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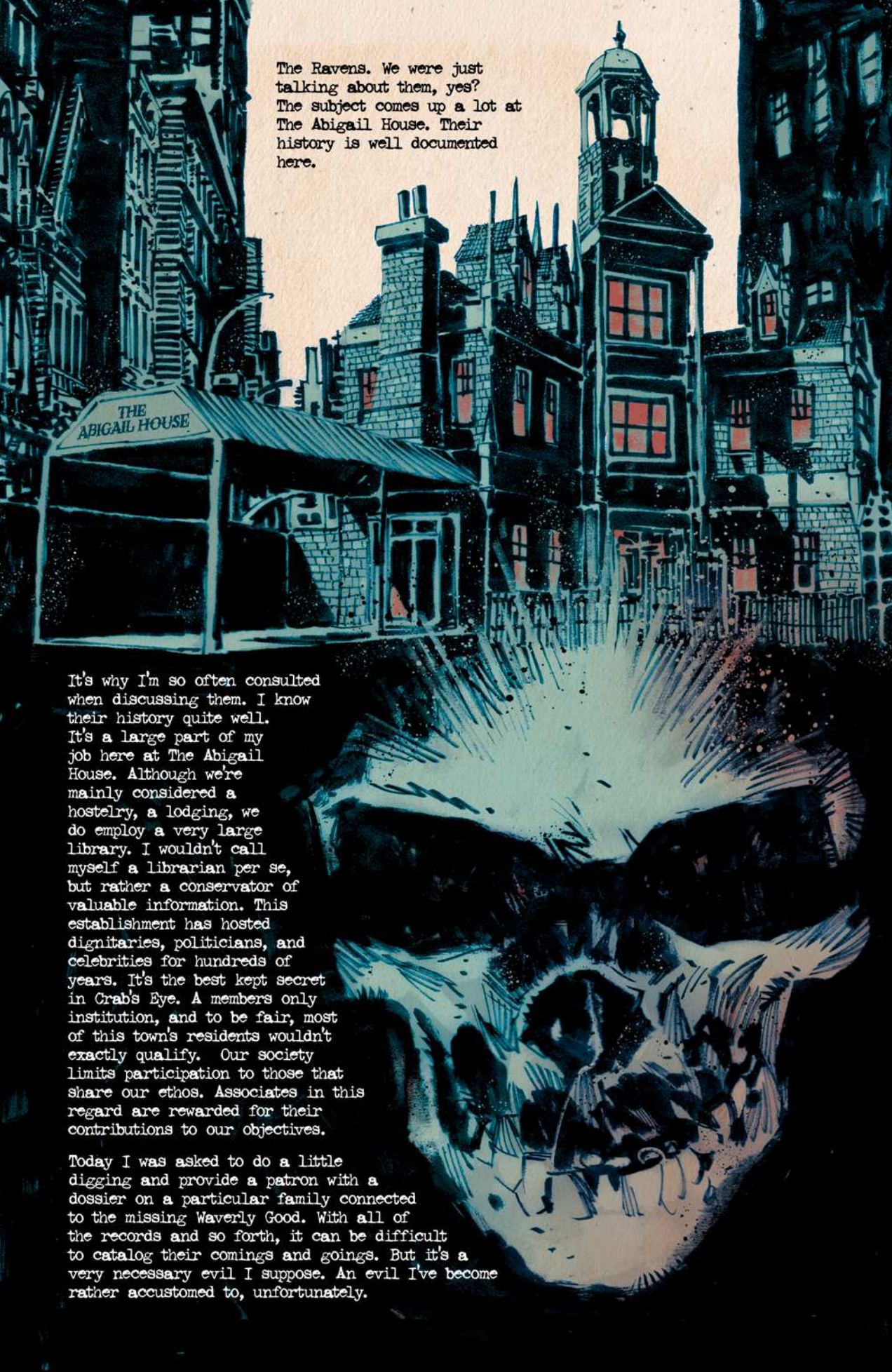
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The Ravens. We were just talking about them, yes? The subject comes up a lot at The Abigail House. Their history is well documented here.

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.

A man in a dark suit and white shirt is standing on a tall, narrow wooden ladder or step, reaching up to a high shelf in a vast library. The shelves are filled with books, and the man's shadow is cast on the wall behind him. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the left, highlighting the man's suit and the books on the shelves.

