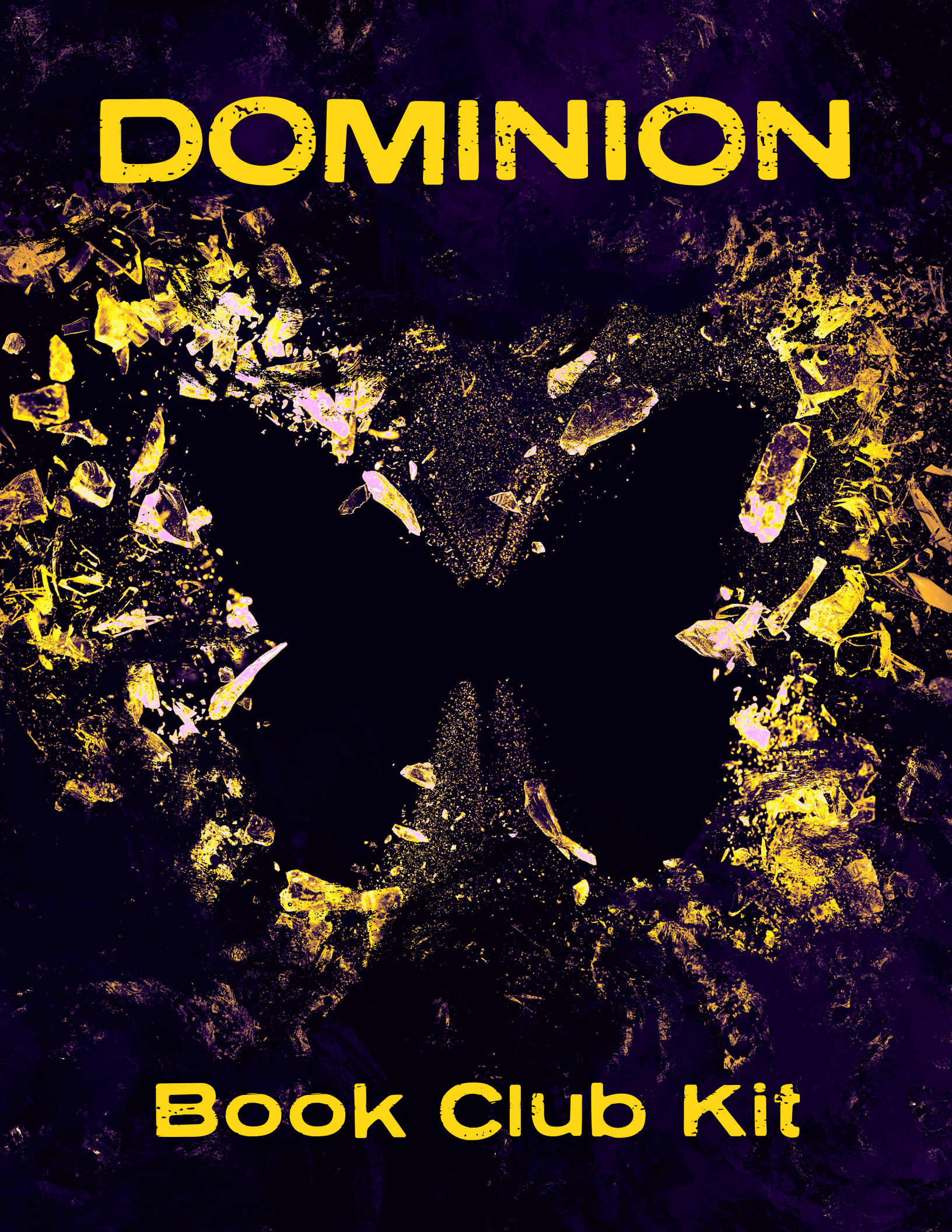


DOMINION



Book Club Kit

Welcome

Welcome to Dominion — a story that dares to challenge the boundaries of control, identity, and resistance in a future not too far removed from our own.

In this world, women lead everything — from policy to power, from cloning labs to currency. Society has been rebuilt after chemical warfare and biological collapse, but at what cost? Behind Dominion's polished exterior lies a brutal caste system where men are tested, tagged, and divided. Freedom is rationed. Love is regulated. And truth? It's buried under layers of engineered silence.

