

ABSTRACT

THESIS: A Romance for the Ages: An examination of female kinship on *Broad City*

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This thesis examines the first two seasons of the Comedy Central show, *Broad City*. I use a combination of critical and invitational rhetoric in order to better understand the relationship between the two lead women both on and off screen. Through my analysis, I argue that the relationship between Abbi and Ilana portrays female kinship through the eroticism, intimacy, and care-giving demonstrated between the two women.

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