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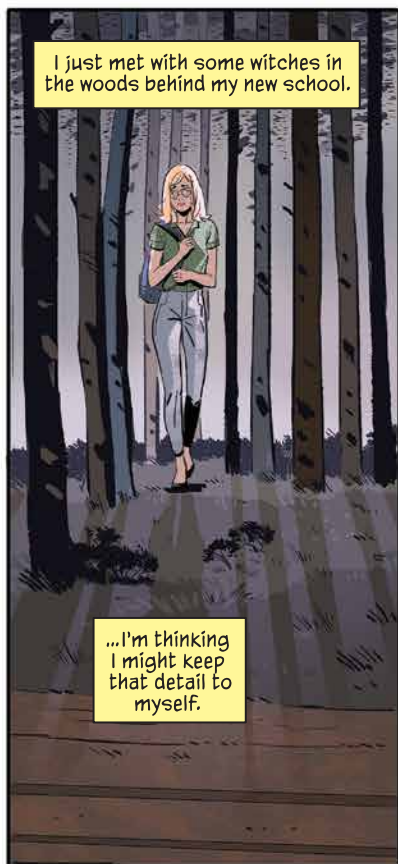
a private hostelry

Ah, here's the binder in question...
The Good Family. 'Til 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...



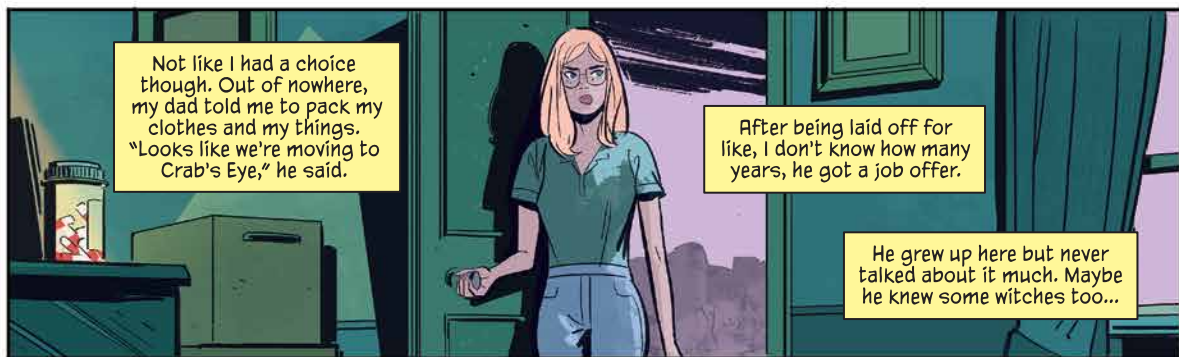


Remember when I was saying how I was looking forward to a fresh start at a new school?

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.

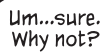
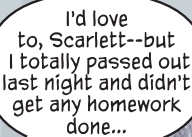
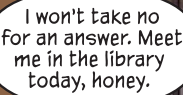
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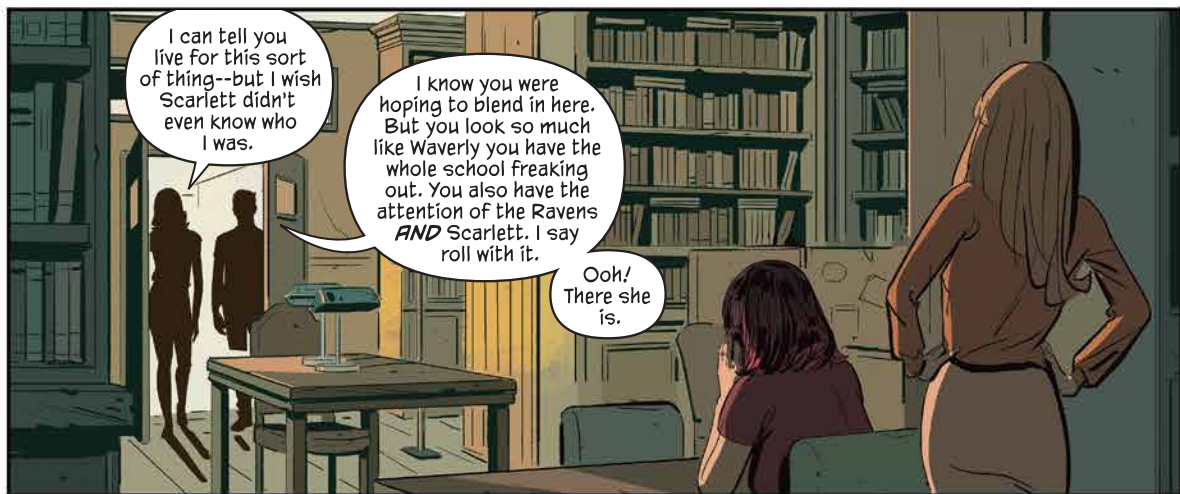
You're
one of us.