Our guide through this world is Dani — a sharp-witted reporter born into privilege, yet driven by conviction. When she reconnects with Robbie, a Breeder from her past, she's forced to decide: stay silent inside the system that raised her... or risk everything to expose the truth. As you read, you'll witness moments of rebellion, complicated loyalty, and the unrelenting hunger to belong. This is not just a dystopian journey — it's a story about asking better questions, unlearning the comfortable lie, and choosing courage in the face of carefully curated control.

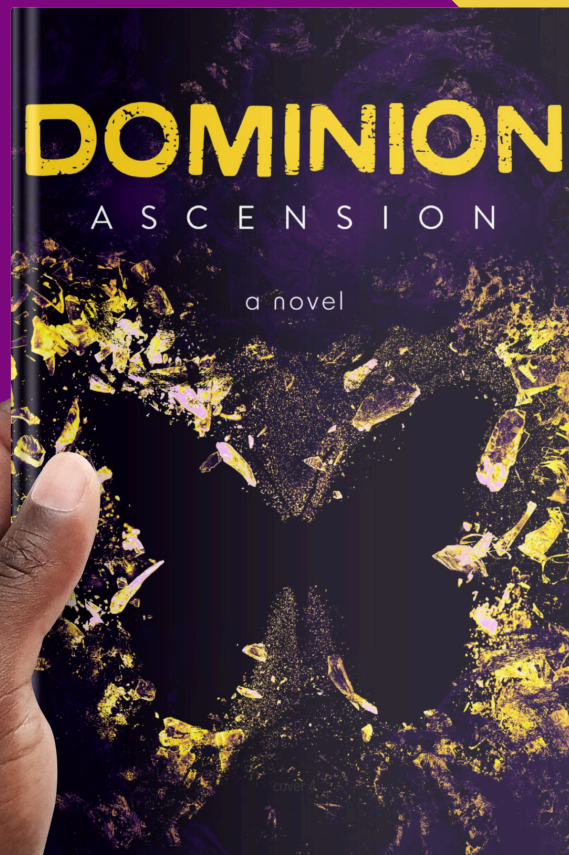
We invite you to read, reflect, and wrestle. Ask what you would do in Dani's place. Question what Dominion would call you. And most of all, challenge what parts of our own world echo inside these pages.

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Glossary



8 Cabinets:

The political order led by Dominion upholding egalitarianism, social equality, protecting the environment, and strengthening the sociopolitical safety of every human being through the eight cabinets: Law, Science, Commerce, Transportation, Religion, Military, Art, and Politics.

Acculturation:

One-year period following a Breeder release, which allows for lifestyle adjustment to life outside of the Colony.

Allura Yakubu:

Dominion's first president.

Alzaiec wine:

Full-bodied red wine that is made from hybrid grapes.

Aqua Screen:

A three-dimensional TV experience that displays visual content with no structural boundaries.

Arbilation:

Full-body scan used to detect physiological abnormalities, including aneurysms.

Ascendant:

The person who is part of the collective known as "the elevator" and is designated next in line to assume responsibility for the safe travel of the escapee.

Ascension:

The anniversary of September 23, the national celebration of Dominion's nationhood. It commemorates the day women achieved absolute power. 2050 is the twentieth anniversary of the birth of Dominion and honored by the Ascension ceremony.

Aschelm tea:

An infusion of dried flowers and aschelm, worms. It is therapeutic for promoting relaxation and calm.

AV:

Self-driving car, also known as an autonomous or automated vehicle (AV).

BioGenome:

to produce high quality (chromosome level) genome assemblies for all eukaryotic life on the planet

Body-glam dial:

A miniature compressive device embedded in wearable shapewear designed to shape and support the torso. Simply press and release the device to attain the desired silhouette.

Breeder:

Singletary classification (S5) designates fertile males assigned to live and work in national communities known as The Colonies. Their primary function is to support the genetic targeting and propagation of Dominion offspring.

Carousel:

The official Dominion matchmaking app.

Climens:

Clear, thin 24-inch rope that serves as handcuffs. Binding is simple and provides the restraint strength of steel handcuffs.

