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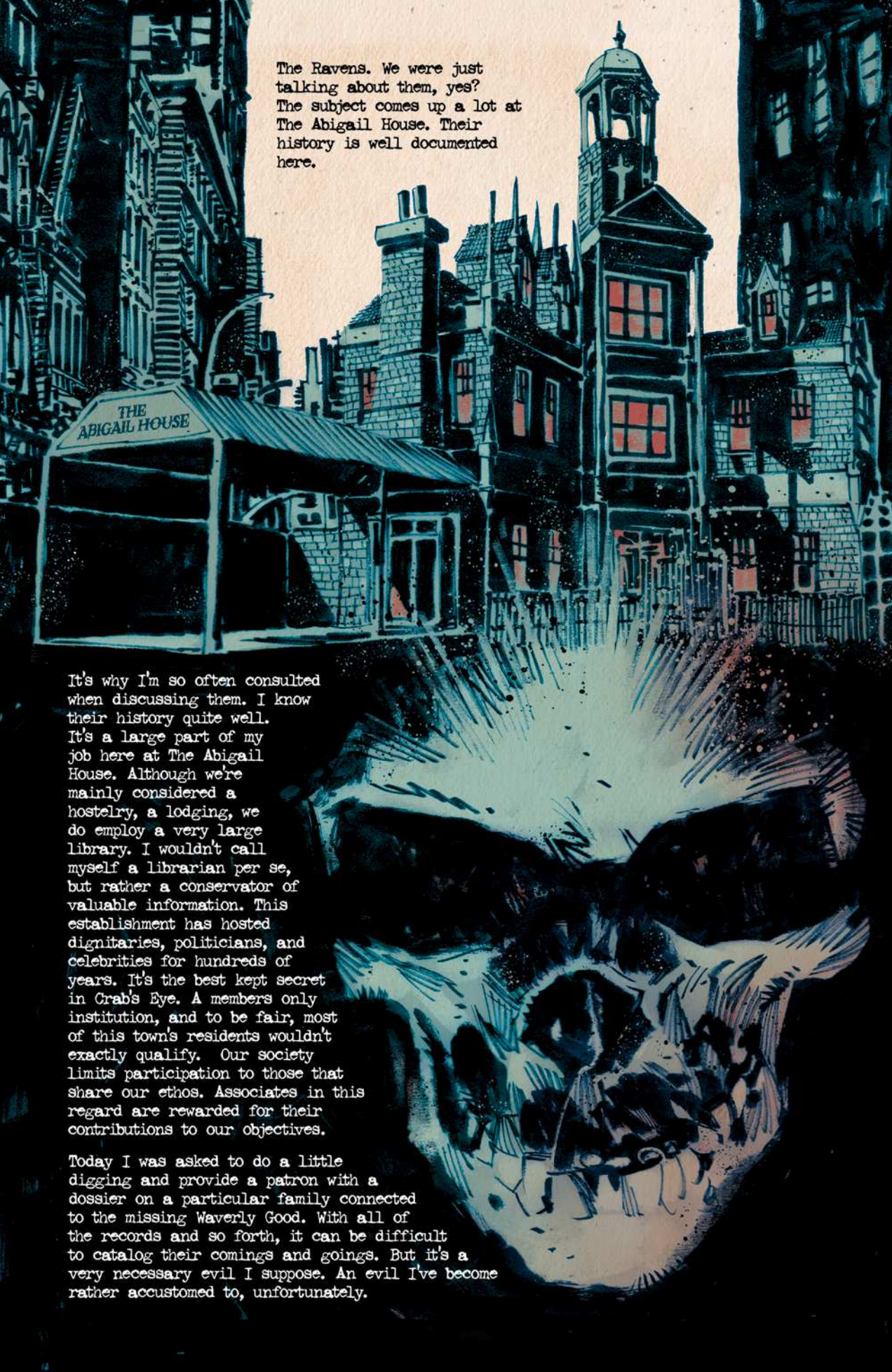
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The Ravens. We were just talking about them, yes? The subject comes up a lot at The Abigail House. Their history is well documented here.

It's why I'm so often consulted when discussing them. I know their history quite well. It's a large part of my job here at The Abigail House. Although we're mainly considered a hostelry, a lodging, we do employ a very large library. I wouldn't call myself a librarian per se, but rather a conservator of valuable information. This establishment has hosted dignitaries, politicians, and celebrities for hundreds of years. It's the best kept secret in Crab's Eye. A members only institution, and to be fair, most of this town's residents wouldn't exactly qualify. Our society limits participation to those that share our ethos. Associates in this regard are rewarded for their contributions to our objectives.

Today I was asked to do a little digging and provide a patron with a dossier on a particular family connected to the missing Waverly Good. With all of the records and so forth, it can be difficult to catalog their comings and goings. But it's a very necessary evil I suppose. An evil I've become rather accustomed to, unfortunately.



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Ah, here's the binder in question...
The Good Family. Ill fated for
centuries. Waverly's ancestors played
both sides of the fence and have
always paid dearly for it.

Always up to one trick or another.

Her mother's marriage was also ill
fated, it would seem. A car accident,
a separation, and now one of
her daughters is missing - presumed
by many to be... well... dead,
as it were.





I just met with some witches in the woods behind my new school.

...I'm thinking I might keep that detail to myself.



This is *not* what I was expecting on my first day.

I knew it would probably be somewhat awkward here and there. Some people staring maybe. But I could live with that. I liked the whole idea of a brand new place to start fresh.



Make new friends...

