

## Bio for Erin Smith

Born, raised, and living in New Mexico, Erin Smith has been drawing and writing comics and stories since she was five years old. Being shy and introverted, she read, wrote, and drew comics to make sense of the world. Erin joined the U.S. Army in 2005 as a multimedia illustrator to broaden her worldview. With her unusual job, she gained experience in expressing purpose and storytelling for the military. After earning a couple of degrees in Illustration and Marketing, she left active duty in 2012 to continue her service in the New Mexico Army National Guard as an officer. She commissioned from Officer Candidate School in 2014 and continues her service currently as a company commander for the Public Affairs Detachment in Santa Fe, NM. She was the commander for a maintenance unit during their deployment to Djibouti, Africa in 2019-2020. A free spirit and creator, Erin loves doing freelance work in illustration, writing, and web design.