



**Forum: HM General Chit Chat**

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Thinking back about Heromorph, when it started it was basically an image gallery, with a comics theme, where people posted images that weren't theirs. People visited because the Internet was much smaller and it was a good place to find images.

Then some rules were put in place that you had to make what you posted. This is when things got good. The forums were pretty free too, and we had some great loonies in there. People visited Heromorph then because it was the best site around, especially for superheroine manips. To me, those days were great fun.

Sometime after that, 3D software became popular and Heromorph skewed heavily towards 3D. The forums were also moderated so that anyone crazy was quickly banned (good, but less entertaining). The 3D craze has ended and all the great artists have moved on or stopped creating. Meanwhile the most popular type of website has become a 'facebook style', where everyone has their own page and the website feeds them stuff they like. Heromorph is simply not big or expensive enough to do that sort of thing.

And there seem to be fewer people starting out who want to learn to make good images. I think people got tired of looking at 3D images when too many 'artists' were just assembling models, props, poses and costumes. A couple of extra hours to add shadows, details and fix up rough edges makes all the difference, yet few bother.

One person wrote to me a while ago and asked me to teach him how to paint symbiote images (his fetish). The idiot didn't understand that you learn to paint as a general skill, you don't learn how to paint just one thing. He wasn't interested in learning to paint, that would take time and investment on his part.

Another guy wrote to me here asking for help. He seemed to think I cut out the costume from pre-existing images and then searched for a model that would fit the pose. Again he doesn't want to put the time in to learn anything, he just wants to make pictures that suit his fetish quickly, and then get praise for it.

I don't think HM is going to get more participation or quality of the kind everyone wants. That time has gone. There are too many bigger and better sites for HM to be a big player anymore.

There could still be a place for HM. The galleries could be re-arranged so all the low quality stuff is dumped and all the good stuff that has been here for years is show-cased. New images would only be allowed when they are high quality. Right now HM is arranged so all the old good stuff is hidden 'at the back'.

Another thing is HM could become a teaching website. People with skills could give a mix of paid and free lessons to those wanting to learn (but I'm not sure there would be enough interest for this). Whatever happens HM needs a new focus, or it will eventually just end. Something a website of this size and capacity can cope with. Trying to be what it was is clearly not working.