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Time flies when you're fighting for your life.

Over a year has passed since Bay Point Preparatory High School found themselves countless light years away in the middle of an ancient, primordial wilderness. Against all odds, they've built their own civilization and made contact with other humans who have inhabited the planet for many years prior. But the crew finds themselves divided, choosing sides in a war that has been raging for hundreds of years. Created and written by James Tynion IV (*Cognetic, Batman Eternal*), illustrated by Michael Dialynas (*Amala's Blade*), and colored by Josan Gonzalez, *The Woods: Movie Night* collects the critically acclaimed fifth arc of the bestselling series, issues #17-20.

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## **From Reader Review The Woods, Vol. 5: The Horde for online ebook**

### **Crystal Starr Light says**

Bullet Review:

THERE we go. Enough of this weird traipsing around, teenaged mumbo jumbo melodrama (though who is Dominic again and where was the scene where Maria and him argued???). Time to start getting some answers!

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### **Rob Schamberger says**

My favorite series I've read this year. The parallels in this volume to the 2016 election are chilling. I'm glad this book is fiction.

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### **Chad says**

Casey plans come to fruition and it's not good. Karen finally steps into the leadership role she's been avoiding. Things change in a big way. On to volume 6.

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### **Bookishrealm says**

This was so crazy!! So much has changed and these kids are going through so freaking much! I'm curious to see what they are going to do to keep themselves safe from these horrible creatures and the power of the planet. I can't imagine going through what they're going through. This was AMAZING. If you haven't checked them out yet please do so soon.

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### **Chris Lemmerman says**

The Woods is set to run 36 issues or so, and as this volume brings us up to 20, we can call this the end of the second act. If this was a TV show, this would be the midseason finale, as Casey's plot with the Horde goes south, and the remaining 'sane' people at Bay Point try to deal with the insanity.

I think drawing back to the focus to the school and away from New London makes sense; I felt like some of the characters were getting lost in the shuffle when they were in the larger colony, whereas this makes the story much more personal again.

The developments with Karen, and Adrian and Isaac, are especially intriguing because I have no idea how they fit into the larger narrative yet. They're going to be the ties that bring it all together, but there's no

indication just how yet, which is great news because it keeps us on our toes - the fact that there's still an unknown quantity this late into the story.

Michael Dialynas' art never seems to lag. As far as I'm aware, he's pencilled 20 issues in a row, as well as guest stints in other anthology books like his parts of *Gotham Academy*, and only skipped month or two in the schedule. Amazing.

And of course, there's a TV adaptation on the way, which, if it sticks to the source, will be awesome too.

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### **Kathleen says**

Macready winning the election and opening the high school up to the horde turns out to be the brilliant idea that one would expect. Students die. A lot of them. Even some that we like. I like Calder's redemption arc, and Karen seems to be moving past how annoying she is. Isaac is finally honest with Ben and through that we learn even more about the strange, alien world our heroes inhabit. Even Sander gets a good speech, though I would have liked to see more of him and Sanami.

Overall, this book continues to be one of the best comics out there. I would highly recommend it to all readers.

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### **Anna says**

This really is a spectacular series.

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### **Sara says**

HOLY F\*CK! This series is so damn good and gets better with every issue! The absolute best part of this volume was the drama between Calder and his older brother Casey, and the flashbacks about them. And the big reveal about what Casey was really up to was terrifying and had some MAJOR ramifications! I loved that Karen stepped up in a big way too. Very much looking forward to seeing what happens next!

\*Also, this volume is supposed to be titled *The Horde*. *Movie Night* was volume 4.

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### **Cale says**

This is where the rubber hits the road - all the scheming and planning play out as the Horde and the school have it out, and most of the players get their moments to shine, especially Karen, Isaac, and Maria. There's also a lot of flashbacks that help to flesh out the characters, and some are very powerful. This is just as powerful as *The Walking Dead*, and just as dark, despite its still-distinctive color schemes. Some impressive action and some wrenching emotional bits make this a highlight of the series. There's still a lot of places for it to go from here, but it gives some good closure too.

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### **Danielle says**

\*3.5/5 Stars\*

Had everything I expected from a volume of The Woods - crazy plot twists, great fight scenes, character development and emotion. Not my favourite volume but it certainly wasn't lacking in anything that makes this series what it is. I always want to know what's going to happen next so bring on volume 6!

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### **Ryan Provstgaard says**

There is no time for questions! So much is happening!

A slower build than normal for this series but the intensity was real and present throughout. I've said it so many times and I'll keep saying it, this series is so good. Constant character building with consistent spectacular artwork, all wrapped up into a fun and engaging story.

The previous book had a big jump forward leaving many questions on what happened in-between. This book has no such thing. Questions yes but we start to piece things together slowly and not fully. In this book starts basically minuets after the last so there is no time to dwell on them due to the events that happened in the last plus many more that happen here.

We've seen it before but Tynion takes risks in his story telling. This book is very much not that expectation. Death, betrayal and mystery to the max here and I can't wait to see what else is waiting around the corner.

Not skipping a beat. Book 6 is in my hands. Ready, GO!

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### **Eric says**

I'm really loving the story and the art is absolutely fantastic. People make choices and there are consequences, it's gritty and real and I'm so eager for more!

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### **Joshua says**

Plot points are staring to take very interesting turns. This series seems to get better as it goes.

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### **Jes Reads says**

Well dang. Talk about a rollercoaster. So much happened in this volume! You can definitely tell we're building towards something important.

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**Jennifer says**

Silly me thinking this volume would be the end of the series! Well, all caught up – and now 100% invested in the fates of these characters. Bring on the next one ... what? I have to wait until March? And then July for #7? Nooooooooo!!!

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