

# Strong Female Protagonist by Brennan Lee Mulligan

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Mega Girl was the best superhero around?until she gave up her lifestyle of punching bad guys and saving the world. Now, ex-Mega Girl Alison Green is trying to live a normal life, go to college, and figure everything out. As she works to save the world without a mask, finish her homework, and attempt to cope with the past, Alison learns that heroism can take many forms.

This story recalls a mix of *Superman*, *X-Men*, and *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*, yet it's also something all its own. It takes a hard look at the consequences of heroism and the toll it can take on a hero and everyone else. *Strong Female Protagonist* is often incredibly funny, but is also unafraid of hard conversations about normalcy, purpose, sacrifice, and evil. One of its strongest moments is a candid and emotional conversation between Alison and a ?villain? that illustrates the impact chance and choice have on our lives. Throughout the entire story, Alison tries to find a new way to change the world for the better; as she grapples for answers, so do readers.

A truly moving graphic novel that delves into the implications of being a superhero, *Strong Female Protagonist* is breath of fresh air in the superhero genre. Recommended for ages fourteen and up.

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