

Look Up in the Sky! It's a Trans-Led *Supergirl* Comic Series Coming Soon!

The new DC series will be written and drawn by Sophie Campbell with colors by Tamra Bonvillain.



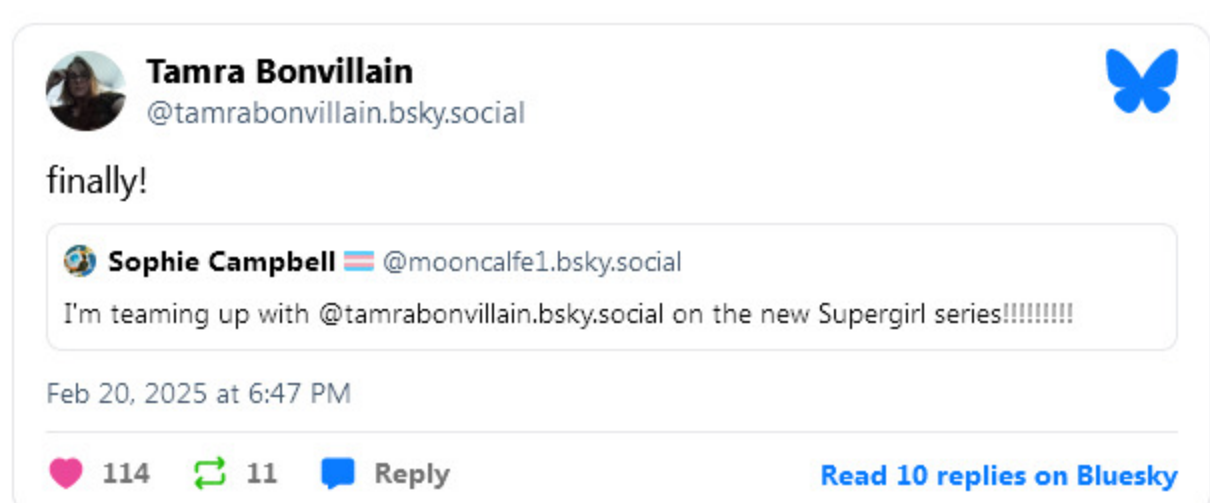
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DC Comics

Look, up in the sky! No, it's not a bird or a plane — it's a new *Supergirl* comic book series from acclaimed trans creators Sophie Campbell and [Tamra Bonvillain](#).

On Thursday, DC Comics announced a new *Supergirl* series set to debut on May 14, kicking off the company's planned "Summer of Superman." The series will be written and drawn by Campbell, who ended her 50-issue run writing *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* last year. Separate from DC's official announcement, Campbell wrote on Bluesky that Bonvillain will join her as the series' colorist. The series will also feature a new design for Supergirl's costume by artist Stanley "Artgerm" Lau, one of several variant cover artists on the series.



Apart from her now-iconic *TMNT* stories, Campbell is a 22-year veteran of the comics industry, perhaps best known for her independent graphic novel series *Wet Moon*, which celebrated its [20th anniversary](#) last year. Bonvillain, meanwhile, ranks among the [most sought-after colorists in comics](#), having worked on countless books including *Moon Girl* and *Devil Dinosaur*, *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, and *Sins of the Black Flamingo*; she is also a regular contributor to DC's [annual Pride anthologies](#), and colored the [first appearance of Marvel's Escapade](#), a trans mutant character created by Charlie Jane Anders, Ro ((Stein))), and Ted Brandt.

"I came up in the comics industry doing mostly graphic novels that I wrote and drew myself, so doing the same with Supergirl feels like I'm returning to my storytelling roots," Campbell said in DC's [announcement](#) this week. "My main touchstones to Kara Zor-El were the stories and the wild costumes from the '70s, the 1984 Supergirl movie, and the CW show, which I was a huge fan of. In creating this version of Supergirl, I'll be drawing on some of those influences as the series unfolds." (The CBS/CW *Supergirl* show starring Melissa Benoist also led to the creation of [Nicole Maines'](#) superheroic alter ego Dreamer, who has since been folded into DC continuity in [comics written by Maines herself](#).)



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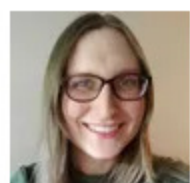
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The new *Supergirl* series is part of DC's ["All In"](#) publishing event, shaking up the company's in-universe continuity "without reboots or retcons" to hopefully offer an entry point for new readers. Per DC's announcement, Campbell and Bonvillain's series will see Supergirl (a.k.a. Superman's cousin, Kara Zor-el) return to the town of Midvale, where she grew up in the [original comics](#) of the 1950s and '60s. But all is not as it should be: Midvale already has a Supergirl protecting the town, and Kara must figure out who's trying to steal her life and identity before it's too late.

It's not yet clear whether the series will take place in the "core" DC Universe or the new "Absolute Universe" established in the All In line, or what other characters from DC history might show up (apart from super-pets Krypto and Streaky, shown in one piece of promo art in the announcement). Fortunately, fans of truth and justice will only have to wait two more months to find out.

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