

Saga Volume 3

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Making their way to the planet Quietus to meet Alana's favorite writer, as Alana and Marko want to ask him the best way to raise their daughter. Upon meeting him, he is surprised to find out about their relationship and allows them all to stay with him. He gets friendly with Marko's mother and together they plan for the little family's future – subtly suggesting ideas so Alana and Marko will think they came up with it themselves. Unfortunately, they also lead their pursuers straight to the author's door. In a tense conversation with a royal representing Landfall, the writer discusses how his son participated in the war, and the trauma he came home with. During this standoff, Marko and Alana's family are hiding upstairs and trying to figure out what to do. The tense situation between the writer and royal are interrupted by an unexpected guest, and multiple parties finally encounter one another.

This graphic novel is meant for a more mature audience, ideally teens who are eighteen or older. And would make a great present for fantasy or space aficionados. The novel raises questions of what peace entails, and what really is the opposite of war. And what happens to the people that are left behind when a loved one falls injured or dies. There are graphic depictions of sex, death, trauma, and violence as a perpetual cycle. Trauma as a direct consequence of fighting on a battlefield, and the indirect consequence of being around powerful and violent people. As a result, teens should proceed at their own risk. Ultimately, this graphic novel is best suited for an older audience interested in fantasy, space, and the consequences of violence.

Recommended Titles:

Saga Volume 1 by Brian K. Vaughan

Saga Volume 2 by Brian K. Vaughan

Monstress series by Marjorie Liu

Sandman series by Neil Gaiman