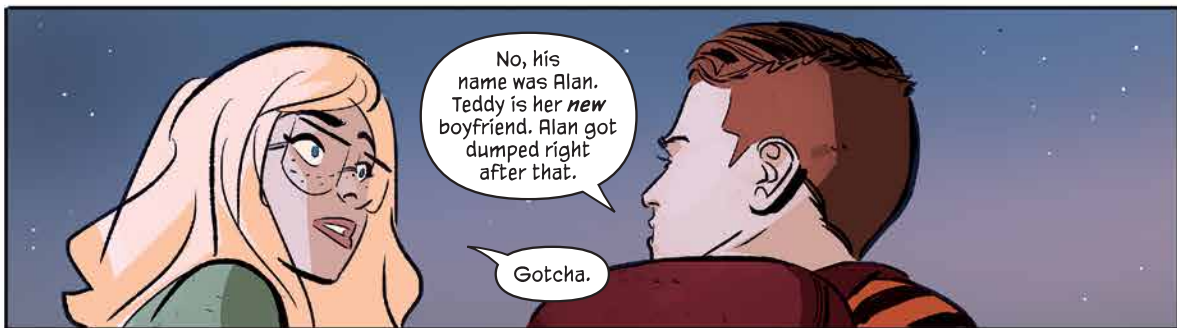


Ansel Friend is my *only* friend at the moment, and I really don't need him to think I'm crazy...

So...?!?!
What did they say, Wilma?



Um...they just wanted to welcome me to the school. They were...nice, I think...





Remember when I was saying how I was looking forward to a fresh start at a new school?

I'd like to revise that.



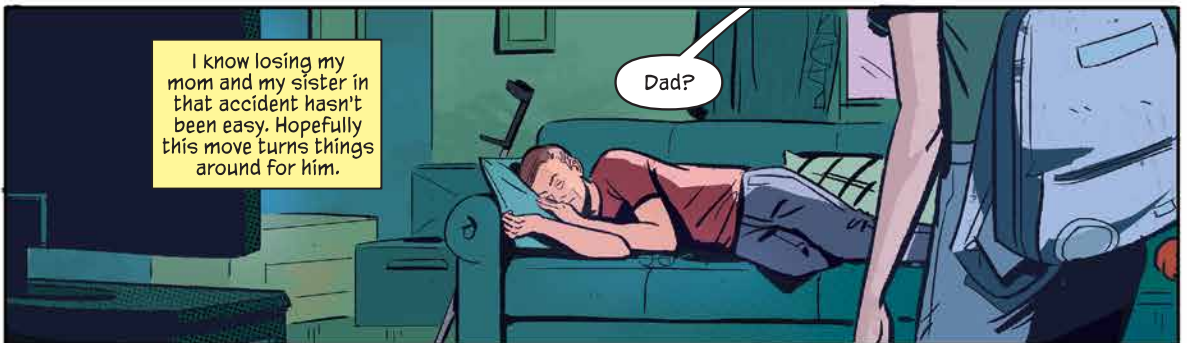
Anytime your first day includes a missing girl that looks a lot like you, and a group of scary girls that practice magic in the forest--you're better off picking another school.



Not like I had a choice though. Out of nowhere, my dad told me to pack my clothes and my things. "Looks like we're moving to Crab's Eye," he said.

After being laid off for like, I don't know how many years, he got a job offer.

He grew up here but never talked about it much. Maybe he knew some witches too...



I know losing my mom and my sister in that accident hasn't been easy. Hopefully this move turns things around for him.

Dad?



For both of us...





Mother...?



Come with me, Wilma. We're going for a drive.





Waverly...?

Find me.

Find me.

Waverly is one of us.

You're one of us.







I thought you said you weren't going to fall asleep in front of the TV anymore...

I did...you're right.

You really slept in this morning. Was everything okay at school? Meet any new friends?



Um... I met a lot of... *interesting* people.

You grew up in a weird town, Dad.

It takes some getting used to.



Ugh, I need my backpack...did you see it anywhere?

Wilma, are you sure everything's okay?

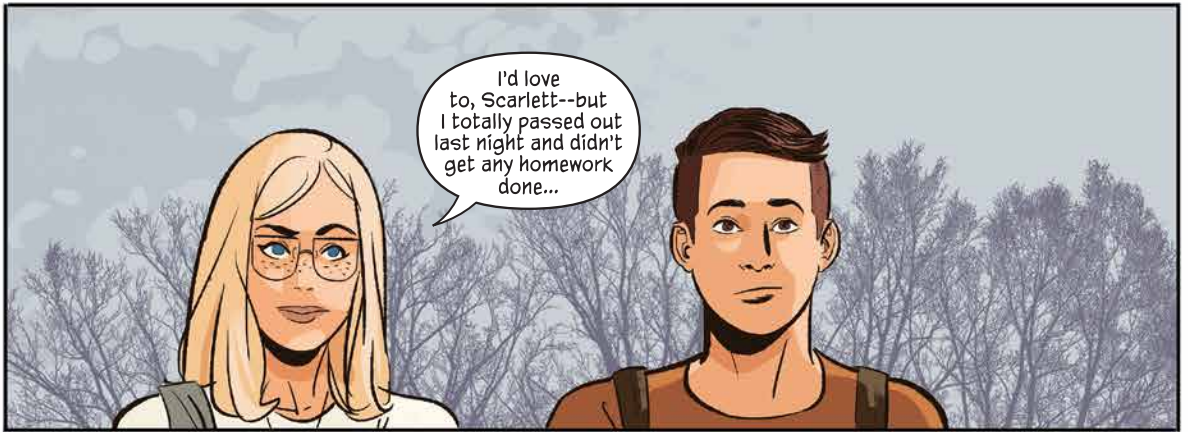
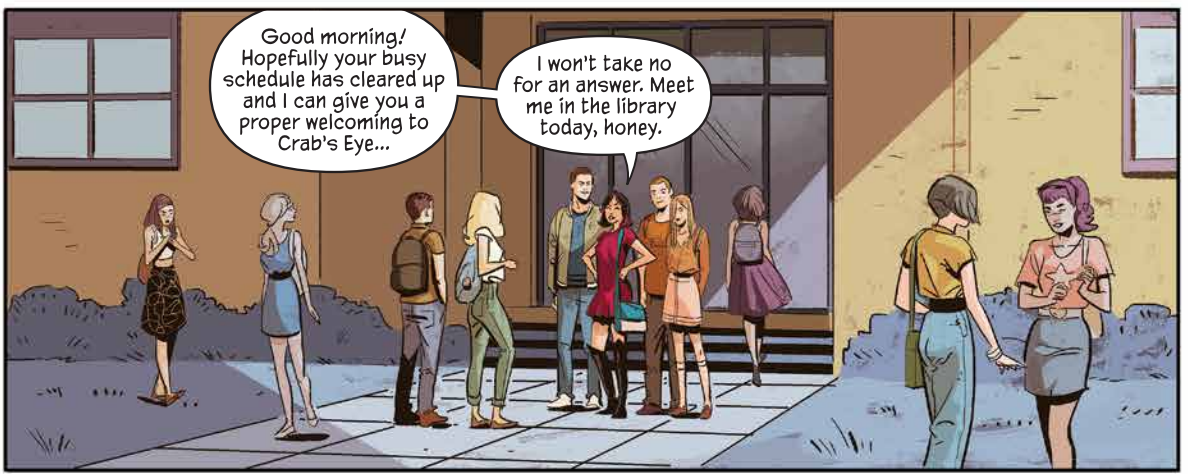


