

CARMEN GOT EXPELLED! : Character Sides

CARMEN DE LA CRUZ



Age: 14

High School “Bad” Girl

Personality:

It’s not that Carmen is bad; it’s just that trouble has a way of finding her. A lot. (Put it this way: Trouble has Carmen on speed dial.) Yes, Carmen is a feisty, funny, free-spirited punky girl, BUT she has a clear sense of what’s right and what’s wrong. Freedom of artistic expression, having as much fun as (semi-) legally possible and always, always, always sticking up for the underdog: RIGHT. Condescending people, following oppressive rules that make no sense (to her) and anyone telling her that she can’t do something: WRONG.

Carmen has run afoul of many a teacher and administrator that don’t happen to subscribe to her “eclectic” world view, thus all her unjust expulsions. But it’s not because she doesn’t try to do the right thing, it’s just that Carmen is incapable of backing down from a fight, leaving well enough alone, or going along to get along. No battle is too small, no bully is too big, and no underground art show/concert is too awesome (not to sneak out, break curfew, and go hit the mosh pit. No one said she was perfect.)

Carmen is all about living in the moment, but with her short attention span, vivid imagination and motor mouth, things can spiral out of control quickly. If she even gets a whiff of injustice of any kind, Carmen will be the first to jump headfirst into the fray... without thinking it through... usually setting in motion a chain of events that will inevitably make things worse... for Carmen. Her own road to hell is paved with her own good intentions... which isn’t to say she doesn’t have a LOT of fun in the process, just that she has picked up a lot of bruises and scrapes along the way, as well as horrendously bad reputation.

CARMEN SIDES

1. Carmen

Ya know how some kids try to get through school without causing too much of a fuss? Well, I'm what you might call... not them. Oh yeah, not even close. Hi. I'm Carmen. Oh, and I got expelled. Like... a lot. It's not like I go looking for trouble. It's just that trouble loves me. In a creepy stalker kind of way.

2. Carmen

SERIOUSLY! What kind of idiot disturbs an artist while she's working?! (then seeing a large bully behind her) And of course I mean "idiot" in the most loving sense of the word.

3. Carmen

How did I paint this? Listen and learn my artistically challenged amigo. I was just walking along minding my own business when BANG! Inspiration punches me right in the face! Two times! So I just let it flow and start painting like CRAZY and VOILA! Masterpiece IN THE FACE!

4. Carmen

You don't like it Johnny? Not that I care if you like it. In fact, I laugh at the notion of me caring if you like it. Here's me laughing. (crazy laugh) Why don't you like it?

5. Carmen

Hi Headmistress Gnarly! Looking sharp today. Love the new eye patch! So, about the mural...I can explain! See, this alien sucked on my face and infected my brain and-- uh, you're smiling? I didn't know you did that.