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An interview with Adam Hines by Shelly De Vito

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Adam Hines, a Graphic Novel Artist

Shelly: Adam Hines. Adam is the author and artist of *Duncan the Wonder Dog*. This is a work, referred to as a graphic novel, that is nothing short of astounding. Why a graphic novel?

Adam: I've always loved, I guess, the potential of comics. Like I see a lot of... a lot of emphasis on having a really clean line and kind of having what a lot of cartoonists call, or talk of, as being kind of a pure cartooning, or it's more about just kind of reading the images and not even seeing them, and I was kind of always, "well why can't, you know, every page look great, then you really kind of want to stare at it, and look at it, and also read it?" And then I... while I do understand that mindset, my thing has always been about that the cool thing about comics was just that it's pictures and words put together and you can do anything you want whatsoever. I had never worked in the arts before. I did go to college but it was only for like three weeks, before I just decided that, well, all of this is just kind of having a practice over and over and over again, and I already knew that I wanted to make this book, so it was like, that was basically going to be my college like, that... that... that this book was going to force me to really work on my craft and get mediocre at it.