Have a seat, Wilma.

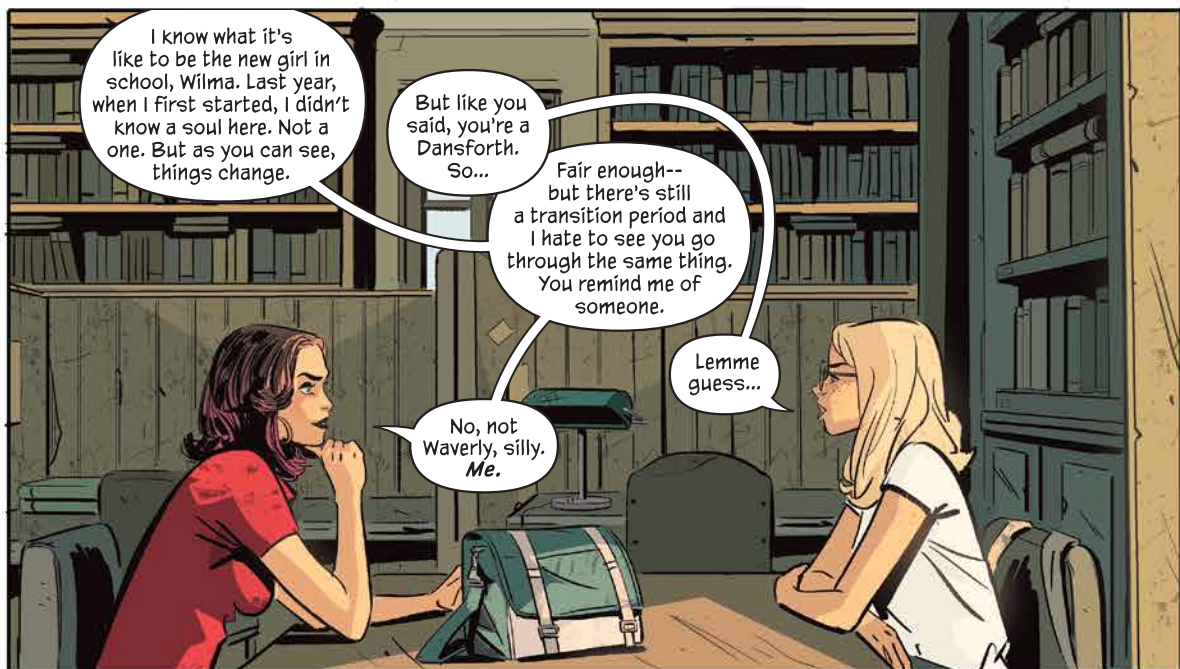


Not you. Be a dear and get me a coffee from the Faculty Room. Tell them it's for me. They'll know how I like it.



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...

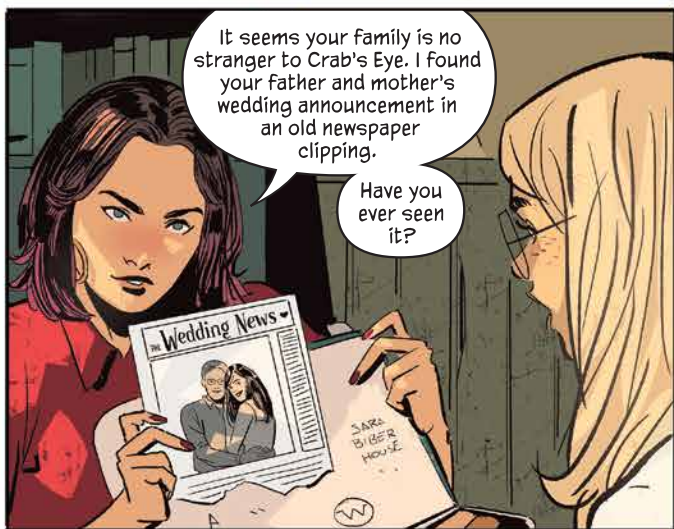
Fair enough-- but there's still a transition period and I hate to see you go through the same thing. You remind me of someone.