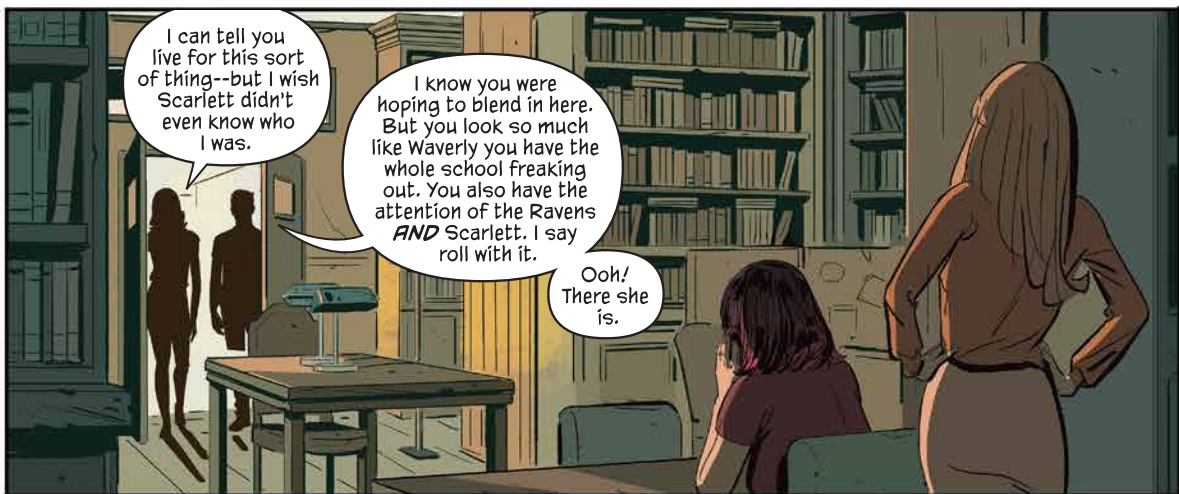
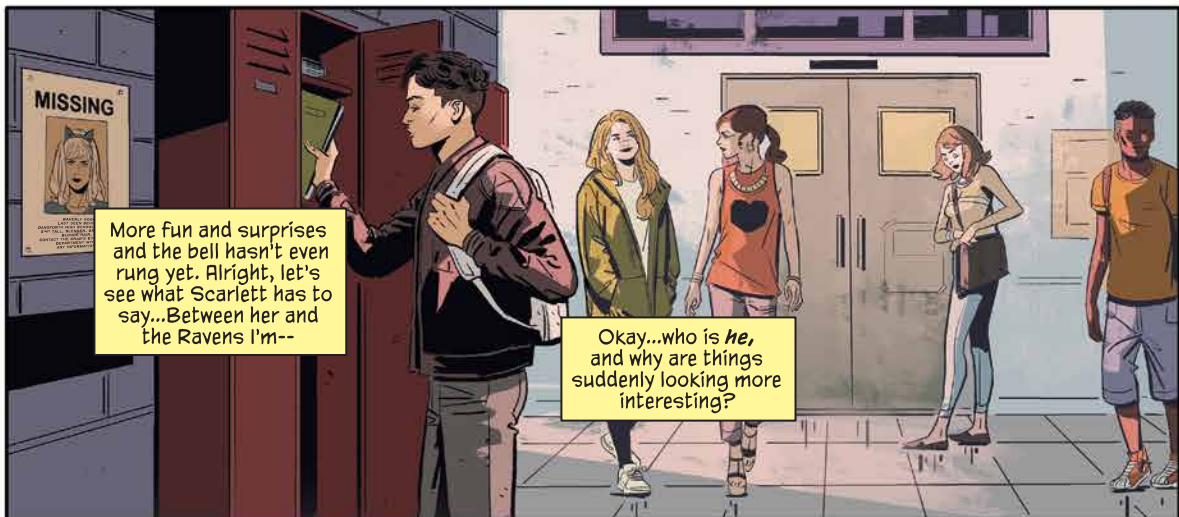
Because you're already wearing it.