The Colony:

Lifestyle community for Breeders.

Couche:

The French word to describe furniture used for lying down.

Coventry:

The interview room at The Transformation where Dani interviews Tobias.

Defiance:

The capital of Dominion.

Descendant:

The person who is part of the collective known as “the elevator” and shelters the passenger prior to the next destination.

Desperados:

Militant dissenters

Digi Pens:

Next-generation stylus.

Dissenter:

Anyone engaged in activities to overthrow Dominion.

Dominion:

Established in 2030 and led by a female president and eight cabinet leaders governing 26 unified republics, previously known as the United States.

Dominion Anthem:

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 2030 by the Dominion Minister Delenya Paul (1978-2045).

Dominion Flag:

Butterfly with twenty-six quadrants.

Doyennes (a.k.a. the Collective):

A body of female administrators who unified the country following the Great War.

Drogan:

Modern-day term for “prisoner” but exclusively references a male legally held in prison from crimes unrelated to political dissention.

Echelon microbeads:

A small device that fits in the ear to amplify sound.

Effigent (Vanguard) Award:

Recognition given annually to those who have “done the most or the best work for the creation and sustenance of Dominion national order.”

Great War:

It involved several of the world’s superpowers, forming two opposing military alliances. It ended with a bilateral surrender following the release of chemical warfare and its effects had global impact. Most males became cognitively impaired and infertile. As a result, new governments were formed with its leadership firmly in the hands of women across the world.

Harken:

Seal of the Harken, the Dominion’s federal symbol of incarceration.

Illegis Headstone:

The nerve center of the Illegis testing platform.

Illegis Test:

A form of IQ fencing, determines the appropriate Singletary group to which each male is assigned. Once assigned, a male will be given priority status to obtain jobs in that group. A male can change his assigned Singletary group by passing additional test hurdles for IQ reassignment.

Infinity:

A drug that delivers a “functional high” that produces enhanced cognitive acuity and elevates feelings of euphoria and self-confidence. This “functional high” lasts several days, then ends with depressive episodes (highly addictive and corrodes mental function over time).

IQ Fencing:

An assessment that measures a range of cognitive abilities and provides a score that is intended to serve as a measure of a male’s intellectual abilities and potential in Dominion society as denoted by the Singletary classification.

Israe:

Man-made infectious disease caused by a synthetic parasite.

Keelan:

The location of the Transformation Center where all twelve year-old males, newly assigned to the Breeder class, are sent for training before moving to the Colony.

Licon:

Pods, the modern-day term for cell phones, are made of this lightweight, biodegradable metal.

Malism:

The belief that the world is evil has evolved to include powerful discrimination against men.

Myrimidons:

Militant dissenters.

Osmanthus tea:

Made from the fragrant flowers of the Osmanthus tree. It is therapeutic for promoting relaxation and calm.

Photo plank:

A tablet containing three-dimensional photos.

Pleasure seeker activities (PSA):

Coupling services provided by males in the S6 Singletary classification.

Release tribute (a.k.a. the Reckoning):

A ritual ceremony held at the annual Dominion Ascension Gala honoring the dedication and contributions of the Breeders who have reached their thirtieth birthdays and chosen to end their assignment as Breeders and live outside of the Colony.

Sandicists:

Modern-day purists who live simply and peacefully outside of Dominion’s social, political, and economic strata.

Singletary Classifications:

Males are defined within a caste system made up of six core.

Singletary groups:

- **S1:** Benignants (white bands) social workers/religious leaders/teachers/childcare professionals
- **S2:** Assiduities (purple bands) artists/athletes (e.g., dancers, writers, singers, performers, athletes)
- **S3:** Formalists (brown bands) service works (e.g., nail techs, clerks, hair stylists, fitness, admin)
- **S4:** Expeditors (green bands) public works (e.g., construction, public, transportation)
- **S5:** Breeders (black bands) lives and works in breeding colonies)
- **S6:** Seducers (red bands) also known as pleasure givers.