Lemme guess...

No, not Waverly, silly. Me.



We have a lot more in common than you think.



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.

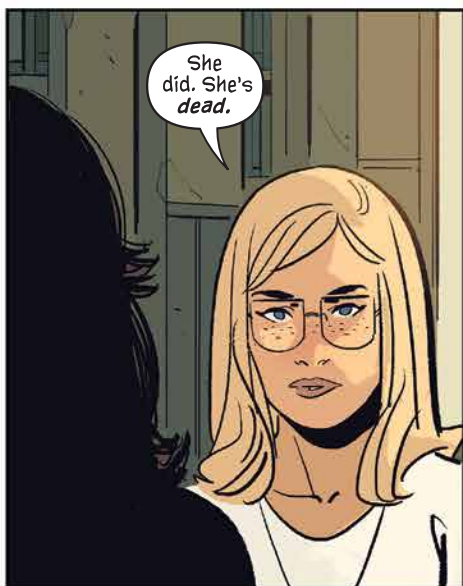
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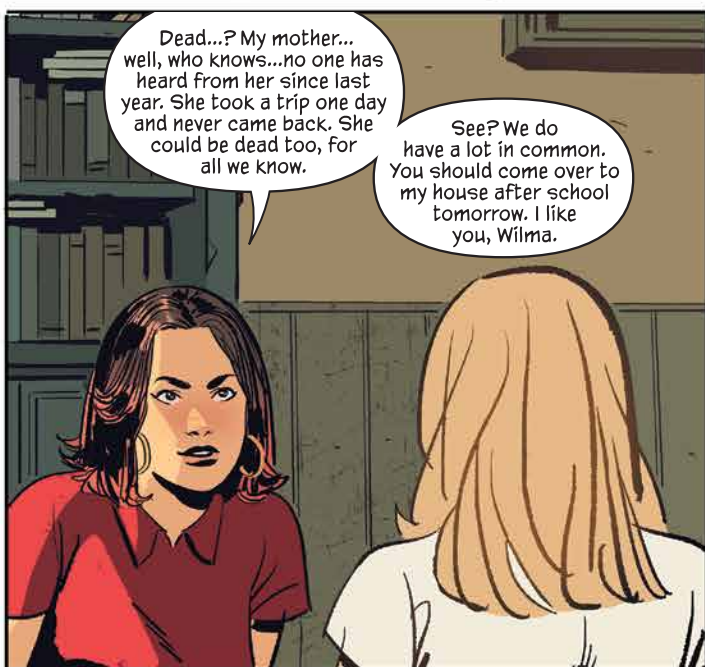
You just **happened** to find that clipping lying around?



Lots of stories about your mother. You never really leave Crab's Eye.



She did. She's dead.



Dead...? My mother... well, who knows...no one has heard from her since last year. She took a trip one day and never came back. She could be dead too, for all we know.

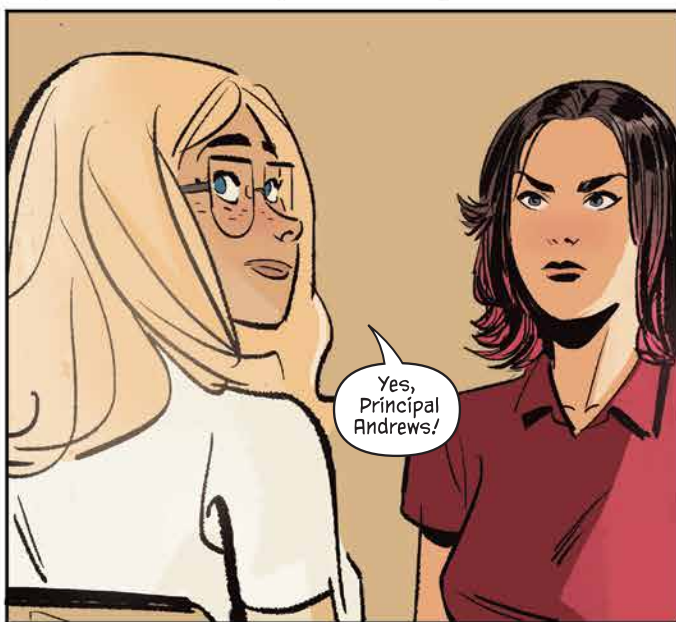
See? We do have a lot in common. You should come over to my house after school tomorrow. I like you, Wilma.



