



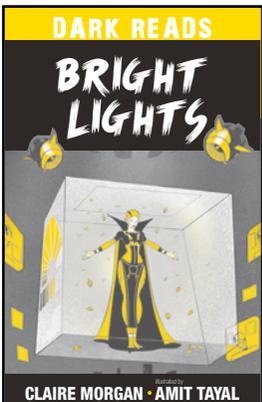
CHAPTER 2 PLANS

Stage master O'Leary was getting bored with choosing acts and wanted a break. So he told his three daughters to take over.

"Please Dad, no!" cried Lia, his youngest daughter. "*The Stage* is cruel. I want nothing to do with it."

This angered O'Leary.

"Nothing?" he shouted. "Then you'll get nothing more from me. GET OUT."





CHAPTER 2

NASTY ACCIDENTS

Later, his fan club flocked round him.

"You were amazing!"

"George for captain!"

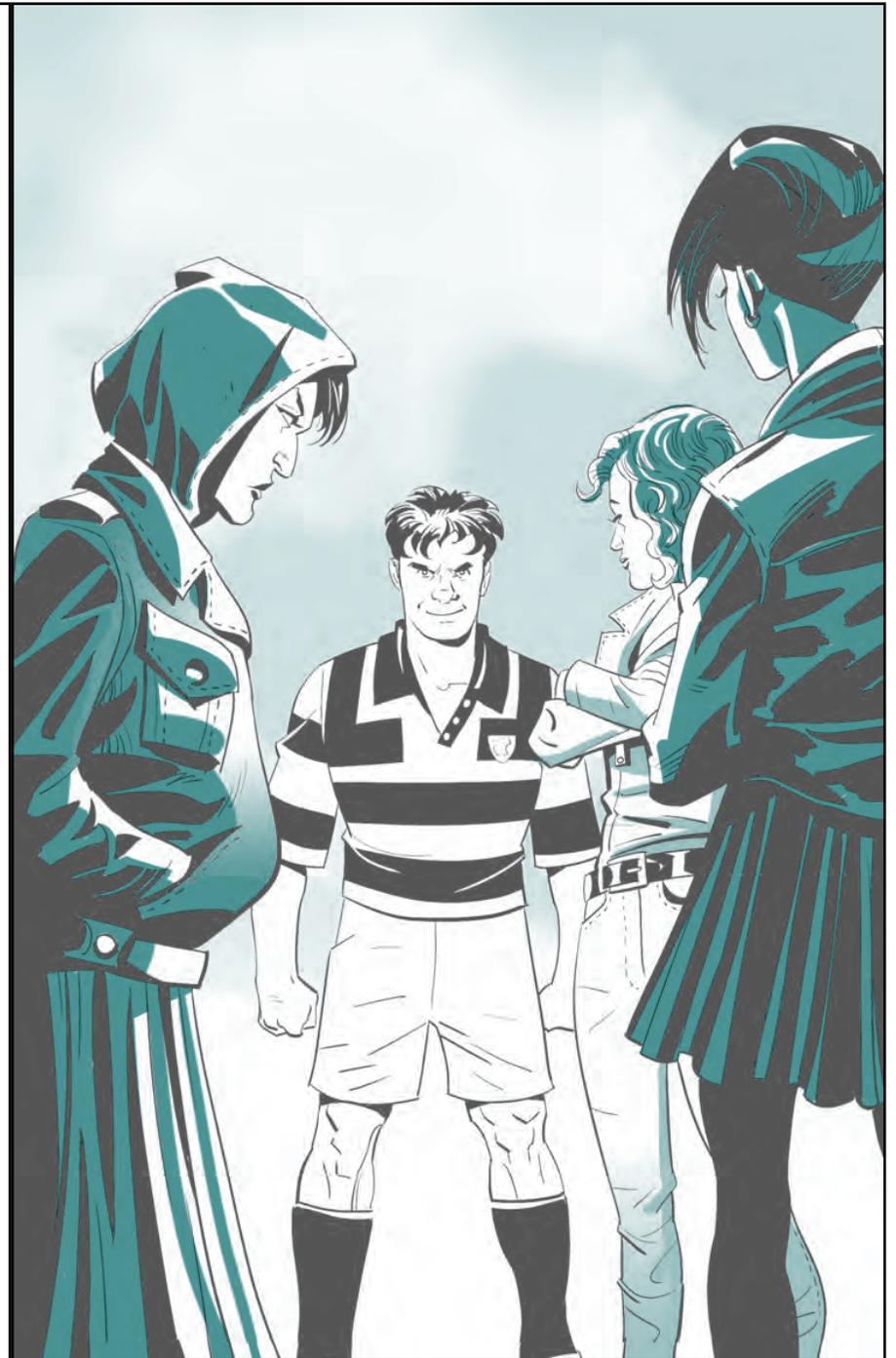
"You should play for the county."

