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I'm man enough to admit that many years ago, when I was a youngin I used to watch that Ellen DeGeneres sitcom, when I was a dumbass and watched network TV(I haven't watched network TV in probably 5-6 years now). Anyhow, I thought the show was amusing, kind of funny, whatever, but then they made the big announcement that she was gay. Big wow. I stopped watching the thing.

Not because she was gay, but because the show wasn't funny anymore, because that's ALL they focused on. She's gay. Who cares? Why change the direction and course of something just to point a big blinking arrow at some character trait that doesn't support the purpose of the show, which is to be funny.

In comics, if the character is well-written, well-rounded and interesting, sexual orientation shouldn't even be a factor. Alerting others of sexual orientation is a sad attempt to be edgy nowadays. There are gay people, they live amongst us. It's no big deal. I think when people actually sell something on the basis of a character being gay, that's just silly and quite pathetic.

It just has to be consistent with the character. Don't turn him/her gay just to 'shake things up'. It insults and disrespects the people who honestly and genuinely live the gay lifestyle.

In addition, back when The Authority was written by Ellis, I LOVED it and I thought Apollo and Midnighter were incredible characters, and them being a gay couple didn't detract from them being written as people and not just 'gay' people.