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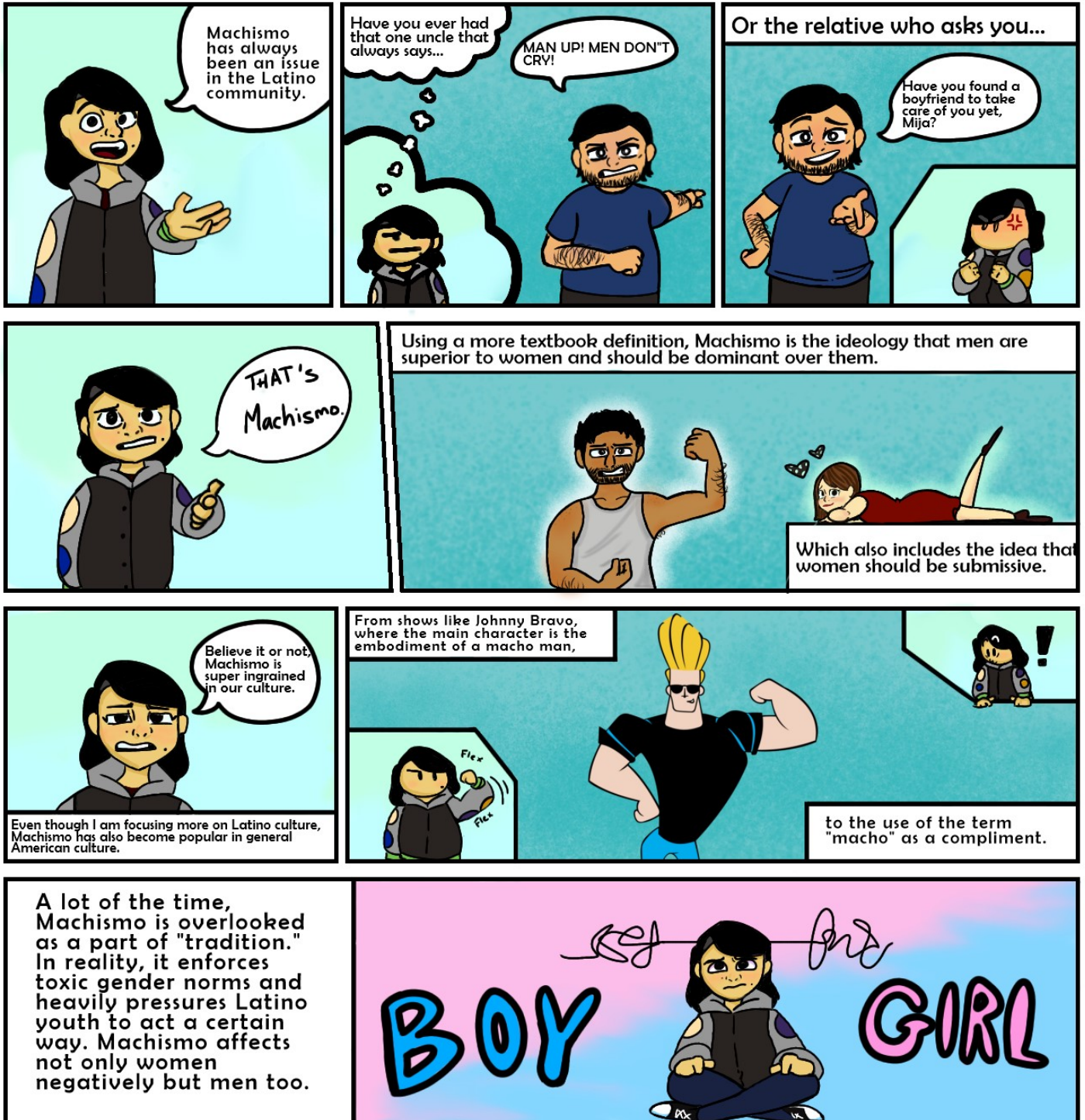
Marissa Torres is a 20 year old student at CSUMB. She is majoring in Human Communications with a concentration in communication studies. Marissa was born and raised in San Jose, California. She has a passion for cultural art and marine science. Being Mexican-American and a part of the LGBTQIA+ community, she wishes to explore and challenge the machista ideals of her community through her piece "Machismo: It's More Relevant Than You Know".

# MACHISMO:

It's more relevant than you know

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Men are supposed to enjoy things deemed masculine. Men showing any "feminine" traits are considered taboo, and many times, parents care more about how others see them than their children and how these expectations are affecting them.



This makes it harder for people in the LGBTQIA+ community to be themselves peacefully.

Queer youth are very often disowned, kicked out of their homes, verbally or physically harassed, or told that they are not valid as Latinos or as a person.



As we learned earlier, behaviors are taught. As the next generation of Latinos, we must unlearn these behaviors and expectations. We must also teach our future youth not to listen to machista ideals that tell them how they should act or what they should like. Gender does not define your personality, and together, we can break the cycle of machismo.

