

# THE *Ballad* OF OLIVE SILVERLOCK

Part One

**GOTHAM CITY  
BALLOONS &  
MORE!!!**

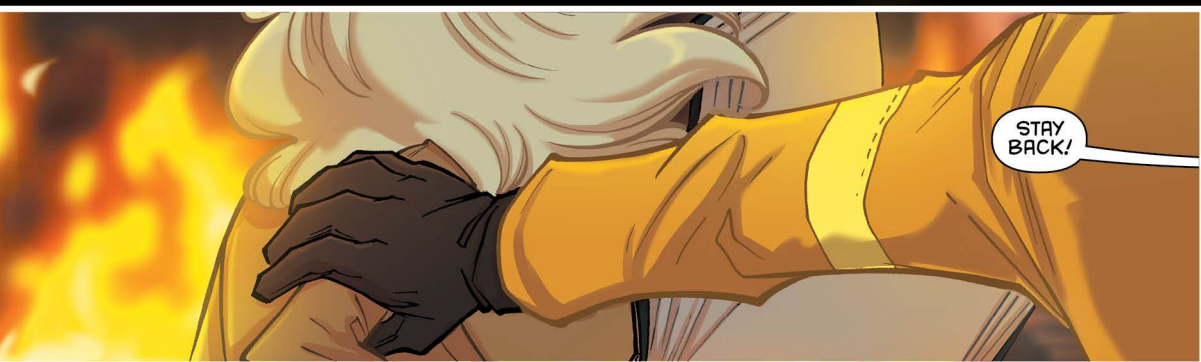
*We've been captive so long.  
Trapped within the stone  
walls of our prison.*

*But now we're  
finally free!  
Free to live as  
we please...*

*Free to make  
Gotham pay  
for its sins, at  
long last--*

**LOOK  
OUT!**

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STAY BACK!



OOOF!

OHMIGOSH, I'M SO SORRY, YOUNG LADY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO--



I, UH, THIS FIRE IS GROWING IN INTENSITY, AND I JUST DIDN'T WANT YOU TO--

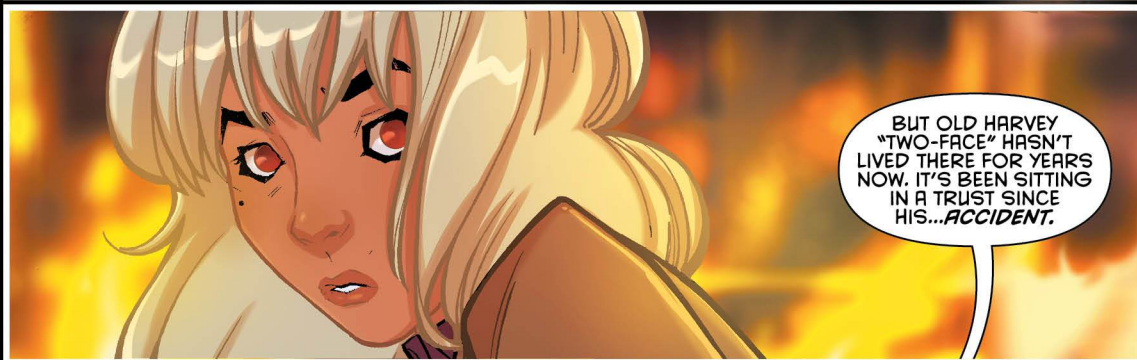
HEY, WAIT...

Rowland Dent  
Winnifride Dent  
Elizabeth Dent  
Robert Dent

Henrie Dente  
Isabell Dent



DENT? YOU'RE NOT RELATED, ARE YOU, KID? 'CAUSE THIS HOUSE IS THE DENT HOUSE.



BUT OLD HARVEY "TWO-FACE" HASN'T LIVED THERE FOR YEARS NOW. IT'S BEEN SITTING IN A TRUST SINCE HIS...ACCIDENT.



HOOOYR!  
HAAAAAAWT!

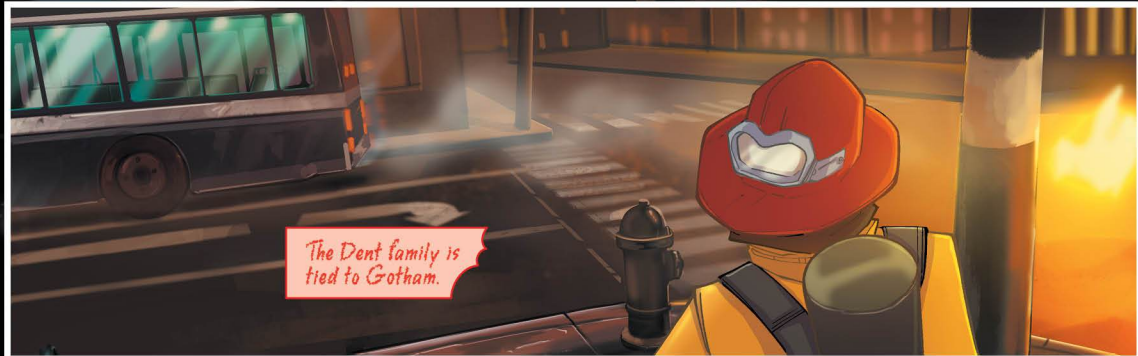
HHHIISSSS



YOUCH!  
I COULD FEEL  
THAT THING BURNING  
THROUGH MY  
GLOVES! OR AT LEAST  
I THOUGHT  
I COULD...



