REVIEW: Alienated #1 — "Not Characters You Want To Be Around For Any Significant Investment Of Time"

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The core idea here is that three relative outsiders in a middle American high school discover something extraordinary that binds them together as a start to unexpected and shocking things happening. That’s solid. The idea of these three sniping at each other for most of the issue didn’t do much to reveal their character or move the plot along. Throw the right three young actors into this and it doesn’t matter how you write it, it’d sparkle. On the printed page, however, these are not characters you want to be around for any significant investment of time. The art styles don’t make a spectacular showing, as plain and uninspiring as the characters themselves consider their environment. Nobody in this book wants to be here, and there’s not much to make the reader feel much different. There’s no denying that this book was put together by people who know what they’re doing. This, however, is not what any of them could call their strongest performance. RATING: MEH.