different aspects of her outfit and her day, which lend a deeper understanding of how this character might act on a daily basis!



The Amazing Chromarachnid
Zuha Tariq

How to make it even better...

Add color! Color communicates just as much as every other part of your design.



D&D Characters
Sunni Stewart



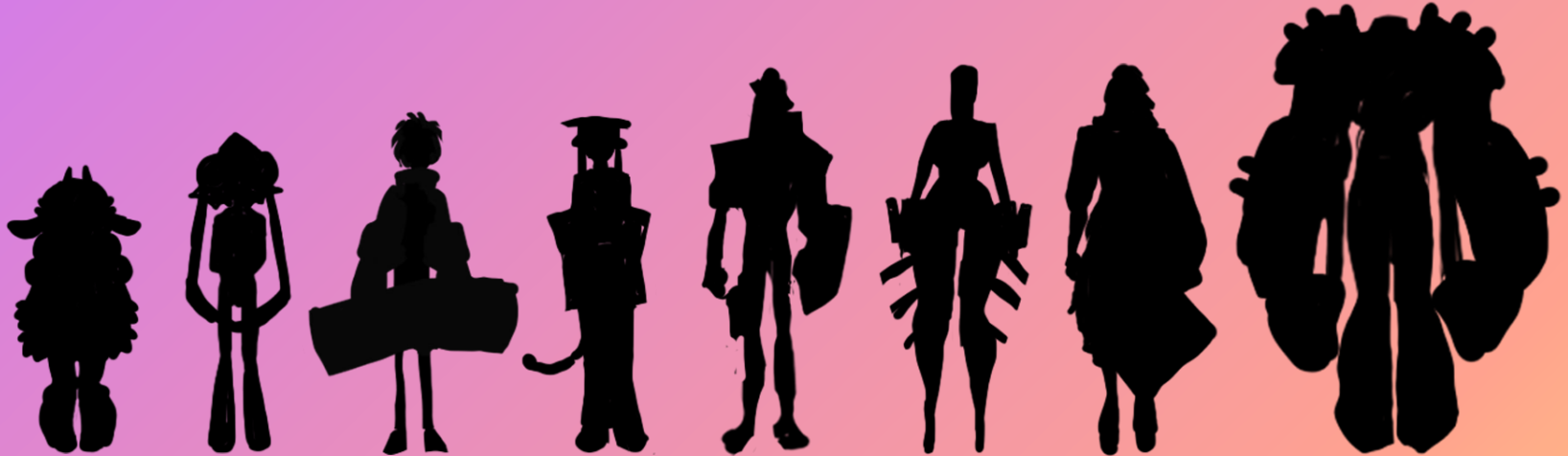
Color can communicate that characters are related to each other, for example Sunni's characters on the far left are part of a family, so they share similar colors in their clothes. On the right, the character is mainly wearing earth tones, with a blue accent piece. This shows that this character is intelligent and grounded.



D&D Character
Sunni Stewart

FOCUS ON SILHOUETTE!

Silhouette is the best way to differentiate your characters at a glance. You can also learn a lot about characters by the shape language used in their silhouette. Which of these characters do you think is the most dependable? The most dangerous? Who looks like the main character?



Character Silhouette Lineup
Taylor Fogarty

**OK YOU'RE WELCOME TO WORK ON
WHATEVER YOU LIKED BEST :-)
THANKS FOR LISTENING**

LET'S ROCK