They were right. He *should* be captain. *And* play for the county.

The county scout was due soon. But he was sure to pick super-fast James.

Unless...

He began to plot.



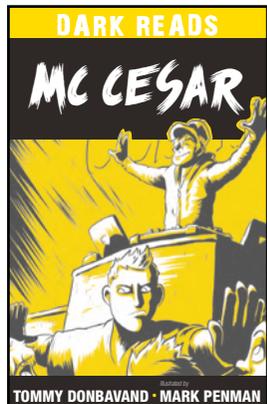


CHAPTER 2 STAR

MC Cesar became famous after our first few school discos.

Our mix songs got played on the radio. Cesar was interviewed on local TV. The local newspaper even wrote a story about him.

I was there too, of course. But people didn't want to talk to me – plain old Mark Anthony. They thought MC Cesar was the star.





CHAPTER 2 LIES

First, Iggy stole Cassidy's phone from his jacket.

Then, while Desire was in the library, he stole her rucksack from the pile by the door.

It was easy to text Cassidy's phone from hers. Sexy messages, hinting at something more. Iggy hid them in a secret folder on both phones.



DARK READS

OTIS

TONY LEE · KEVIN HOPGOOD



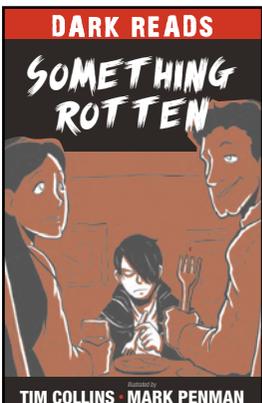
CHAPTER 3 **THE CHURCH**

I pushed open the heavy wooden door.

There was a low muttering coming from somewhere in the church.

Through the dim light of the stained-glass windows I could see the bottle of poison on the altar.

I walked down the aisle, sure that someone was about to leap out of the shadows at me.





CHAPTER 3

THE STORM

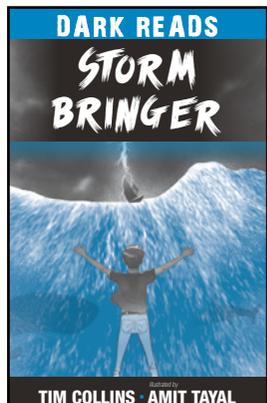
Ariel looked up at the cliff. He'd made it safely down but his legs were still shaking.

Sebastian had looked over the edge and laughed the whole time.

Now he was coming down and it was time to get him back.

Ariel lifted his hands and murmured under his breath.

A strong wind ripped through the valley, whipping leaves and branches into a spiral.





