

Deer Woman: A Vignette By Elizabeth LaPensée

'The stories I've heard about Deer Woman tell of a gorgeous luscious and downright deadly figure who lures men from fires and whose deer legs are hidden by the light and shadows of the flame until she leads a man off from a gathering far enough to stomp him to death. English 2018 Read Harder #8 - Read a comic written or illustrated by a person of color English I read this in the Deer Woman: An Anthology English Vital brutal English For me an emotional read it's real it's raw it's truth. There is a short afterward that discusses more directly the idea of (re)connecting with your body and your self through self defense and how that can lead you to once again feel empowered. As someone who is undergoing this same transformation (I turned to kickboxing and body positivity after my sexual assault) this struck a chord and brought the rest of the story home for me. English The artwork is not my aesthetic but the use of Deer Woman as a protector of women creates such powerful imagery that it's easy to identify the messaging as the strength of the piece. The Words from Arming Sisters serve as a call to action and I want a print of it ASAP:It's not about walking strong to detour an attacker it's about walking strong because you are powerful and you should feel that in every fiber of your being. It's not about trusting your gut instinct to tell you when someone is going to attack you; it's about trusting your intuition because it builds a strong relationship with yourself - mind body and soul. Here is the publisher's description:Based on the true stories of Indigenous women throughout the world Deer Woman: A Vignette is a powerful expression of empowerment and survivance! Written by Elizabeth LaPensée edited by Allie Vasquez and illustrated by Jonathan R. The comic features and self-defense techniques from The Arming Sisters and a powerful introduction from the author; this comic should be read by all who care about the experience of Indigenous women throughout the world!CW: rape and other violence English TW: sexual violenceA short comic that packs a powerful violent and disturbing — and simultaneously empowering — punch. I had not heard of the Deer Woman before (I have not read nearly enough by or about indigenous people); like many superhero comics it includes the Deer Woman's origin story and her desire to protect women from those who would attempt to violate them and the gruesome lengths to which she will go to do so, But as I healed from personal experiences through conversations with colleagues I wondered how she came to be. ' Deer Woman: A Vignette



Read Harder Challenge #21(a): Read a book published by a micropress: English Trigger warnings for: violence sexual assault and human trafficking. This vignette is an origin story of Deer Woman a shapeshifting spirit present in the folklore of Eastern Woodland and Central Plain tribes: In folkloric tradition Deer Woman is associated with female fertility as well as the seduction and violent punishment of promiscuous/adulterous men. LaPensée's tale reframes the narrative of her own sexual assault and the vulnerability of her community to sex trafficking in terms of this empowered and culturally significant figure. It's not about walking strong to detour [sic] an attacker it's about walking strong because you are powerful and you should feel that in every fiber of your being, I read this as part of the Read Harder Challenge specifically to read a book published by a micro press, Deer Woman is available to download for free at [nativerealities.com](https://www.nativerealities.com): English Get this badass digital comic for free at <https://www.nativerealities.com>. It says a lot in such few pages - it's memorable and impactful, It's not about learning the difference between a yell and a scream; it's about being vocal in your daily life and remembering how to use your voice, Women's Self Defense won't bring empowerment to you...

It only seeks to reawaken it, English I've edited my comments because I don't think I did this comic justice on my first attempt. I've read/listened to more than a few outstanding books recently but this is the one that has stuck with me the most. Thunder this digital comic weaves the stories of Deer Woman into a modern narrative of the struggles of Indigenous women in North America. It also includes a brief primer on self-defense at the end. She's certainly empowered and made for killing. Then Deer Woman came by for a visit. It is poignant raw and haunting. It's about knowing you are not a victim but a warrior. I imagine it will resonate with other warriors as well.com.nativerealities.com/colle.It's about knowing you are not a victim but a warrior. You are already empowered. It's free at <https://www.nativerealities.com/colle>. It's about re-claiming what's yours. English.