



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Regional Office Is Under Attack! By Manuel Gonzales Reviewed by Jacob Vanlue

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Grade: 10

Book Title: The Regional Office Is Under Attack!

Author: Manuel Gonzales

Number of Pages: 416

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Sarah** – When she was just eight, her mother disappeared and she now has a mechanical arm and works for the Regional Office, which lies a mile below the bustling streets of Manhattan. She sees the Regional Office as her savior after her mother's disappearance and tries not to question their odd ways.
- **Rose** – Rose is a teen recruited to Regional for her at-risk nature. She loves pop-culture and is a bit of a spaz. She, unlike Sarah, sees the corruption in Regional and is especially turned off to the organization by a traitor within the organization.
- **Henry** – Henry is a recruiter for the Regional Office and is the man who recruits Rose. His ominous demeanor is certainly there for a reason seeing as he holds many secrets.
- **Mr. Niles and Oyemi** – These are the very founders of The Regional Office. They have an onslaught of mystical yet heroic Oracles and Operatives – all of whom reside in a web of secrets.

Review:

To start off the novel, the illusive Oyemi seeks out new recruits and performs their evil plots. Then, a prophecy suggests that someone from inside might bring about the Regional Office's downfall – and now, the Office is under attack. Recruited from within, Rose is a young assassin leading the attack. She wants to grow into her powers, and prove herself on her first mission. Defending the Regional Office is Sarah, who is fiercely devoted to the organization that took her in as a young woman in the wake of her mother's disappearance. On the day that the Regional Office is attacked, Rose and Sarah's lives collide and their worlds will never be the same.

Cinematic in genre, structure, and texture, *The Regional Office Is Under Attack* is an amazing and fun novel. The combat scenes are incredibly executed, not only being cinematic but also relating to video games. Using only a few words, Gonzales has the ability to booby-trap a room with poison-gas and out of control blades. Despite amazing writing prose, the book itself is entertaining, and quite epic. Gonzales creates a world of unbreakable women who look cool and kick butt. Despite these characters being nothing new to us, this work can still be appreciated since Gonzales employs awe-striking visuals the likes of action movies. Teens will enjoy this book because it never rests, and is fast paced and

satisfying. I would recommend this book to anyone really, since the characters are relatable and the plot is thick yet easy to comprehend and find enjoyment from. You will never know what is coming next at the Regional Office.