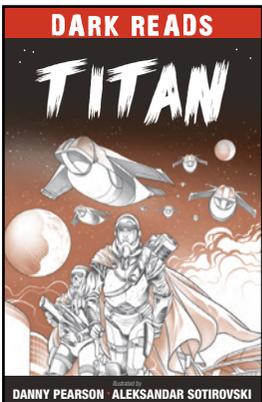
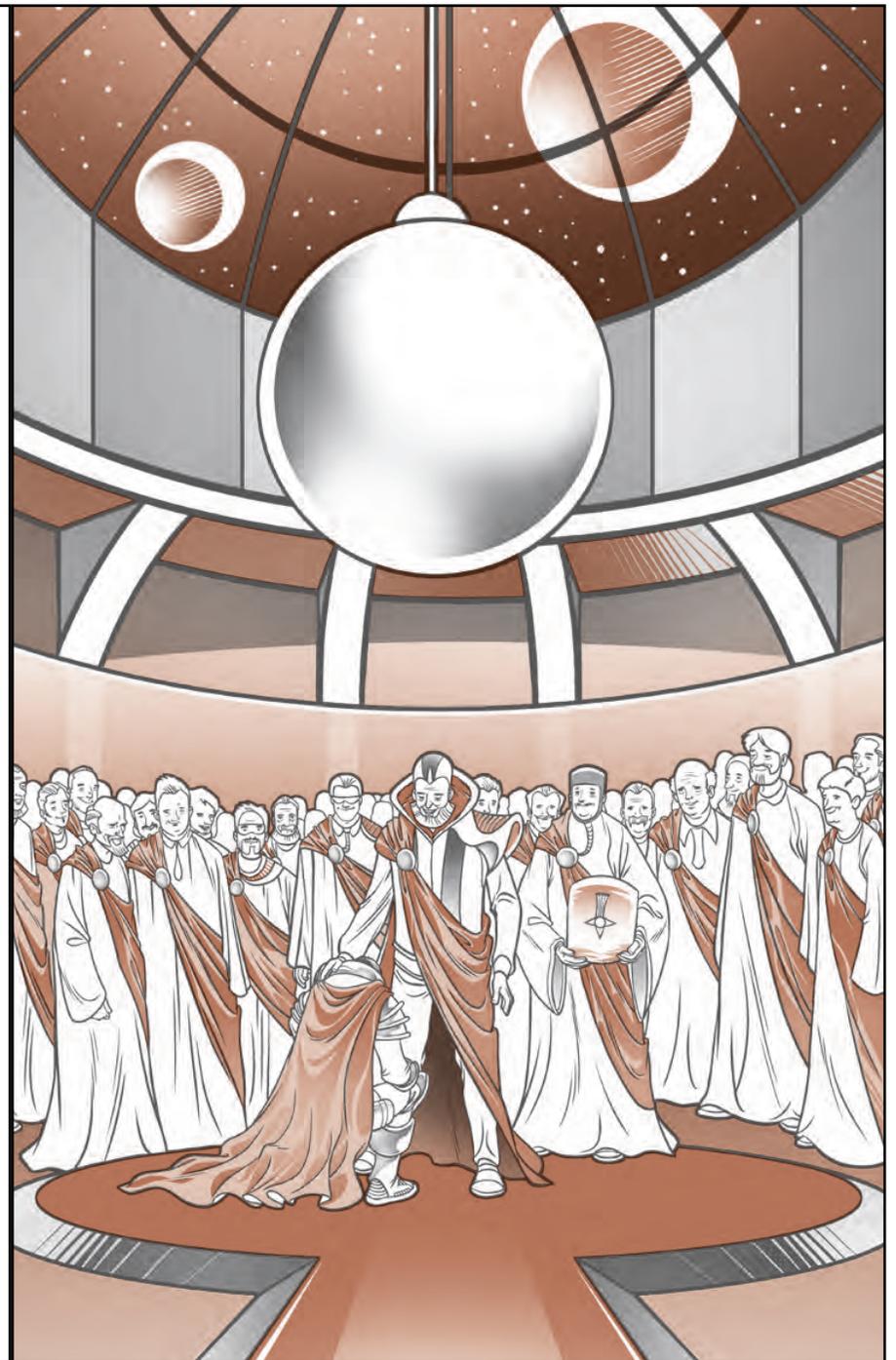
CHAPTER 2 CORRO

Mar was rewarded with a medal and made a Lord. He was the youngest Lord in the galaxy.

He was also given a new hero's name. He was now known as Corro.

Corro wanted more power though. He wanted to be a High Lord.

The only way to become a High Lord was for the people to vote for him.



CHAPTER 4
DISGUISED

Juliet shuffled towards the compound.

She'd spent all day painting her skin grey, drawing cracked veins on her cheeks and dabbing fake blood around her mouth.

She was sure the guards would think she was a zombie. They'd let her in and she'd be able to see Romeo one last time.

