

DEJAH PAYNE

CARTOONIST • PUBLISHER • GAME DESIGNER



CARTOONIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

Pronouns: she/her/they

Mediums: digital, pen & ink, digital photography and video

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Titles Known For:
Princezz, Pizza Fright,
Thistles, Cupcake Cabal,
Philip K. Dick's Tony And
The Beetles (adaptation),
Killer Is Near

Education: Associate's
degree in Multimedia, 2010

Services: illustration,
pencils, inks, coloring,
publishing consulting, print
preparation, book layout,
Kindle eBook conversion,
project management,
product photography

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CREATOR BIOGRAPHY

Dejah Payne is a cartoonist known for her expressive style and offbeat characters. Her narrative works explore themes of personal identity, often through a comedic lens, as exemplified in the ongoing fantasy series *PRINCEZZ* and her anthology series *THISTLES*. These themes are also present in her adaptations of classic literature, notably Philip K. Dick's *TONY AND THE BEETLES*. She primarily self-publishes under her imprint, Syrup Pirates®.

Dejah also creates games and works with game publishers. In the past decade, she has released several free “retro” games for PC. In 2019, she released her first commercially available title, *KILLER IS NEAR*, a single-player “print-and-play” tabletop horror RPG. In 2020, she illustrated the box and manual art for Matt Hughson's “homebrew” NES game *FROM BELOW*. And since 2016, she has regularly worked with family game and book publisher Zarfling Platoon as a process manager and publishing coordinator (and occasional illustrator.)

Outside (and inside) of her career, Dejah is vocal about social issues. She has self published socially conscious zines and comics, written an opinion article published in a local newspaper, and has organized and participated in events to raise money for environmental and social justice organizations. In 2020, she “came out” as a trans woman, an experience that she's open about as part of her belief in the importance of representation.

Currently, Jason Dejah Payne resides in Southwest Georgia with her dog, Lucy, and in her spare time enjoys pizza, gardening, vinyl collecting, photography, classic cinema, retro-gaming, long walks, playing Go, meditation, miniature golf, and hobbyist computing.

PRINCEZZ

PRINCEZZ is Dejah Payne's ongoing anthropomorphic fantasy comic series about a princess turned outlaw. Since its initial serialization in 2013, the series has seen the release of one 250 page graphic novel (*PRINCEZZ*, Dec 2017, ISBN: 9780999267004) and a line of merchandise that includes t-shirts and figurines. A second book in the series, featuring a queer romance theme, is slated for release in 2022. New pages are posted every Monday at *PrincezzComic.com*

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