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*"A towering emotional achievement. BINGO LOVE is the graphic novel I didn't know I couldn't live without."*

**—Gail Simone**



SO...ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STARE OUT THE WINDOW UNTIL YOUR HOT CHOCOLATE FREEZES?

OR ARE YOU GOING TO TALK TO ME?



I'M SORRY, MARI.

I JUST FEEL WEIRD THAT YOU PAID FOR MY HOT CHOCOLATE.

IT'S ONLY HOT CHOCOLATE, ELLE.

"THAT WAS WHEN MARI GAVE ME A NICKNAME."



ELLE?

YEAH. IT FITS YOU.

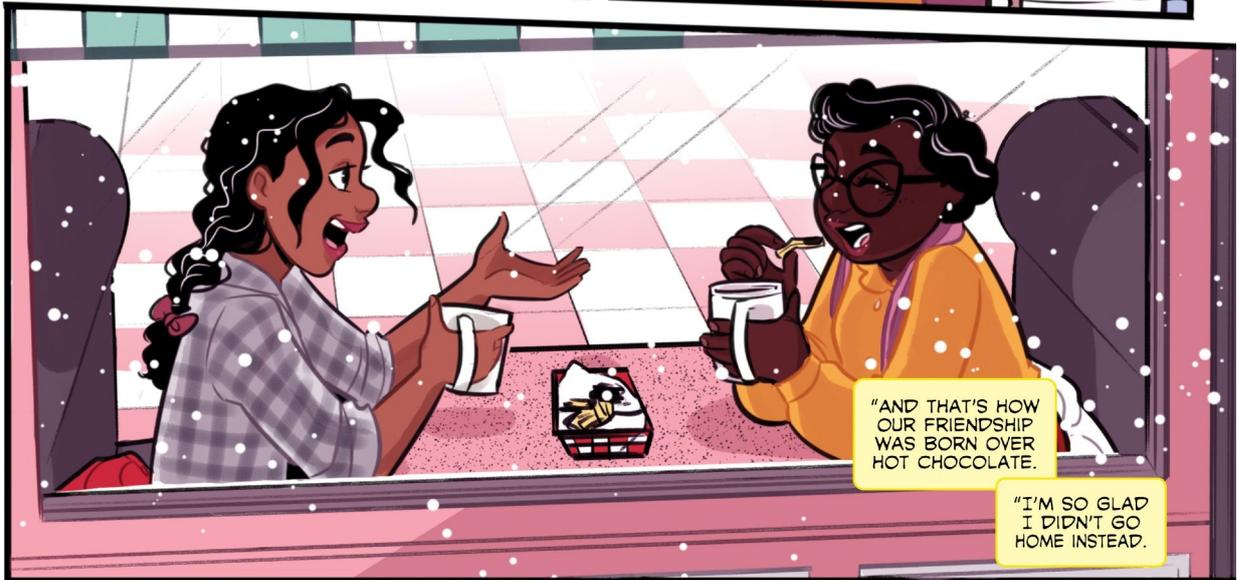
I GIVE ALL MY FRIENDS NICKNAMES.

DO YOU LIKE IT?



I DO, ACTUALLY.

"NO ONE HAS EVER CALLED ME THAT SINCE."



"AND THAT'S HOW OUR FRIENDSHIP WAS BORN OVER HOT CHOCOLATE."

"I'M SO GLAD I DIDN'T GO HOME INSTEAD."



"I REMEMBER LATER THAT WEEK I WAS SITTING ON MARI'S PORCH AFTER SCHOOL, AND I THOUGHT THAT MY HEART WAS GOING TO JUMP OUT OF MY CHEST. I CAN STILL HEAR IT BEATING."

THANKS FOR WALKING ME HOME, ELLE.



YOU KNOW I LIVE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THAT HOUSE.

SO IT'S REALLY NOT A BOTHER.



MY BEST FRIEND IS ALSO MY NEIGHBOR.

I'M SO GLAD I MOVED HERE.

I DIDN'T THINK I'D MAKE ANY NEW FRIENDS...

...BUT YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND, ELLE.



I'M REALLY GLAD YOU MOVED HERE TOO, MARI.