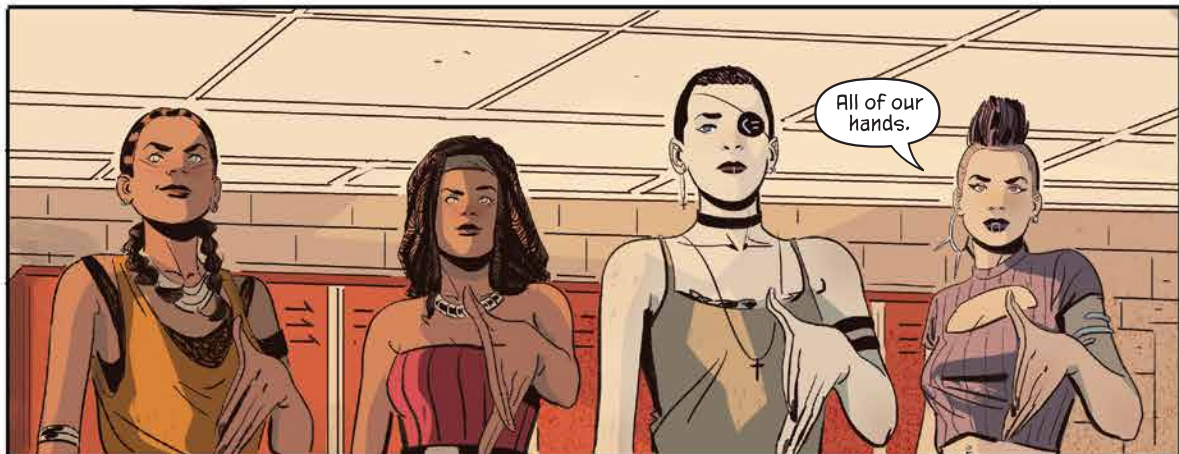
I promised Ansel we would do some studying together, so...

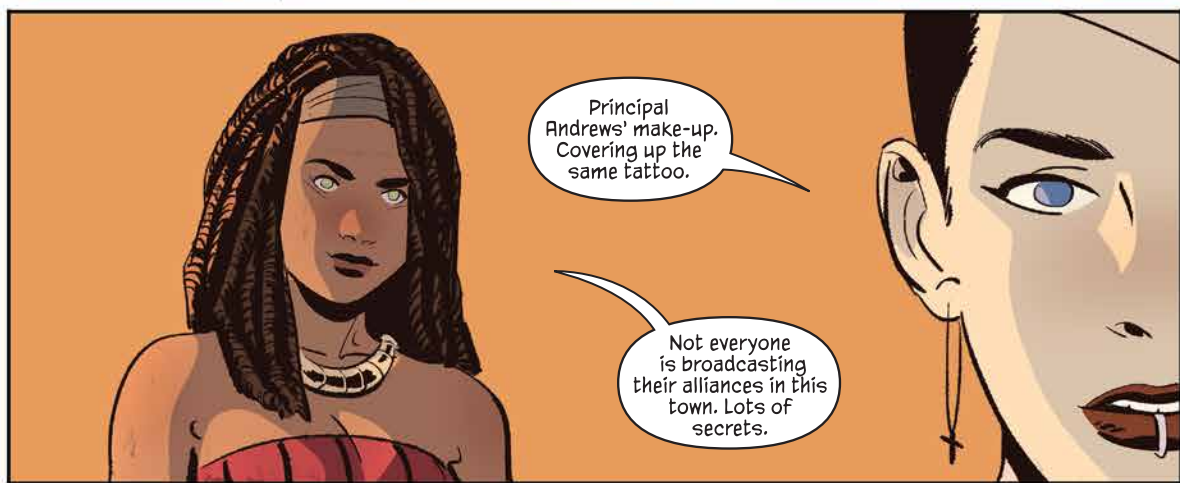


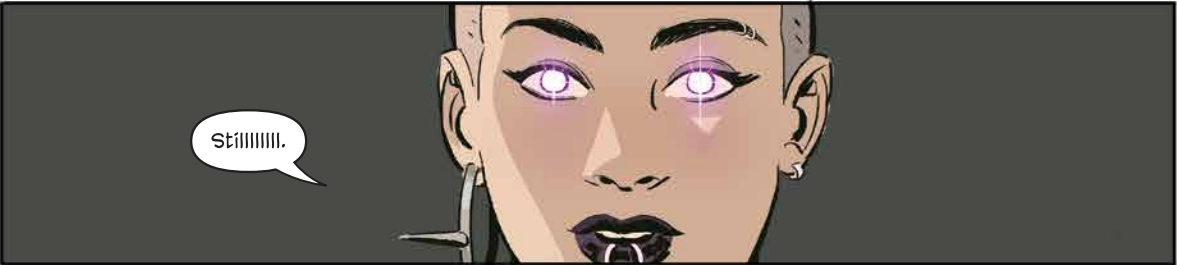
Are you staring at my brother?

