

# Clear Blue Water

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## feature type

comic strip

## frequency

7x / week

## delivery methods

FTP, UClick®

## target audience

wide appeal

clear blue water

Whether it is politics, gender issues or race, Eve and Manny Torres often find themselves on either side of a gulf, but when it comes to their marriage and family, they have everything in common.

The phrase "clear blue water," explains author Karen Montague-Reyes, comes from the world of politics. It describes the ideological divide between two political parties. Beyond the usual gender conflicts, Eve is liberal, Manny is conservative, Eve is biracial, and Manny is Hispanic, but their love for their children and each other makes all their differences worthwhile. This is a family that truly reflects the way so many young families live today – and that's a rarity on the comics page.

## About the Creator:

Cartoonist Karen Montague-Reyes lives in a world parallel to the universe she has created for her comic-strip characters, where the clash of cultures in a large, diverse family makes every day a challenge. Like the Torres family of CLEAR BLUE WATER, Karen and her husband, Will, have five children, and the youngest are twins. Will is Cuban, and Karen is of mixed race – her maternal grandfather is African American and Native American; her father is white.



Born in Washington, D.C., Karen met Will delivering pizzas to earn extra money in college at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., where Karen majored in art with an emphasis on teaching. Today, in her "spare time," Karen writes suspense novels and children's books (unpublished, but hopeful) and enjoys painting. She and Will, a U.S. Park Service ranger, make their home at the water's edge in the Florida Keys.

## Meet the Cast:



### Eve Merriwether-Torres

The 31-year-old, bi-racial, hopelessly liberal matriarch of the clan. She's a neurotic housewife and a frustrated writer/artist all rolled into one. She writes unsuccessful romance novels and paints elaborate fantasy and sorcery scenes.

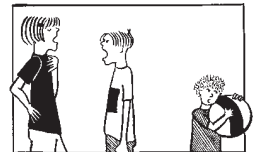
### Manny Torres

A deep thinker and a realist, he's been Eve's better half for almost a decade. Manny's 32, Hispanic, and perpetually mired in a premature midlife crisis. A recovering liberal, he's currently a city planner yearning to bust out of his cubicle and into the wild ... as a cop.



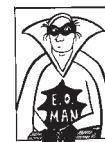
### Ivy, Owen and Seth

At 7, Ivy is the typical bossy oldest child. She's sassy, smart, and a master manipulator. Four-year-old Owen is bright, mischievous, sweet and tragically gullible ... easy prey for Ivy. Toddler Seth, in the midst of his terrible twos, can't quite talk yet, but he can scream with the best of them.



### Superheroes

The mission of **E.O. Man** (Easily Offended Man) is to force the concerns of the overly sensitive onto everybody else. **The S.U.R.D.** (The Sweep it Under the Rug Duo) barge in whenever a subject is breached that they deem taboo. Staunchly opinionated and melodramatic, **Zealot** lives to help people win arguments.



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