

PLANET ZEBETH

Introduction

I knew. Somehow, I just knew, that when the idea for Planet Zebeth came into my mind, that it would take at least 12 years to finish, maybe 15. In the end, it was 17 years, 1 month, 25 days. It could have been lower, I transitioned to 2 comics a week from 3 back in year 6, and there was significant delays caused by homelessness and other troubles around year 15. This comic has seen me through a lot of trials and tribulations. My first marriage, my second. My pet cats, my friends, my family, this comic has seen a lot.

And it seems a lot have seen the comic. It always brought me joy when I would receive an email from someone saying that the comic had gotten them through their own tough times, and happy times as well! Metroid fans roamed the message boards over the years, the discord server, everywhere. It became large, and the comic continued. It became known as a “long-runner”, a comic strip SO massive, that it would actively be a challenge to read through it all.

In actuality, if you binge it in one sitting, it's like a few hours tops. 1302 comics for the main storyline, and the ongoing epilogue following. Will that part ever finish? No, I don't think so. The site has become so much more, it's a place where I store my art, my progress pics, my stories, my accomplishments and connections. It's not going to be a twice-a-week comic again (though I am proud that for the first several weeks, I put out 5 comics a day, up to about 50 comics, to establish a bit of an archive when first starting), but it will continue on. We have a diminished Mother Brain seeking retribution, we have a few minor characters to check on, and there will always be little things to putter around with on the farm. At this point, the crew is in retirement mode (though still having to fight off attackers and defend the bar), and it will just continue like that for the rest of my life, as long as I am able.

The printable archive, this series of PDF files, will keep being added to as new comics keep being created. Every update of 6 comics or so, we'll add the next page to the latest PDF file, so that a physical rendition of the comic can exist. Also, a few bonus comics will find their way into a printable bonus section, just because ^_^

And so the comic continues, and I hope that you keep on reading it, and re-reading it over time. There's some real gold in there, the comics where I literally could not stop laughing while thinking about them until well after they were made. I still go back to those, and laughed at them again while making this. Comic 184, trying to will the missiles back. Comic 695, the Trabnagian feast. Mother Brain rolling down the hill in 1320. Check out the highlights reel in the website Zebeth archives, and feel free to make your own on a blank page in here. From March 16, 2002 to the present, Zebeth marches on.

So enjoy my friends, and embrace the pixel!

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