Games

BINGO

Polix 5

**LA
Beacon**

Conventry

Illegis

Malcolm

**Disliked a
character
(then
changed
your mind)**

Breeder

**Body Glam
Dial**

**The
Labrynth**

**The
Colony**

Eva

**Destiny
happens
whether
you're
ready or
not**

Josie

Colin

Elevators

IQ Fencing

Gideon

**Ascension
Gala**

**Wanted
to shout
at
Dani**

**The
Becoming**

Ana

Tobias

**Questioned
your
own
bias**

**Valentina
Cordova**

BINGO

MAO	Transform ation Center	Seducers	Illegis	Assiduites	
Disliked a character (then changed your mind)	Breeder	Formalists	Karl	Dr. Chavin	
Allura Yakubu	Destiny happens whether you're ready or not			Dissidents	Linda
Elevators	Purificatio n Phase	Bennigants	Caris	Wanted to shout at Dani	
The Becoming	Expeditors	Ambrose	Questione d your own bias	The Great War	

Cocktail

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Shadow & Smoke

- 2 oz bourbon
- ½ oz cherry liqueur
- ½ oz sweet vermouth
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters
- 1 dash orange bitters
- Garnish: Flamed orange peel

Midnight Mirage

- 2 oz mezcal
- ¾ oz blackberry liqueur
- ½ oz lime juice
- ¼ oz agave syrup
- 2 dashes chocolate bitters
- Garnish: Fresh blackberries and a smoked rosemary sprig



Golden Hour Glow

- 2 oz aged rum
- ¾ oz passion fruit puree
- ½ oz pineapple juice
- ½ oz coconut cream
- ¼ oz cinnamon syrup
- Garnish: Pineapple leaf & nutmeg sprinkle

Cocktail

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Lunar Elixir

- 2 oz vodka
- ¾ oz lavender syrup
- ½ oz lemon juice
- ½ oz crème de violette
- Egg white (optional for foam)
- Garnish: Lavender sprig



Neon Reverie

- 2 oz gin
- ¾ oz elderflower liqueur
- ½ oz lemon juice
- ½ oz blue curaçao
- ¼ oz honey syrup
- Sparkling water
- Garnish: Edible flowers



Velvet Eclipse

- 1.5 oz dark rum
- ¾ oz coffee liqueur
- ½ oz crème de cacao
- ½ oz vanilla syrup
- 1 oz cold brew coffee
- Garnish: Chocolate shavings



Celestial Drift

- 1 oz elderflower liqueur
- ½ oz lemon juice
- ½ oz pear syrup
- Prosecco (to top)
- Garnish: Lemon twist

Cocktail

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Ember Kiss

- 2 oz reposado tequila
- $\frac{3}{4}$ oz blood orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz chili honey syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz lime juice
- Garnish: Chili salt rim & a grilled orange slice



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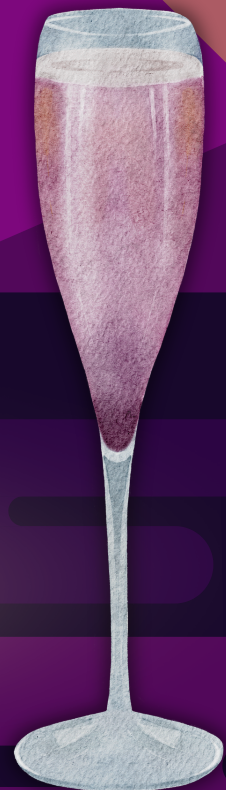
- 2 oz gin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ oz cucumber juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz elderflower liqueur
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz lime juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ oz simple syrup
- Garnish: Cucumber ribbon

Alzaiec Wine

- Full-bodied red wine
- Hybrid Grape Base

Crimson Spell

- 2 oz rye whiskey
- $\frac{3}{4}$ oz pomegranate juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz spiced maple syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz lemon juice
- Garnish: Pomegranate seeds



Mocktail

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Dalgona Coffee

- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar,
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- a pinch of cinnamon, optional
- 1 cup milk of choice



Tahitian Punch

- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1.5 cups passion fruit juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 0.25 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons grenadine syrup
- 2 cups club soda
- 2 cups ice cubes
- Cherries and pineapple (for garnish)

Frostbite Lemonade

- 1 ¾ cups white sugar
- 1 cup water
- 9 medium lemons, or more as needed
- 7 cups ice-cold water
- Fresh Blueberries and Mint
- Ice as needed





Discussion Guide

Focus: Worldbuilding, caste systems, and character orientation:

- What were your first impressions of Dominion's society? What parts felt eerily familiar?
- How does Illegis mirror or critique real-world systems of classification?
- How does Dani's relationship with her mother Linda set the tone for the rest of the novel?
- What expectations did you have about gender and power before reading? Have they been challenged?