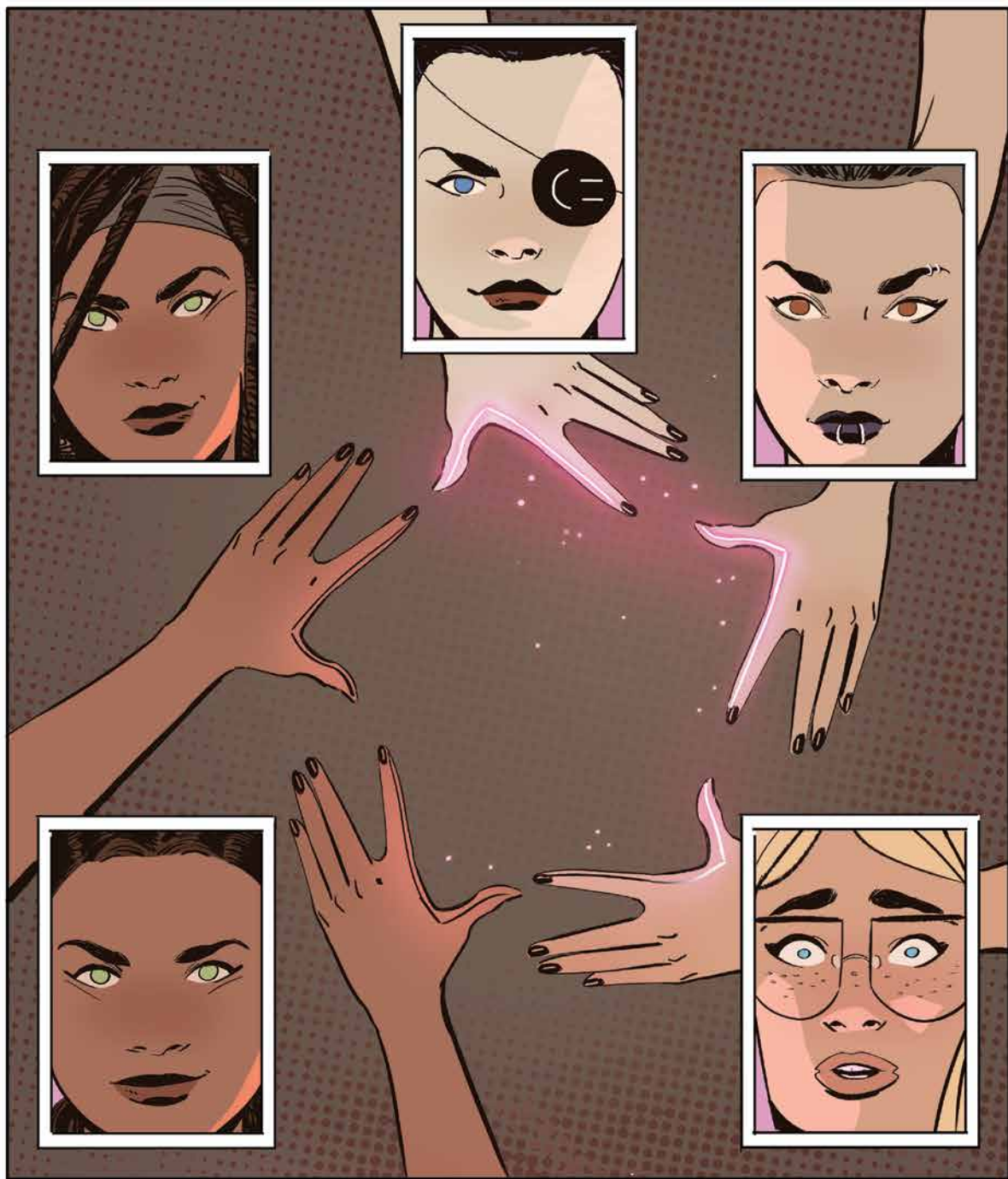














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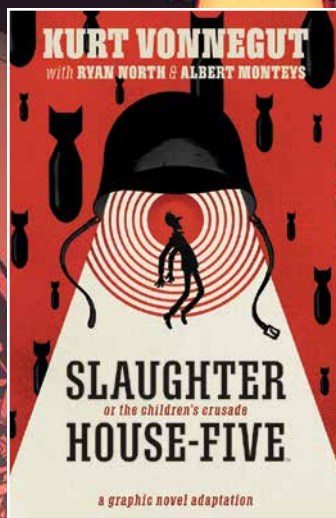
