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Pablo Fajardo and Sophie Tardy-Joubert, translated from the Spanish by Hannah Chute, drawing and color by Damien Roudeau

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Aminder Dhaliwal

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James Tynion IV, art by Martin Simmonds

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Seema Yasmin

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Cheryl Boyce-Taylor

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Rebecca Morgan Frank

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Raymond Antrobus

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