

VO: While the rest of Haven Hollow sleeps, Library Operations Specialist Hazel Adams works diligently on her speech to the press, regarding the City Manager's proposed Bike Trail.

**[SFX: Loading paper into a typewriter and typing]**

**HAZEL:** To my esteemed peers and community members...Hey, Haven Hollow People! **(to self)** no! God no... that is far too friendly. **[Typing resumes]** Dear members of the community -- yeah, that's good. I like that. -- Dear Members of the Community, The Orson Welles Community Library has been an important part of Haven Hollow's culture since its founding in 1905. In those days children would line up at the doors, waiting to get their hands on the newest primers and to socialize with others around the city.

Today, the Library continues to thrive with its numerous programs, including inclusive storytimes, resource help for those who have been displaced by the allpocalypse, and a place for many to hide from the swing between extreme heat and cold that we seem to experience these days. Other than that, our Reference department is constantly busy with requests for materials on how to build adequate shelters, how to ensure that their water supplies are clean, and how to find lost loved ones.

While books and other materials have always been a major focus in the Library, it is not the heart of the Library. The heart lies within our staff, who tirelessly fight off bouts of plague, gangs who have taken over our staircases, a ghost in the bathroom, and the rarely, but still ever-present gangs of roving roller derby pirates.

Putting a bike trail through the Library would be a complete and utter disaster. By doing so, the City Manager plans on cutting the building fundamentally in half -- which will make our children's resources virtually inaccessible to our youths. We cannot let this happen.

**[Aggressive guitar music begins to play]**

**[SFX: A page is torn from the typewriter, Typing resumes]**

**HAZEL:** **(stridently)** Dear City Manager, This tyranny has gone on long enough. You have given me no choice but to rise up in revolt to your prospect of cutting my -- OUR Library in half, for yet another bike trail.

There are children starving in your streets. There are homes without running water. There are governmental staff who have not been paid in years, and yet continue to come to work day after day to ensure that the community receives the care they deserve.

To this I say shame on you! If this matter is truly to commence, you will find that I will not take this lying down.

Sincerely, Library Operations Specialist Hazel Adams. Yeah -- NOT a damned Secretary.

(Outro) This has been an Atomic Library bookEND. The Atomic Library is written and produced by Chriss Chaney and Lara Tabri. You can chat with Library Staff at [TheAtomicLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:TheAtomicLibrary@gmail.com), Follow us on Instagram @TheAtomicLibrary, or on Twitter @AtomicLib.

Chriss voiced Hazel Adams. Opening narration voiced by Veronica Escamilla-Brady. **[SFX: Sound of a bulldozer idling, then beeping as it backs up]** Listen to more Veronica on her podcast Cthulhu and Friends. Music composed and performed by Jarren Chaney.

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