Oh...! I must be more tired than I thought...

Thanks, Dad.







Have a seat, Wilma.

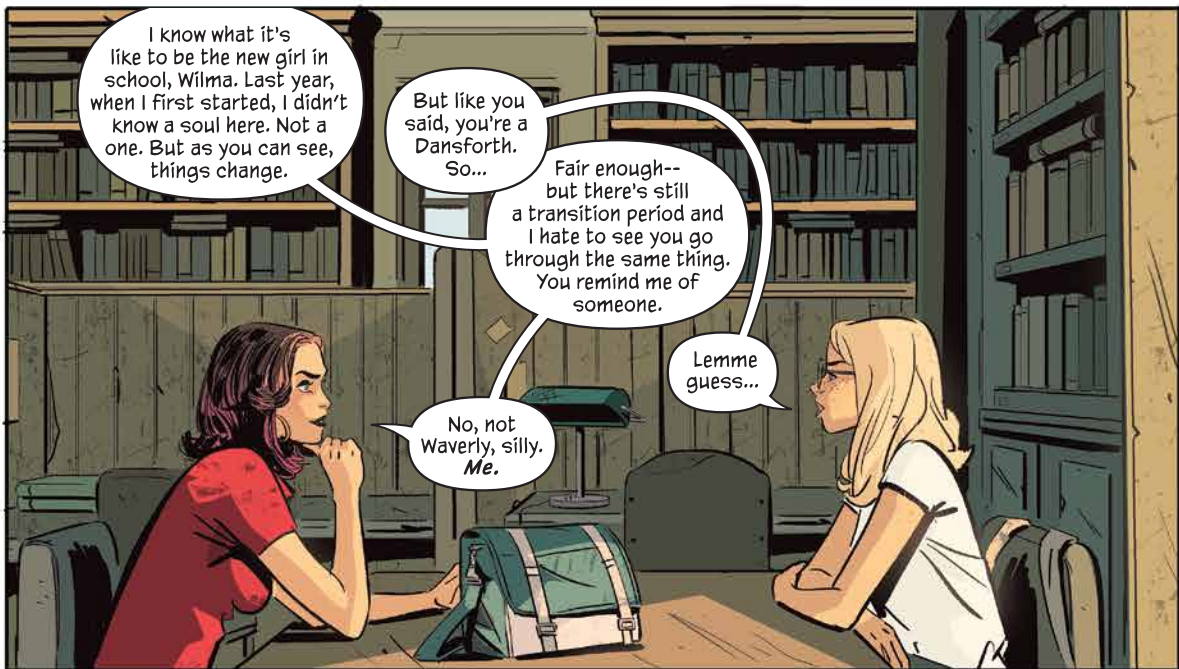


Not you. Be a dear and get me a coffee from the Faculty Room. Tell them it's for me. They'll know how I like it.



When every wing in the school is named after one Dansforth or another-- it's the least they can do, right?

Right...



I know what it's like to be the new girl in school, Wilma. Last year, when I first started, I didn't know a soul here. Not a one. But as you can see, things change.

But like you said, you're a Dansforth. So...

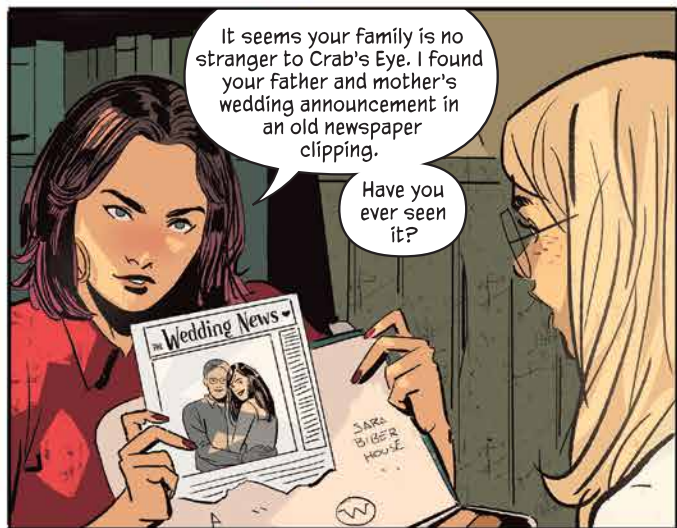
Fair enough-- but there's still a transition period and I hate to see you go through the same thing. You remind me of someone.

Lemme guess...

