



# Lambda Sci-Fi

DC Area Gaylaxians



## Something Is Killing the Children, Vol 1

By James Tynion IV & Werther Dell'edera(illustrator) & Miquel Muerto (coloring)

*Discussed February 2023*

### Characters

Characters: Erica Slaughter Octo James Tommy Mahoney Sherriff Joe Cavanaugh Officer Richards	Victims: Noah Karl Tyler Sophie Mahoney Sara Richardson Bian (rescued)
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### Discussion Questions

1. Did you read it? Did you read beyond volume 1 or do you plan to? What are your overall impressions?
2. This is a violent and scary book, but the main characters all seem young. Whom do you think is the target audience for this series?
3. Horror has a long history in American comics. Do you think it's an effective medium? Were this series to be adapted to film or TV, would it gain or lose anything?
4. What do you think of Dell'edera's art and Muerto's coloring? The character and monster designs? So they remind you of anything else?
5. The panel structure varies wildly between pages. How do you think that affects the tone and pace of the series?
6. We don't see the actual monster until the end of issue 4. Do you think it should have been shown earlier? Or does the wait pay off?
7. What do you think of Erica as a character? And more generally, following in the footsteps of other fictional monster hunters like Buffy Summers and Ash Williams?

8. James looks like the writer of this book and shares his name. Do you think he's a self-insert for Tynion?
9. Is this Erica's or James' story?
10. In an interview with Multiversity Comics, Tynion said that his original idea was a 5-issue miniseries where each issue is a standalone: Erica comes to town, kills a monster, and leaves. How might that have worked for you as a story compared to this?
11. Have you read any other comics by Tynion or Dell'edera? Does this book make you want to pick up anything else of theirs?