Flubdub  
Flubdub



BYE, ELLE.  
SEE YOU TOMORROW  
AT SCHOOL.

"WHEN SHE KISSED  
MY CHEEK, IT WAS  
JUST...MAGICAL."

"IN THAT MOMENT,  
I REALIZED I WANTED  
TO MARRY MARI!"





"FROM THAT FIRST HOT CHOCOLATE, MARI AND I WERE BEST FRIENDS.

"MY MOTHER USED TO SAY WE WERE JOINED AT THE HIP.

"BETWEEN SCHOOL AND SPORTS, WE SPENT EVERY MOMENT WE COULD TOGETHER.

! (with flame icon)



"WE REALLY LOVED EACH OTHER AS FRIENDS..."

"... BUT I WANTED SOMETHING MORE."

"I WRESTLED WITH MY FEELINGS FOR MARI FOR YEARS. WAS IT WORTH RUINING OUR FRIENDSHIP IF SHE DIDN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY?"



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"I MEAN, WHAT WOULD ONE LITTLE KISS HURT? RIGHT?"

N-31!

SUCH A GREAT MESSAGE BY THE PASTOR TODAY.

DID YOU GIRLS PAY ATTENTION THIS TIME?

NUH-UH!

IRIS, THE GIRLS WERE PROBABLY ASLEEP.



B-4!

YOU GIRLS ARE TWO PEAS IN A POD.

THEY SPEND WAY TOO MUCH TIME TOGETHER.

DO YOU EVEN HAVE OTHER FRIENDS, MARI?



GAMMY, STOP BEING A DRAG. WE'RE JUST---

VERY GOOD FRIENDS. WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS FOR---

SOUNDS LIKE YOU WOULD MARRY HAZEL IF YOU COULD, MARI.

ALMOST FOUR YEARS NOW...

...AND WILL BE FOREVER.

YOU CAN'T, SO REMEMBER THAT, AND GO FIND A NICE BOY TO "CHILL" WITH.



YOU JUST LOVE TO EMBARRASS ME, DON'T YOU?!

YOU'RE JUST MAD THAT I HAVE FRIENDS AND YOU'RE ALL ALONE.

GO ON, CHILD...MAKE A SCENE.

