

# Mooooonstruck

By Nat Ocello

### Log Line:

*Mooooonstruck* is a whimsical story about an adventurous cow named Mac who takes a leap of faith to escape the cruel life on her farm. Leaping over the moon, she discovers an extraterrestrial civilization living there, facing its own challenges. With newfound friends, Mac forms a touching alliance that bridges worlds, sparking a daring quest for unity and change.

# **Summary:**

Mac and her cow friends live on the land of an abusive farmer named Dill, who only views them as commodities for profit. When Mac defiantly refuses her dinner, Dill lashes out as he sees her as disrespectful and obstinate. The tense confrontation fortifies Mac's resolve to escape. Gazing at the moon, Mac's dreams of a better life turn into motivation. She attempts to jump high enough to reach the moon but fails on her first try. Despite this setback, Mac's determination persists. She shares her escape plan with her supportive friends, who agree to help.

On her second leap, she jumps so high she soars above the moon and discovers a civilization of aliens living there. What Mac doesn't know is that the alien society is grappling with economic struggles and community-wide feelings of loneliness. They start to believe there is nothing out there for them in the universe until Mac's shadowy figure glides over their world and becomes a beacon of hope for the aliens.

After Mac's return, Dill tightens farm surveillance. Undeterred, Mac breaks free and once again leaps into the sky, defying Dill's extreme attempts to stop her. Mac's landing on the moon leads to an alliance with the aliens. Their shared hardships spark a plan to rescue the rest of the cows on Earth.

Using the aliens' advanced technology, they swarm the farm with their UFOs. They unchain the cows and distract Dill with horrifying holographic images. Soon enough, Dill grabs his belongings and drives as fast as he can away from the farm. Shortly after, Mac reveals the aliens' kindness to the cows. The aliens offer a new home to those willing to join Mac on the moon, while also promising to grow delicious crops and protect the farm for those who want to stay on Earth. Some cows choose to reclaim the farm and make new memories on their new home, while others decide to explore new ground on the moon. After saying their bitter-sweet goodbyes, Mac calls for a celebration on the moon. She amazes the aliens by introducing them to the delight of milk. Both the cows and aliens thrive in newfound home and unity.

#### Audience:

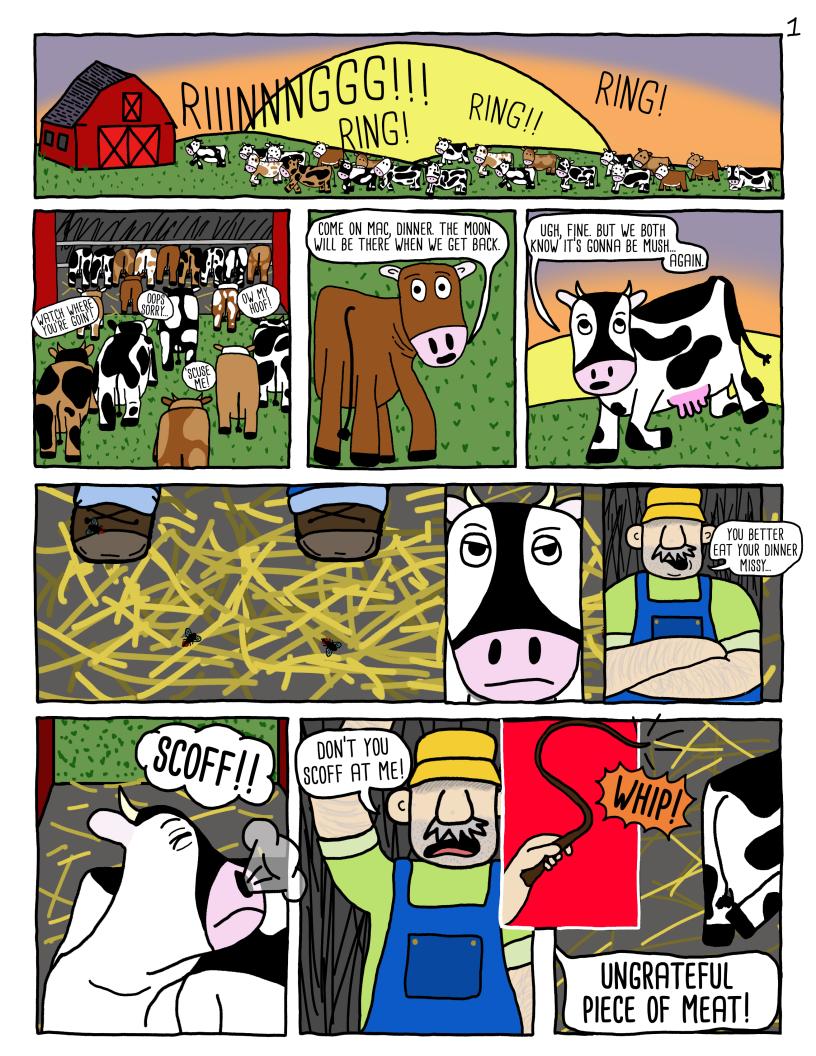
*Moooonstruck* is designed for readers seeking a heartwarming and comedic short story. Sci-Fi enthusiasts will appreciate the playful twist on the classic story trope of cows and aliens. The comic's broad appeal makes it accessible to all age groups, with its light-hearted tone and whimsical narrative ensuring an enjoyable read for anyone who believes anything is possible even when the unlikeliest pairings work together.

## Bio:

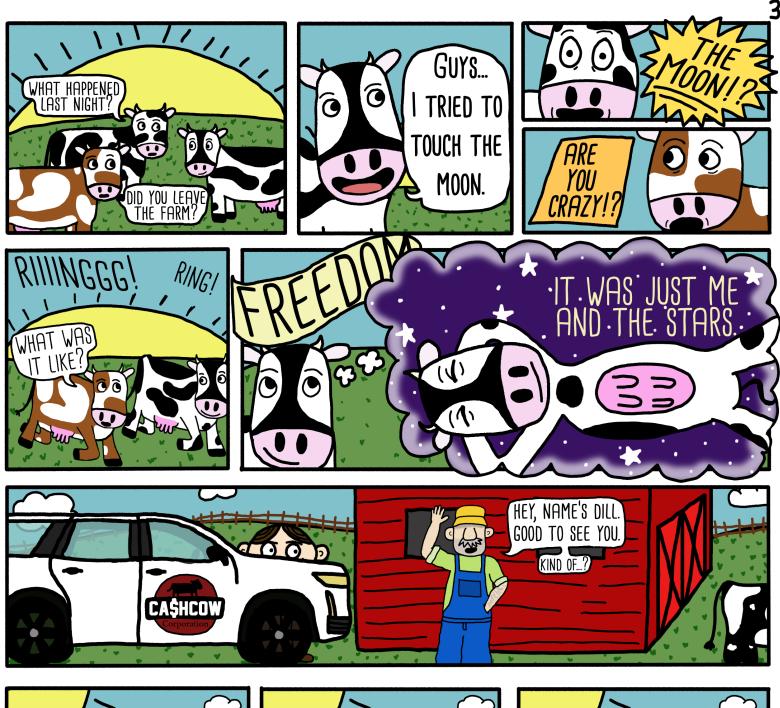
My name is Nat Ocello (They/He), I am an animator and graphic designer based in New Jersey. This is my first comic book ever! Beyond reading comic books, my experience making them started with a short series of comic strips titled, *Saturday Strips*, posted weekly on my Instagram and website. I have always been drawn to cartoons that feel warm and fuzzy. I hope *Mooooonstruck* makes people smile and understand the importance of kindness, unity, and believing in yourself.

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