WAIT.  
WHERE'D  
SHE GO?



The Dent family is  
tied to Gotham.



When Harvey learns of the  
destruction of his ancestral  
home, he will return to it.

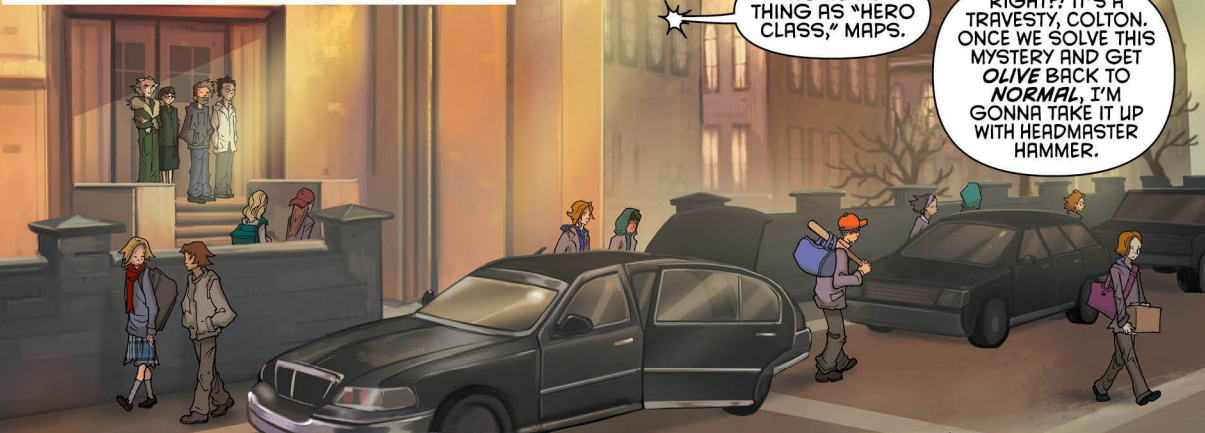
And when he  
does, we'll be  
waiting to take  
our revenge.



RUNNING AWAY! CAN YOU BELIEVE THESE COWARDS? THEY'D TOTALLY FAIL **HERO CLASS** IF I WERE THEIR TEACHER.

NO SUCH THING AS "HERO CLASS," MAPS.

RIGHT?! IT'S A TRAVESTY, COLTON. ONCE WE SOLVE THIS MYSTERY AND GET **OLIVE** BACK TO **NORMAL**, I'M GONNA TAKE IT UP WITH HEADMASTER HAMMER.



DON'T COMPLAIN, SHORT STUFF. GHOST HUNTING IS GONNA BE **WAY** EASIER WITHOUT ALL THESE GOONS ON CAMPUS.

RIGHT. WE'LL TRACK DOWN **AMITY'S** WEAKNESS AND MAKE HISTORY BY DEFEATING HER GHOST. I MEAN, WHO WOULD CHOOSE TO RUN AWAY FROM HISTORY IN THE MAKING?