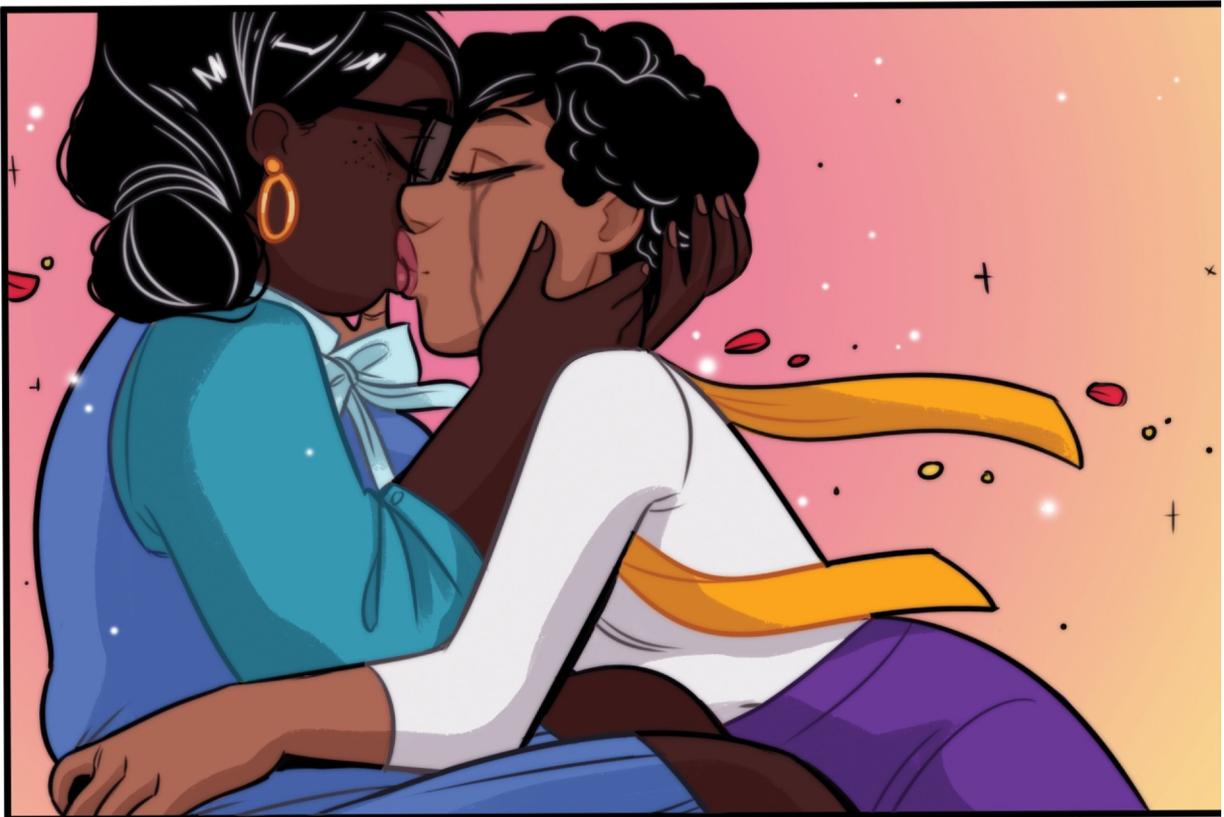
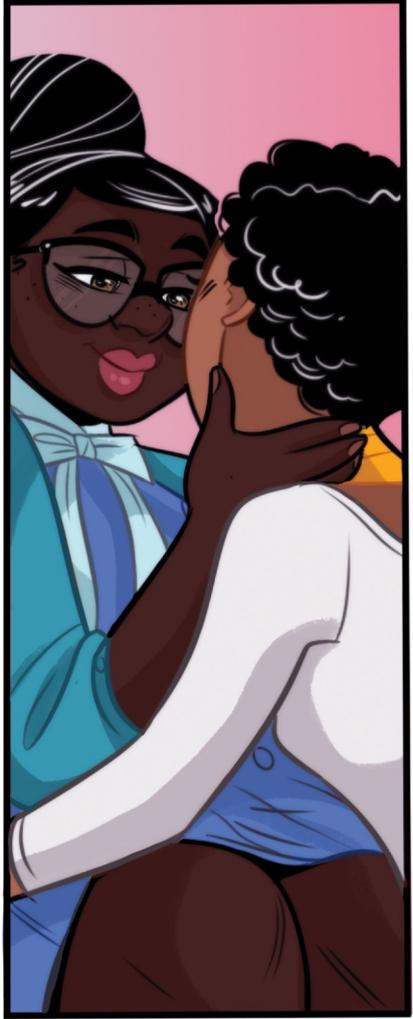
APOLOGIZE TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER THIS INSTANT!



BINGO!

MARI! COME BACK!







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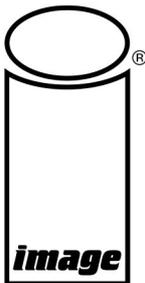
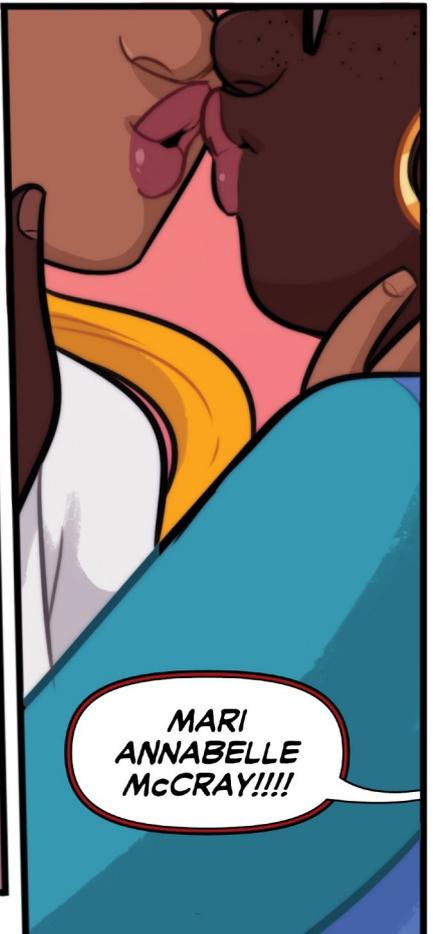


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IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!

