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A Speech on How to Create Impressive Comic Strips and Characters

Hello everyone,

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to talk about my 'greatest love' – comic strips. I am Chris, an editor of the comic section of a popular magazine in Hong Kong. This morning, I would like to share with you my views on two things. The first one is the important elements of good and successful comic strips. The second one is how to create a lively and impressive character for your comic strips.

To begin with, when writing comic strips, your story must be fun to attract the readers' attention. Therefore, first you need to decide on a story that you want to publish and what you want to say in your story. If you have your own ideas of where the story is going, you don't have to know every little detail of your story. This can help you make sure that you've got material for more than just the first few strips. So, carry a notebook with you wherever you go because you never know when a funny idea will strike. Be ready to write it down because you may forget it. Besides, each comic strips has its own format. So, setting the format is the second step. You need to decide how many panels you want to use, and one row or two. For two - row comic strips, 6-8 panels on each row is the standard form. In short, the more special the design of comic strips is, the greater the number of readers will be.

Apart from the above important elements of good comic strips, how to create an impressive character is another important consideration when you write comic strips. The main character is the soul of the story. They may determine whether a comic strip can be popular or not. You need to pay more attention when you create your characters, such as their distinctive qualities. Are they ordinary people? Superhumans? Aliens? Inanimate objects coming to life? The characters must then have their own characteristics. For example, you could have an owl with a large head to stand for a brainy girl, a dog with a frown representing a grouchy man or a hyena with a cheesy smile to stand for a cunning person. After selecting their personality, fill up their appearance with extra details. This will help you connect to them, and you'll be able to bring them to life in your comics.

These are the two things I want to share with you. I hope you like my sharing. Thank you all.