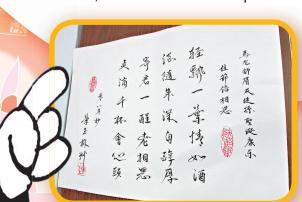


HE comic strip White Cat Black Cat is written by Fong She-mei (方舒眉) and illustrated by Ma Sing-yuen (馬星原). It was first published in 2004. Since its debut, the White Cat Black Cat series has covered hundreds of different themes and stories and has received widespread local success. Sometimes, the comics are about politics, and sometimes they are about history. This variation may have been one of the secrets of the comic's success.

"The key to writing a humorous comic," said Ma, "is to make sure your readers are pleasantly surprised at the end of the story." Before

working on the White Cat Black Cat project, Ma used the penname Ma-long and was a prominent political cartoonist.

Ma shared with Junior Standard some tips on drawing political comics. "When thinking of a humorous political cartoon, I have to think of all possible outcomes of a situation and pick the 'weirdest' one," he said. "That is the punch line."



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