I KNOW I HAVE CATARACTS AND CAN'T SEE WELL, BUT I **KNOW** WHAT I JUST SAW.

MY GRANDDAUGHTER WAS **KISSING** A GIRL IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE.

**GET YOUR TAIL IN THE HOUSE NOW!**

AND DON'T COME AROUND HERE NO MORE, HAZEL JOHNSON.

I **WILL** BE TELLING YOUR GRANDMOTHER ABOUT THIS.





MY PARENTS FOUND OUT THAT I LIKE GIRLS, AND THEY KICKED ME OUT.

CAN I STAY WITH YOU, ELLE?

OF COURSE YOU CAN.

I AM TRULY SORRY THAT YOUR PARENTS KICKED YOU OUT.



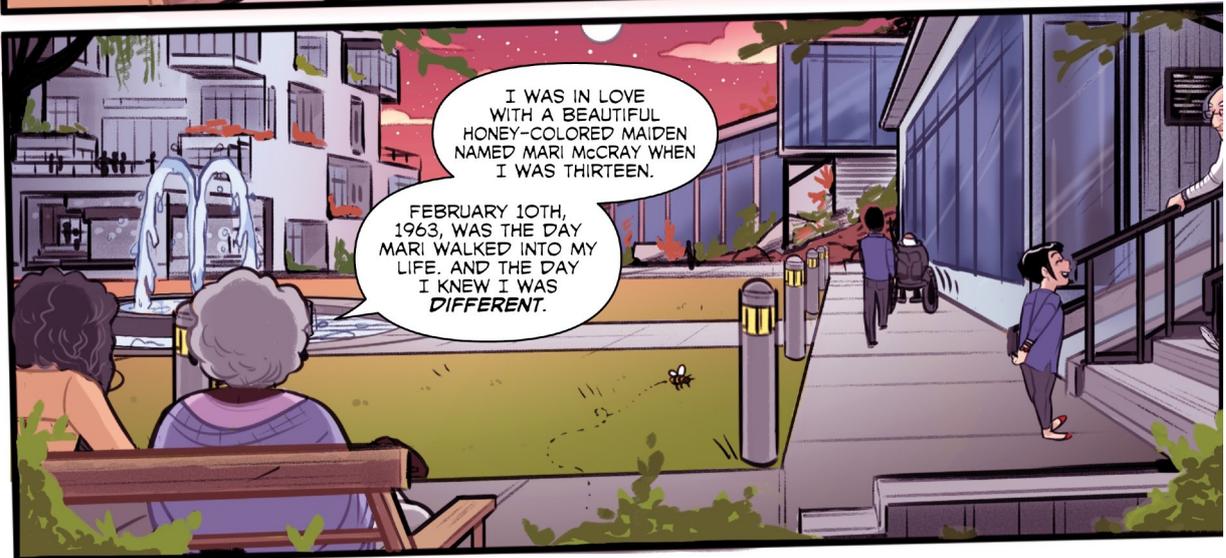
I'VE BEEN WHERE YOU ARE, HONEY.

BUT IT WAS EVEN **WORSE** IN MY DAY.



BEING GAY WASN'T AS ACCEPTED AS IT IS NOW.

I'VE HIDDEN MY LOVE FOR A WOMAN FOR FIFTY YEARS.



I WAS IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL HONEY-COLORED MAIDEN NAMED MARI McCRAY WHEN I WAS THIRTEEN.

FEBRUARY 10TH, 1963, WAS THE DAY MARI WALKED INTO MY LIFE. AND THE DAY I KNEW I WAS **DIFFERENT**.



FEBRUARY 10TH, 1963

PATERSON, N.J.

"EVERY SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH I WOULD GO WITH MY GRAMS TO THE BINGO HALL.

"MOM WORKED ON SUNDAYS TO AVOID GOING TO CHURCH WITH GRAMS.

"SHE WASN'T RELIGIOUS, AND THAT PISSED OFF MY GRAMS...A LOT."



gasp!



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BINGO!

UGH!



OF COURSE IT'S THE DEACON'S WIFE.