No, not Waverly, silly. *Me.*



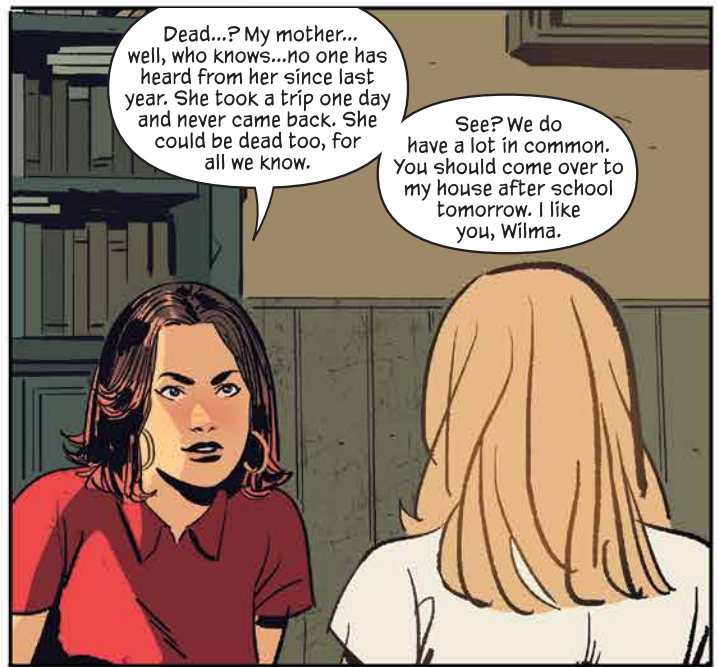
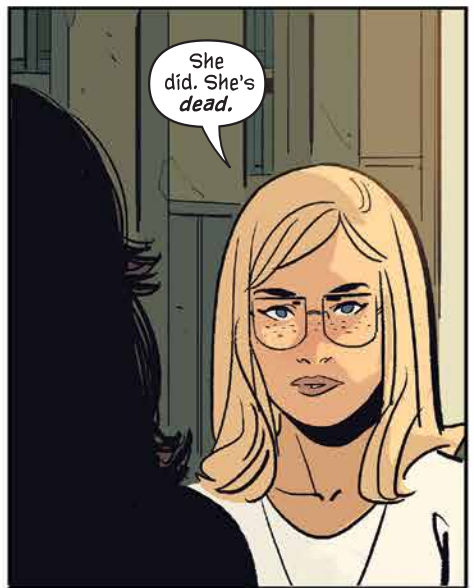
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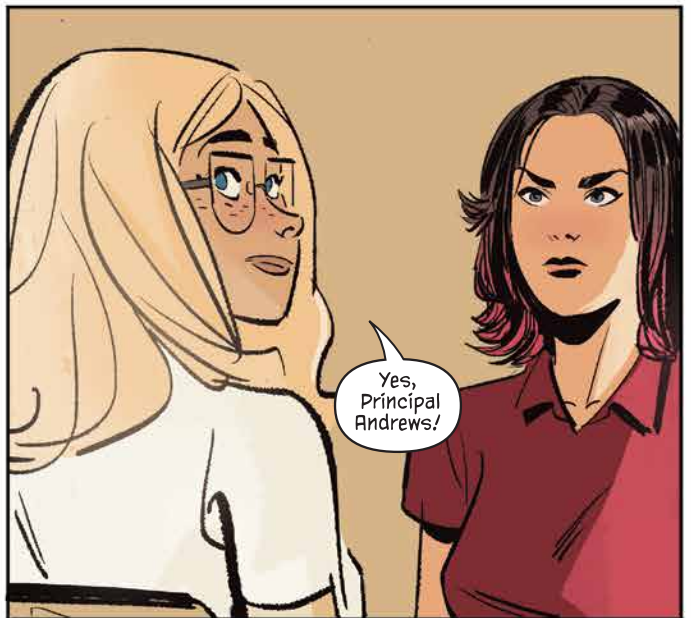


It seems your family is no stranger to Crab's Eye. I found your father and mother's wedding announcement in an old newspaper clipping.

Have you ever seen it?









I heard about the altercation between you and Teddy Phips yesterday...



I wouldn't call it an altercation, really. Just a... misunderstanding.



I see. Well if there are any future misunderstandings...



...come see me directly.



Day two--not great either.



Stay away from Scarlett.



Is that a threat?

It's a recommendation. We're looking after our own, Wilma.

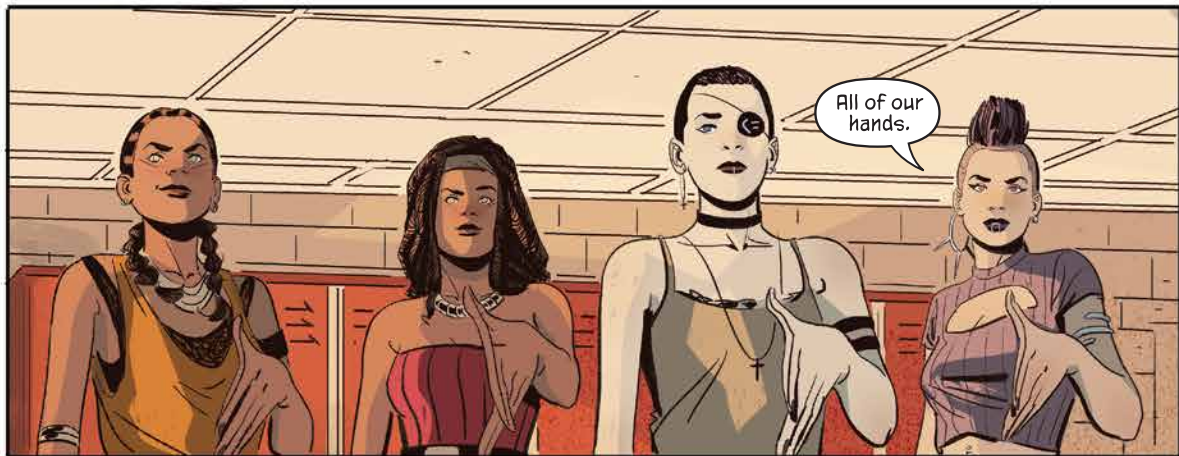


Lemme guess, she's really an evil dragon and you've been using your forest magic to fight her for centuries, right?

Look, no offense, but I just want to go to class, graduate, and find a college far, far away from here, okay?



