Comics bring to life and to light the joys and struggles of life. Moore has successfully continued that tradition, capturing a moment part of a continuous movement for world wide justice. I look forward to his next work.

—Reverend Damon Lynch III

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—Seth Tobocman, Disaster and Resistance

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