



**Alright, let's get to the tricky issue.**

Von: Eh?

**You know what I mean.**

Von: I do?

**You're a white guy.**

Von: Ah. Yes, that's true.

**Lauren, her mom, and a lot of the people in their lives are black.**

Von: Also true.

**So do you think you're qualified to do this?**

Von: I have no idea how to answer that. Short answer is maybe not.

**Well, why do it?**

Von: Because representation matters. Because I was sick of seeing comics, at least mainstream and corporate comics, that featured the same kinds of characters that I saw when I was a kid. Because I think that it's important to do. Because I like pushing myself. Pushing boundaries, especially my own, and see where it takes me. Because I don't think writing only what I know is especially useful to anyone one, including me.

**What about pushback to that?**

Von: What's the alternative? I only write and draw white people? White men? White Canadian men? How does that help anything?

**You don't think it's presumptuous?**

Von: Maybe. But look: my mom, who died at 48, was diagnosed schizophrenic when I was a kid. Am I only supposed to write about that? Well, I did write about that. Hell, I was even in a [beautiful film](#) that talked about that. Am I doomed to only write about that? I don't think so. At the end of the day, I can only do the best I can, with the best sensitivity and storytelling that I can bring, and hope for the best.

**Hope?**

Von: Yeah, hope. I hope that I've done my job right. I hope that readers, in general, believe in Lauren and her mom. Believe them to be real. Cheer for their victories and ache for their losses. If, in the balance, that happens, then I'm content. And if some think I've overstepped my bounds, well...so be it.

**So how do you describe *WOLF'S HEAD*?**

Von: It's an action-adventure story set in our very real world with characters that have feet of clay. It's the kind of story I love writing. It's the kind of story I love drawing. I think Lauren, her mom, Sankó, and all the characters thrill and challenge readers. I hope people fall in love with the series.

It's a *lot* of fun.

Give it a shot!