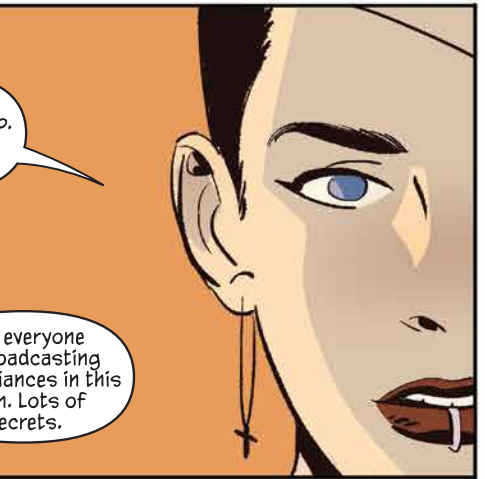
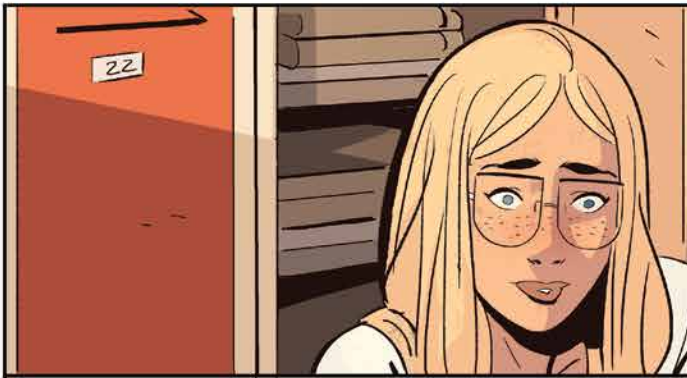
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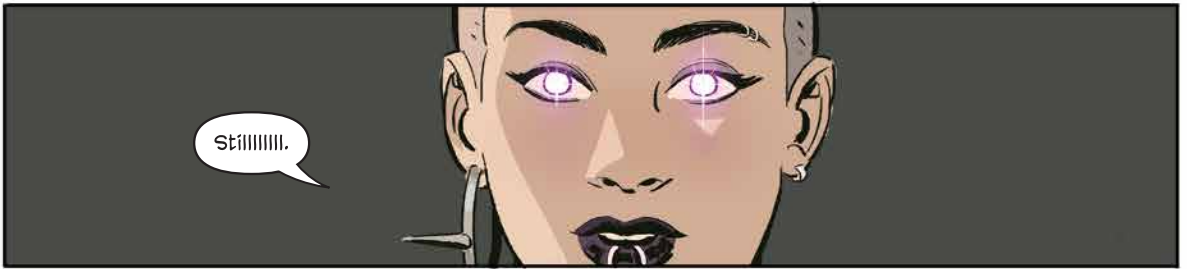


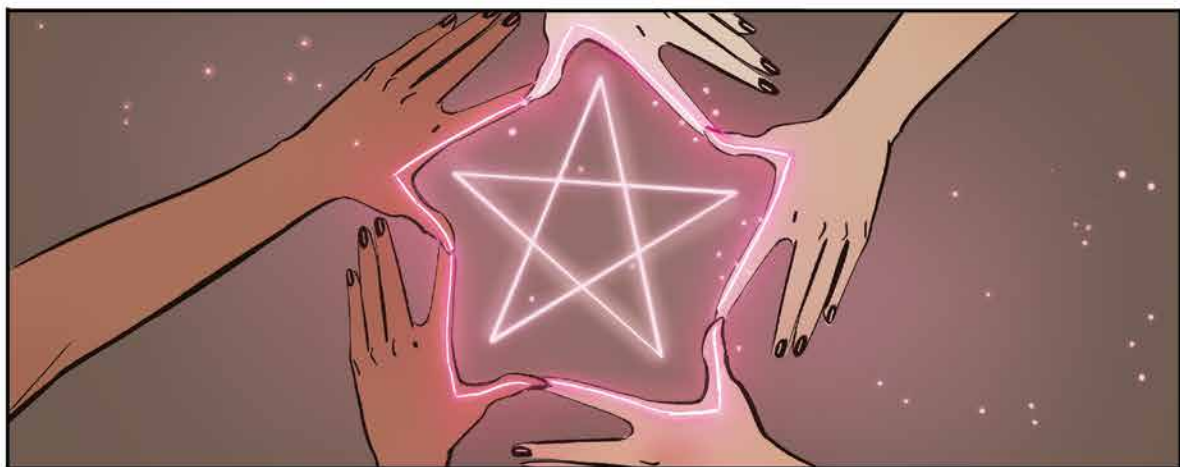
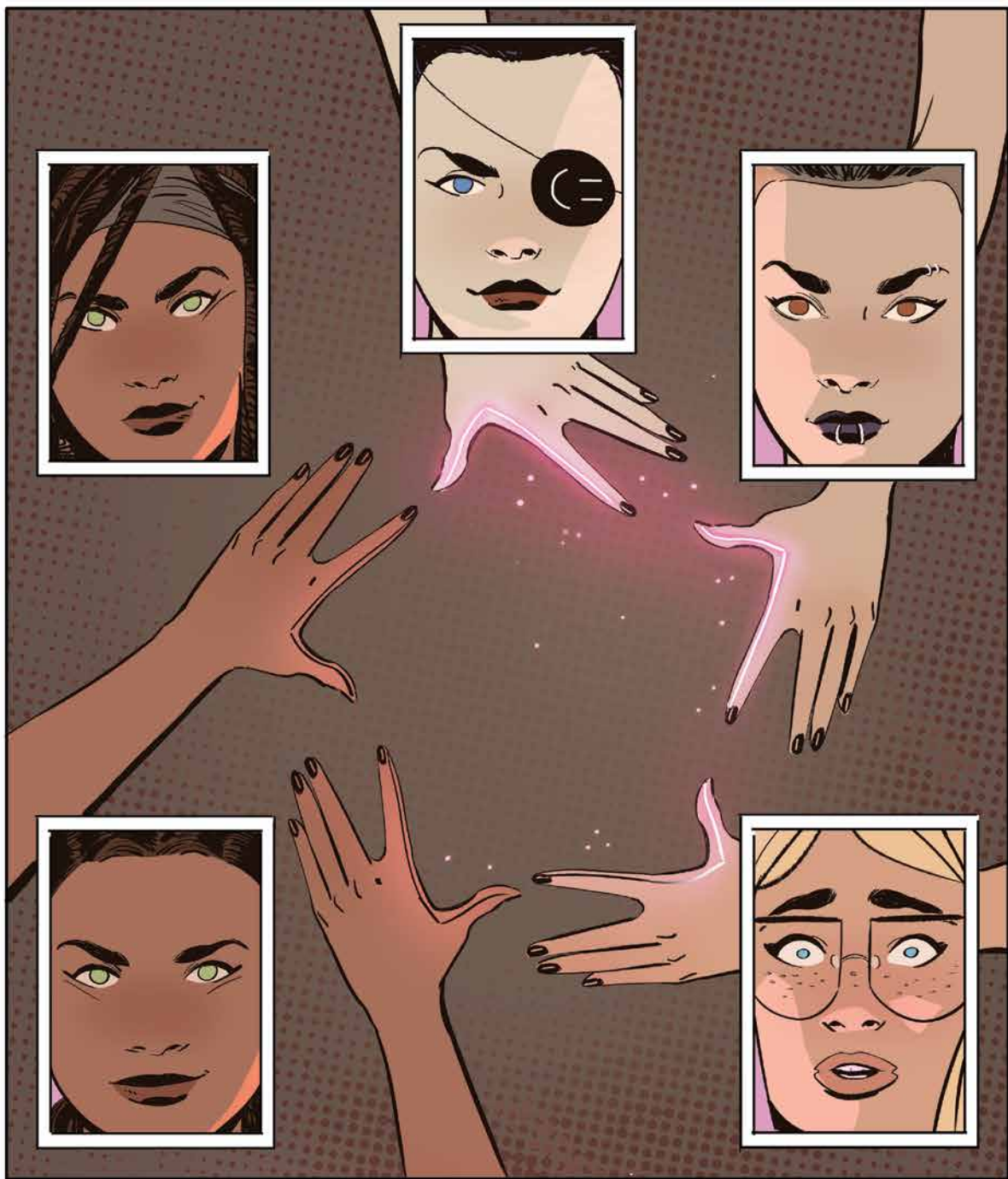
All of our hands.



