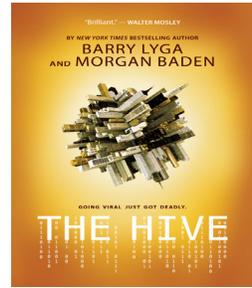


10 OF THE COOLEST TECH-GENIUS WOMEN IN COMICS



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This list of techie women in comics is sponsored by *The Hive* by Barry Lyga and Morgan Baden from KCP Loft.

New York Times bestselling authors Barry Lyga and Morgan Baden have teamed up for the first time to create a novel that's gripping, terrifying and more relevant every day. *The Hive* follows seventeen-year-old Cassie, who, after being "condemned" on social media, is on the run from a deadly state-sanctioned mob seeking to exact IRL punishment. Aided by a shadowy underground network, Cassie becomes an unlikely heroine, as her search for the truth makes her a threat to the entire unjust system. *The Hive* is a breathless race through the day after tomorrow, where online and real life are blurred beyond recognition, and social media casts ever-darker shadows. YA

To celebrate all the awesome women characters in comic books today, I've put together a list of ten women who are obsessed with technology in comic books. Some of these women are superheroes who use technology to facilitate fighting the bad guys, while others are mechanical whizzes and still others really dig computer science. I've included the first issue of the solo series for the superheroes.

RIRI WILLIAMS IN *IRONHEART: THOSE WITH COURAGE* BY EVE EWING,
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Ironheart was the inspiration for this list. Now in her own solo series, Riri Williams is at MIT with her own lab and is making astonishing inventions (like her AI based on her own memories) but has to deal with the dean's pop-up visits bringing donors and dignitaries by without notice. Not only that, she's trying to fight crime while having a challenge with balancing her health, friends, and more. When a friend from her past goes missing, Riri investigates and may find herself face to face with a secret society. YA



SHURI IN *SHURI: THE SEARCH FOR BLACK PANTHER* BY NNEDI OKORAFOR AND LEONARDO ROMERO

When Black Panther disappears on a mission in space, Shuri, the tech-genius, has to try to find her brother while also deciding whether or not to take up the Black Panther mantle. Bonus: I love Nnedi Okorafor; her YA series *Akata Witch* is well worth checking out. There's all sorts of Shuri-awesomeness in this comic. And the art? The cover of the first issue has to be hands down my favorite cover of all comics for all time. Yeah, I said it. YA

LUNELLA LAFAYETTE IN *MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR VOL. 1: BFF* BY AMY REEDER, BRANDON MONTCLARE, AND NATACHA BUSTOS

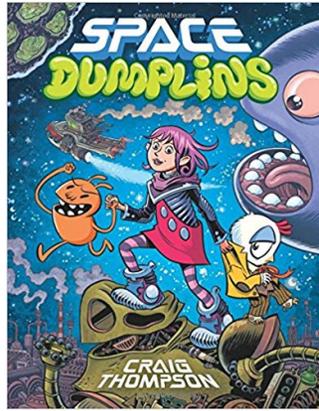
Supergenius preteen? Check. Dinosaur creature? Check. What's not to love? Lunella Lafayette is worried about her Inhuman genes and is trying to think her way out of the dilemma. She ends up teaming up with Devil Dinosaur for some delightful shenanigans. YA

LADY MECHANIKA IN *LADY MECHANIKA VOLUME 1: MYSTERY OF THE MECHANICAL CORPSE* BY JOE BENITEZ AND PETER STEIGERWALD

No list about women in tech in comics would be complete without some steampunk. Lady Mechanika is a private detective with a mystery of her own to solve. She awoke one day to find herself with mechanical limbs and no memory of it. There's so much steampunk loveliness in all the mechanical contraptions, the flying machines and the wondrous Victorian outfits. YA

NADIA VAN DYNE IN *THE UNSTOPPABLE WASP: UNLIMITED VOL. 1: FIX EVERYTHING* BY JEREMY WHITLEY AND GURIHIRU

Why have one girl genius technowiz when you can have a whole team of them? Nadia Van Dyne and the agents of G.I.R.L. team up against an attack by A.I.M. But Nadia faces a foe she doesn't understand who seems to know her for her past. Nadia is out to find answers while also dealing with ordinary life like science fairs and girls nights out. YA



VIOLET MARLOCKE OF *SPACE DUMPLINS* BY CRAIG THOMPSON

To go along with Kaylee the Mechanic superstar, I add Violet Marlocke to the list. Her father is teaching her how to fix spaceships. When he goes missing, she sets out to find him. It's a fun adventure story with some great side characters. Craig Thompson is a beloved comic writer and artist; he's behind the heart-wrenching *Blankets* and gorgeous *Habibi*. J

ADA LOVELACE OF *THE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF LOVELACE AND BABBAGE: THE (MOSTLY) TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST COMPUTER* BY SYDNEY PADUA

No list would be complete without Ada Lovelace, the first programmer. Or the first person to theorize the idea of a computer program. This book starts with her life story and her work with Charles Babbage. Then it becomes an alternative reality where Lovelace and Babbage build their machine and go on crime-fighting adventures. YA

DOREEN GREEN IN *THE UNBEATABLE SQUIRREL GIRL VOL. 1: SQUIRREL POWER* BY RYAN NORTH AND ERICA HENDERSON

Okay, so Squirrel Girl isn't necessarily a tech wiz or mechanical genius. But she and Nancy Whitehead are computer science students at Empire State University and they love every moment of it. Plus Squirrel Girl even uses binary to defeat a supervillain. YA

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