SHE ALWAYS WINS. IT'S NOT FAIR.



HEY GRAMS, WHO'S THAT GIRL OVER THERE?

NOT SURE, BABY.

LOOKS LIKE SISTER JACKIE'S GRANDDAUGHTER.

YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE HER IN SCHOOL TOMORROW.



Grams was right.



CLASS. LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST STUDENT, MARI McCRAY, TO SCHOOL #6.



CLAP!

CLAP!



MARI, WHY DON'T YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?

UMM... OK.

I JUST MOVED FROM CALIFORNIA. I LIVE WITH MY GRANDMOTHER. AND...THAT'S A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF.



SETTLE DOWN CLASS.

HAHAHAHAHA!

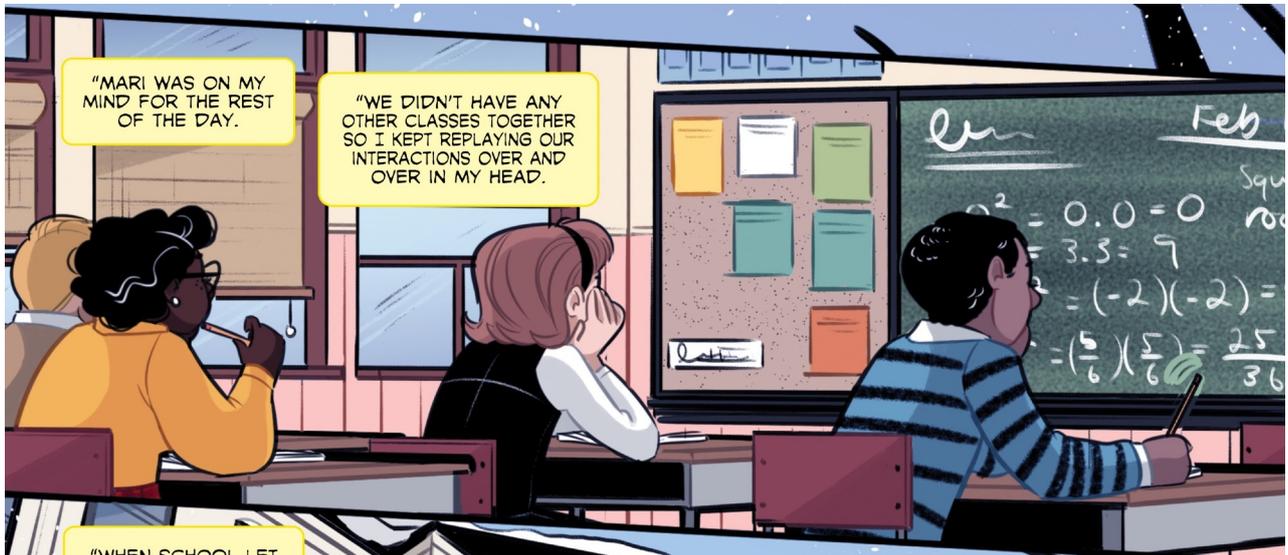
MARI, HAVE A SEAT NEXT TO HAZEL.

HAZEL, YOU HELP MARI GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE SCHOOL, UNDERSTOOD?

YES, MRS. JEFFRIES.







"MARI WAS ON MY MIND FOR THE REST OF THE DAY."

"WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CLASSES TOGETHER SO I KEPT REPLAYING OUR INTERACTIONS OVER AND OVER IN MY HEAD."

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"WHEN SCHOOL LET OUT, I WAS HOPING TO SEE HER AGAIN."

≧sigh≦

Looks like I missed Mari after school. I wanted to walk her home.



HEY! WAIT UP!



WANNA WALK HOME TOGETHER?

SURE, MARI!



FUNNY. ARE YOU ONE OF THE "COOL PEOPLE"?

WELCOME TO DULLSVILLE, WHERE THE COOL PEOPLE HANG OUT.

I WISH.



LET'S GET A HOT CHOCOLATE!

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.



C'MON, IT'S MY TREAT.

IT'S OKAY. I HAVE TO GET HOME ANYWAYS.



PLEEEEEEEASE?



UGH. FINE.

Great. Our first time out together and I don't have any money to treat her. Instead she's treating me.