

## *I Kill Giants* Study Guide

You already love the author of our next graphic novel. In case you forgot, Joe Kelly who pulled up a chair in our small gym and had an intimate conversation about writing comics. Then, he signed comics and sketched your favorite characters for free, for over an hour and half after our comic-con ended. You love him as a person, now you can appreciate and love him as a writer.

**Directions:** While reading Joe Kelly's award-winning graphic novel, *I Kill Giants*, answer the following questions. You do **NOT** have to write your responses in complete sentences, but make sure that your answers are thorough and analytical, which means that you will need to write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Then, for each part – divided by page numbers below - pick a panel or page for discussion. Write brief, bullet-pointed analysis or an analytical question.

**Keep up with the study guide questions, because 1) they will function as your reading check, in place of reading quizzes and 2) they will help aid you in class discussion.**

### Chapter 1: "The Hammer"

1. What is the tone of Barbara's story?
2. Describe Barbara and her personality.
3. What is Barbara's profession?
4. What is the principal's name?
5. Who does Barbara talk to on the bus?
6. What happens while playing Dungeons and Dragons?

### Chapter 2: "The Spark"

7. What is Barbara doing at the start of the chapter?
8. How do the word balloons change?
9. Describe the lettering of Barbara's name, when she hears her name being called from upstairs?
10. What does Barbara do during lunch?
11. What happens when the counselor tries to talk to Barbara?

### Chapter 3: "The Armor"

12. What is Barbara wearing?
13. What does the cherub accuse Barbara of doing?
14. What is strike 2?
15. How does Barbara respond to playing baseball in gym?
16. What does Joe Kelly do to the counselor's words?
17. What does Barbara see in the sky?

### Chapter 4: "The Ghoul"

18. How does Barbara treat her sister?
19. What does Barbara do later that night?
20. Why does Barbara think that giants have to die?
21. What confront Barbara when she gets off of the school bus?
22. What does Barbara pull from her heart pouch?

### Chapter 5: "The Sacrifice"

23. How many days has Barbara skipped school?
24. What covers Barbara's family photo?
25. Where has Barbara been hiding out?
26. What happened to the cherubs?

27. Who visits Barbara at home?
28. What is happening to Barbara's family?

Chapter 6: "The Titan"

29. Who is Barbara trying to save from the Titan?
30. Describe Coveleski.
31. Who did the titan come for?
32. What happens to Barbara?

Chapter 7: "The End"

33. What caused all of the town's destruction?
34. When Barbara returns home, she leaves Coveleski outside. What is surprising about where she rests?
35. What does Sophia ask Barbara when she returns from missing?
36. Who is waiting to see Barbara upstairs?
37. What does Barbara place on the casket?