

# Listicle: 5 Reasons You Need to Pick Up *Trials of the Guardian*

Here are five reasons you need to read *Chronicles of Ravenglen Issue 1: Trials of the Guardian* today!

**1. You really dig elves...but not *those* elves.**

You are a fantasy junkie but a bit tired of the typical D&D-Tolkien elves running around a forest. Ever notice how they all look remarkably the same and are segregated by those differences? And why do they live in trees? None of that here. We've got elves of all kinds together in the same city...a real honest city like you live in...or near...or have seen...you get the idea.

**2. You're craving some Girl Power.**

You want women in charge? You need to see the patriarchy take a hit? This comic delivers! If you've read anything by Bernadette M. Martinez before, you know she specializes in strong female characters in all their flawed glory. With two female protagonists determined to claw their way to the top despite the patriarchal status quo, there is no shortage of female empowerment happening.

**3. You don't have time for a whole novel right now.**

Let's be honest. We all know we should read more "real books" but we don't always have the time. The brilliance of comics is they pack a whole lotta story into an easier to manage package. And with the beautiful artwork, you're getting a visual fix in with your reading time. What better way to spend that morning train ride?

**4. You are sick of the catty-woman-revenge-trope.**

Fun fact: this comic was based on an [outdated] F. Scott Fitzgerald story called *Bernice Bobs Her Hair*. The premise is two women fighting for male attention and popularity then one helps the other until she gets too jelly and betrays her. The betrayed gets revenge and goes skipping along. It's your typical story

pitting women against each other. This adaptation tosses that idea right out the window.

**5. You want to see some amazing artwork.**

This comic is beautifully drawn. After writing the script, Martinez knew she had to find the right artist and went searching for the perfect female artist. She found exactly what she was looking for in [NAME]. Known for her stunning visuals and feminist ideals, it was a perfect pairing. [NAME] loved the story concept and the two already have plans to collaborate on future issues.

You can find the first issue for free on [www.WhoNeedsMinions.com](http://www.WhoNeedsMinions.com) and on comiXology. Go check it out today!