So what, you all have the same weird tattoo? Big deal.









Like we said...you're one of *us*.



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Just a recommendation.

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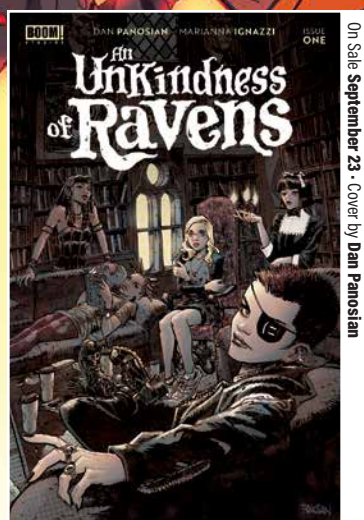
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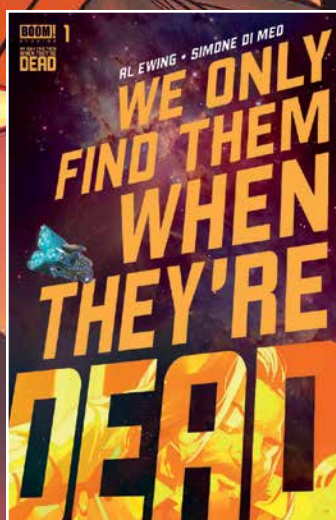