**ALL THOSE DUDES.** WE'RE THE ONLY ONES STICKING IT OUT WHILE THE SCHOOL'S ON LOCKDOWN.

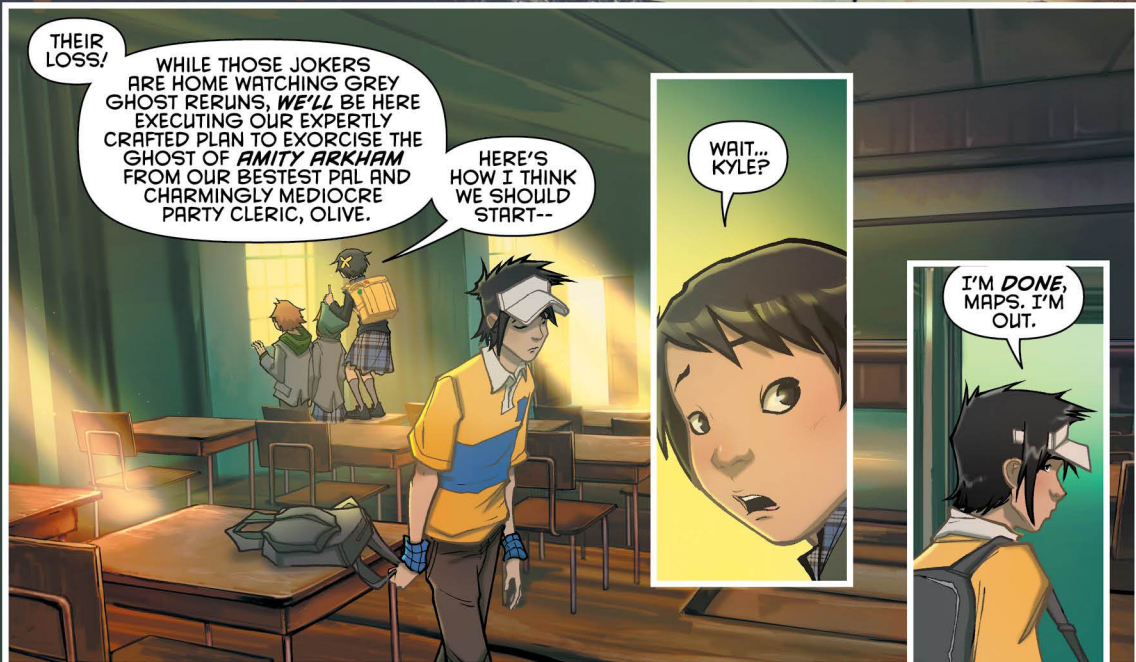


THEIR LOSS!

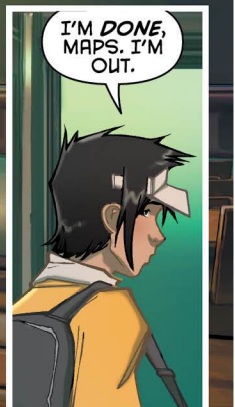
WHILE THOSE JOKERS ARE HOME WATCHING GREY GHOST RERUNS, **WE'LL** BE HERE EXECUTING OUR EXPERTLY CRAFTED PLAN TO EXORCISE THE GHOST OF **AMITY ARKHAM** FROM OUR BESTEST PAL AND CHARMINGLY MEDIOCRE PARTY CLERIC, OLIVE.

HERE'S HOW I THINK WE SHOULD START--

WAIT... KYLE?



I'M **DONE**, MAPS. I'M OUT.





WHAT? YOU CAN'T--

I CAN.

I'VE HAD AN OFFER TO TRAIN IN METROPOLIS WHILE GOTHAM ACADEMY IS ON LOCKDOWN. I'M GONNA TAKE IT.



BUT WHAT ABOUT OLIVE? SHE NEEDS US!

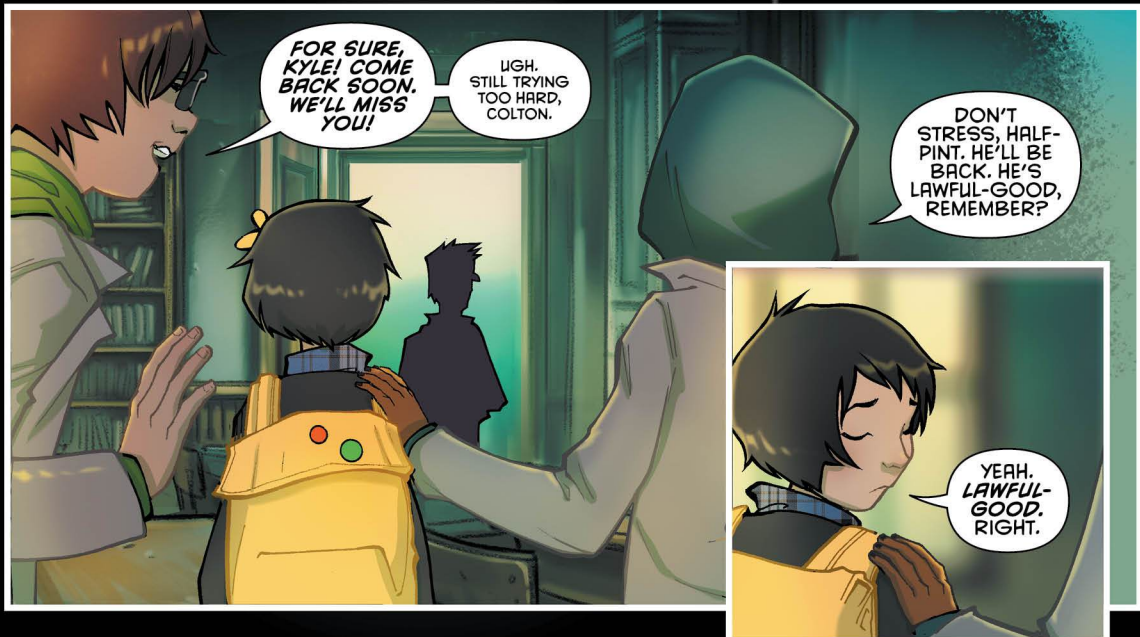
I'VE SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS TRYING TO BE THERE FOR HER, MAPS, AND LOOK WHERE IT'S GOTTEN ME. I'VE GOTTA FACE FACTS...



...OLIVE DOESN'T WANT ME.

SHE DOESN'T WANT ANY OF US.

MOM AND DAD ARE WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE. YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.



FOR SURE, KYLE! COME BACK SOON. WE'LL MISS YOU!

UGH. STILL TRYING TOO HARD, COLTON.

DON'T STRESS, HALF-PINT. HE'LL BE BACK. HE'S LAWFUL-GOOD, REMEMBER?



YEAH. LAWFUL-GOOD. RIGHT.