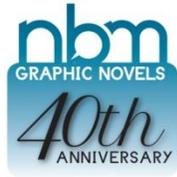


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LOOK Another discovery from NBM: Jon Nielsen

Jon Nielsen has been a webcomic artist for more than 8 years, especially known for his strip, written with Josh Rivas, called MASSIVE PWNAGE. They recorded their adventures in video gaming, with much irony, and just about everything else in life, with much irony, to a loyal audience.

Meantime, Jon, an indefatigable doodler, entertained himself, and anyone willing to follow, with this remarkable story of a robot having an existential crisis.

Well, you might ask, what is it with NBM these days and these existential graphic novels? Equinoxes last fall from Pedrosa and now this...

Actually we thought this could be quite a fun tongue in cheek counterpoint to Equinoxes... Artie, the robot, really isn't having a crisis so much as an itch. One day he somehow realizes: why he is doing this routine every day he's programmed for? The humans who programmed him are long gone... he's only dealing with a bunch of other machines unquestioningly going through some routine that has long ceased to make sense... why?

This is what he must find out when he decides to break from his routine with his pal Owen the robot bird and go on a trek for answers. The other robots must enforce the rules and programming, the past, and stop them. Or must they?

Artie not only turns out to be quite the dark humored cynic, he's also amazingly resourceful, popping the most amazing gadgets at the right time out of a seemingly bottomless chest inside of him.

We promise you this fun unassuming little comic will hook and beguile you. You may also find this to be rather timely in a serendipitous way: dare to move forward and change? Hold onto the past?

Jon Nielsen is a librarian in the Portland, OR area. Besides doing webcomics and many snarky videos on YouTube, he does also manage to have a 'Small but formidable family.'

Jon will be coming to the East Coast to premiere this book at the MoCCA show in New York city beginning April and he is available for interviews at any time. Please be in touch with our publicist Stefan Blitz: publicity@nbmpub.com.

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