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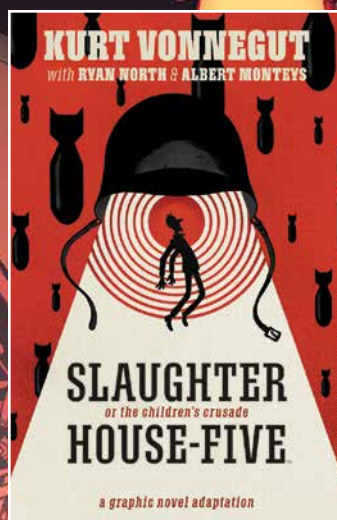
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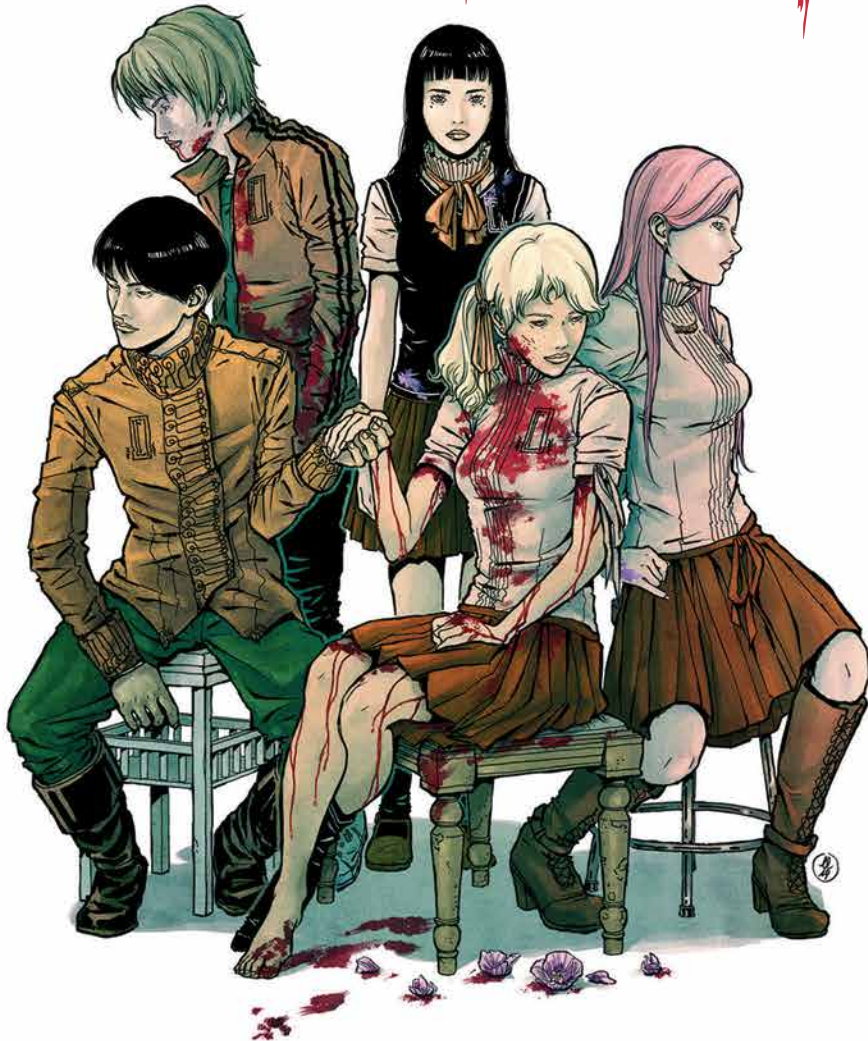
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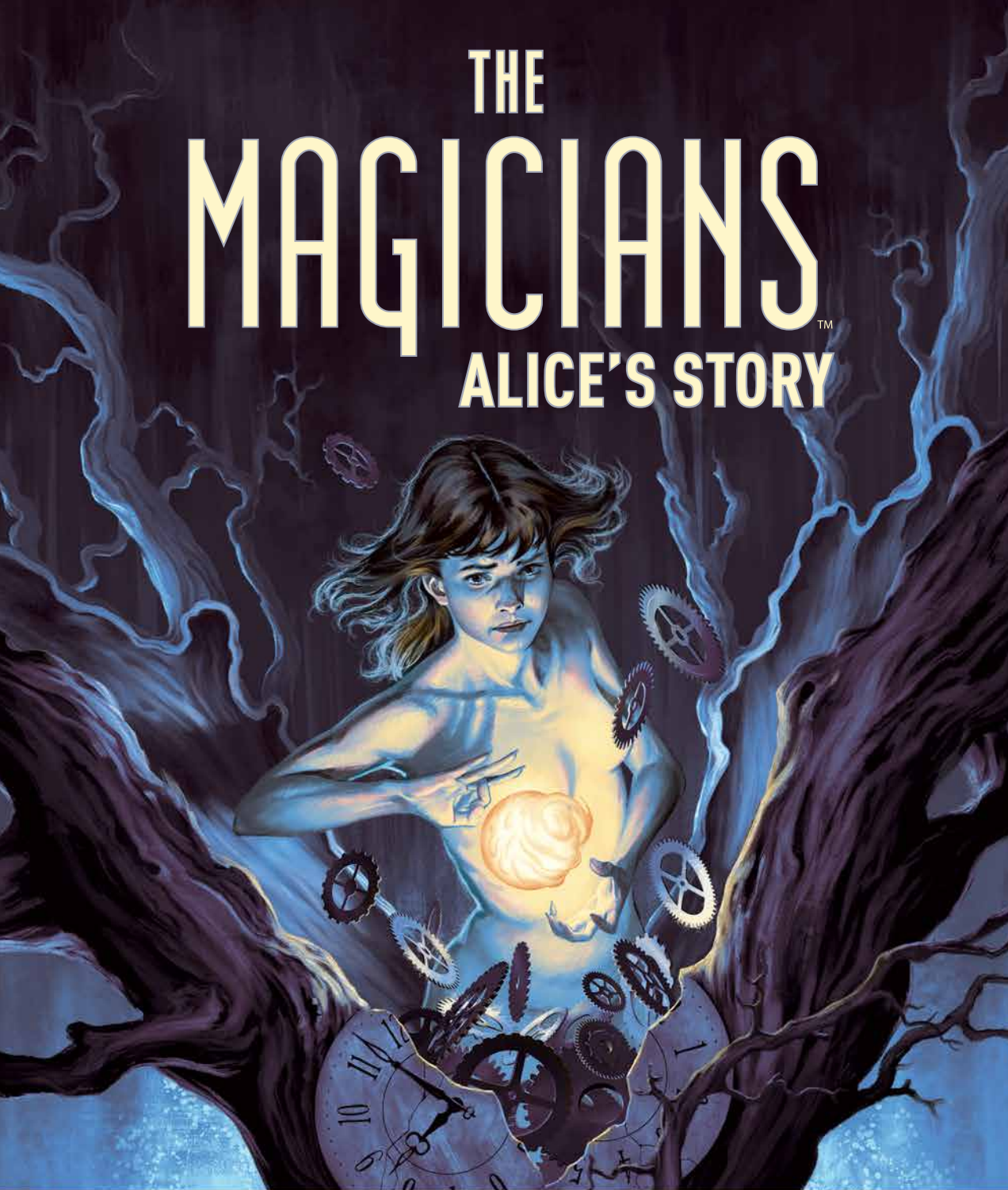
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