



Lambda Sci-Fi

DC Area Gaylaxians



Sins of the Black Flamingo
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Characters

Sebastian Harlow, "The Black Flamingo"
Ofelia Grace
Abel
Ezekiel
Thorndike Scar
Merrilee Pepper

Discussion Questions

1. Did you read the full volume? What are your overall thoughts?
2. Let's talk about the Travis Moore of it all. What do you think of the art, character design, page layouts, etc?
3. How do you feel about the cheesecake-ness of the art? Is it gratuitous or does it further the story? Or both?
4. Sebastian is introduced as a self-obsessed cynic. Does he change over the course of the story? If so, what prompts him to change?
5. What's the significance of the codename "Black Flamingo?"
6. Pages 2 and 3 are both 5 long panels and the only captions are Sebastian's monologue denigrating Florida as the armpit of the US. How do these pages set up the tone of the book?
7. What do you think is the significance of the sefira of netzach (everlastingness, perpetuity, victory, persistence) as the key to awakening Abel? Why not another, like chesed (kindness), tif'eret (beauty), or hod (splendor, glory)?
8. Does Abel actually love Sebastian or are his feelings a mystical by-product of his rebirth?
9. Is Ezekiel a character or just a MacGuffin?

10. We get a few glimpses into Ofelia's history. What do you make of her? Why does she work with Sebastian of all people?
11. What is your take on white supremacy being the archvillain of the story?
12. Sebastian maintains throughout the story that God and angels do not exist. When Ezekiel is freed, he even tells Sebastian he is not real. How do you interpret that?
13. Did you identify any other books, movies, or stories that influenced this comic?
14. Have you read anything else by Andrew Wheeler or Travis Moore? Does this book make you want read more of their work?

Further Reading

Andrew Wheeler partial comics bibliography

- *Another Castle* (Oni Press) with Paulina Ganucheau
- *Love and War* (Comixology, Dark Horse Comics) with Killian Ng and Cristina Rose Chua
- *Freelance* (Chapter House Comics) with Jim Zub and Vaneda Vireak
- *Cat Fight* (IDW) with Ilias Kyriazis
- Entries in *DC Pride 2021*, *Marvel Voices: Pride 2022*, and *The Old Guard: Tales Through Time* (Image, 2021)