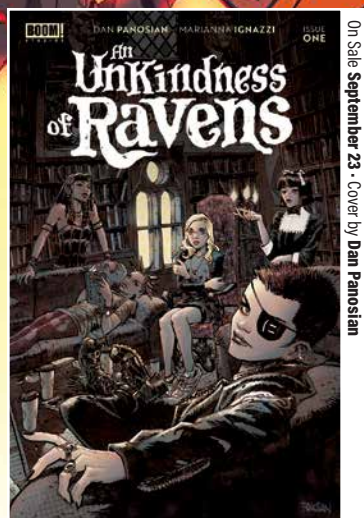
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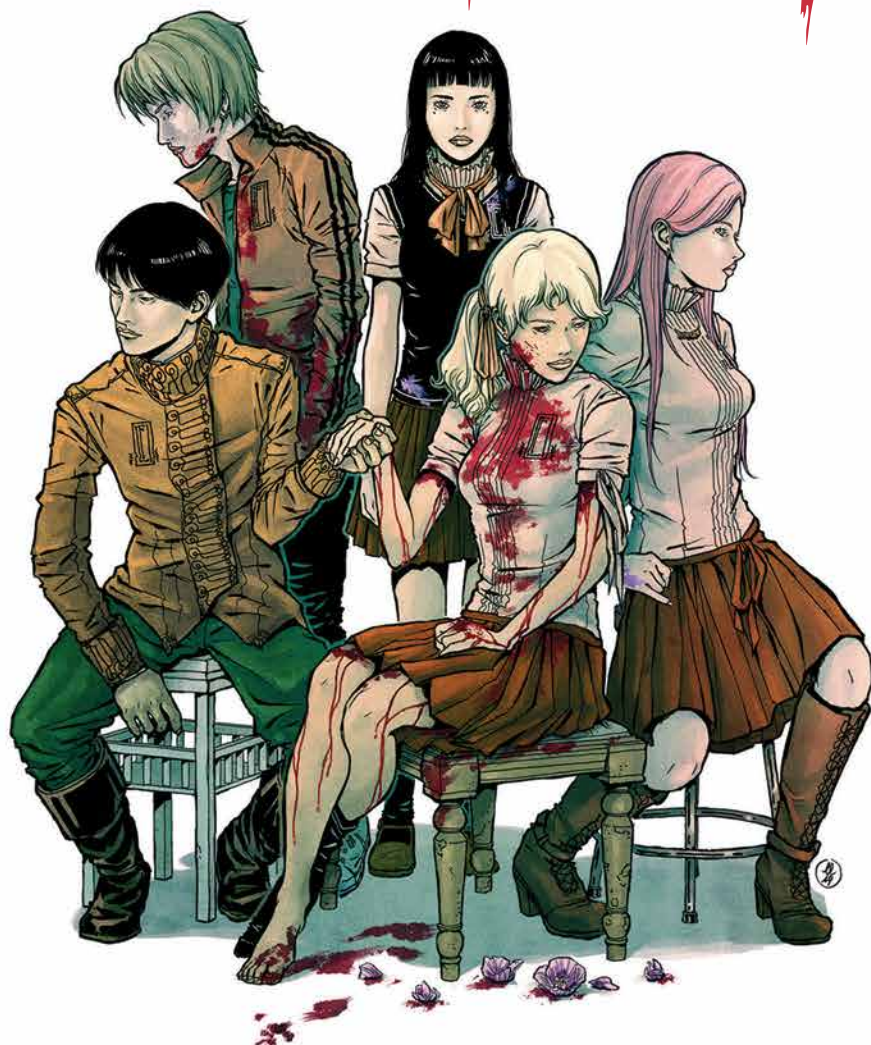
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