Focus: Trust, memory, and moral conflict

- Why do you think Dani chose journalism as her profession?
- How do Robbie's circumstances as a Breeder highlight the dehumanization of men in Dominion?
- What does "truth" mean in a world where childbirth is controlled?
- What would you have done in Dani's position — stay in the system or start questioning it?

Focus: Risk, allegiance, and belief systems

- What do the Elevators symbolize in this story?
- How did your perception of Haven evolve as Dani and Robbie approached it?
- Which scene felt like a major turning point for Dani? Why?
- How does travel (physically and emotionally) shift Dani's understanding of freedom?

Focus: Identity, choice, survival

- Which part of "The Becoming" process was most intense for you as a reader?
- How do you interpret Dani's uncertainty vs. Robbie's commitment to stay?
- What does "proving your worthiness" mean in this context — and is it ever fair?
- How does this section deepen the theme of bodily autonomy and choice?

Focus: Rebellion, loyalty, and choice

- What defines a rebel in *Dominion*—and does that definition shift throughout the novel?
- Colin chooses to remain within the system. How does his approach to resistance differ from Dani's or Robbie's?
- Robbie's storyline is one of memory, loyalty, and quiet escape. How did you interpret his motivations and choices?
- Is it always brave to leave—and is it always cowardly to stay?

Focus: Family, trauma, and generational silence

- How do generational wounds show up between Dani and Linda? What is left unsaid, and how does that shape their decisions?
- Do you believe Linda truly loves Dani? Why or why not?
- How does Dani's grief for her father, Karl, influence her emotional arc and relationships?
- In what ways are families complicit in maintaining harmful systems—and where do we draw the line between survival and betrayal?

Focus: Memory, truth, and media control

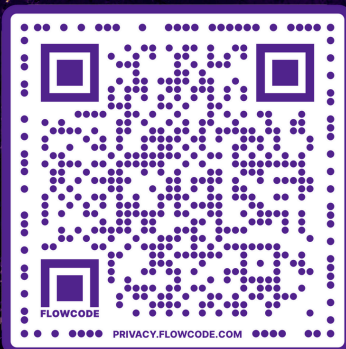
- Dani is a journalist. What does her work at *The Beacon* symbolize in a society like *Dominion*?
- What role does censorship play in how characters understand their world—and themselves?
- How does truth function as a weapon in the novel?
- Have you ever experienced a moment when knowing the truth made life harder, not easier? How does that relate to Dani's journey?

ARE YOU A LOYALIST...



OR ARE YOU A REBEL?

TAKE THE CLASSIFICATION SCAN TO DECIDE.



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MEET THE REBEL
DANI

YOU'VE FOUND DANI — A
JOURNALIST, A DISSENTER,
AND A WOMAN WAKING UP
TO THE TRUTH HER MOTHER
HELPED BUILD.

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MEET THE LOYALIST **LINDA**

YOU'VE LOCATED
LINDA — MOTHER
TO DANI AND
ARCHITECT OF
DOMINION'S MOST
BRUTAL SYSTEM.
SHE BELIEVES
CONTROL IS THE
ONLY PATH TO
PEACE.

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MEET THE REBEL

ROBBIE

HERE'S ROBBIE — ONCE A
CHILDHOOD FRIEND, NOW
A FUGITIVE SHAPED BY
BETRAYAL, MEMORY, AND
THE SEARCH FOR
SOMETHING MORE THAN
SURVIVAL.

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MEET THE LOYALIST

COLIN

COLIN IS A BREEDER WHO
CHOSE TO STAY WITHIN
THE SYSTEM,

HE BELIEVES IN THE
ARCHITECTURE OF
POWER.

WILL YOU?

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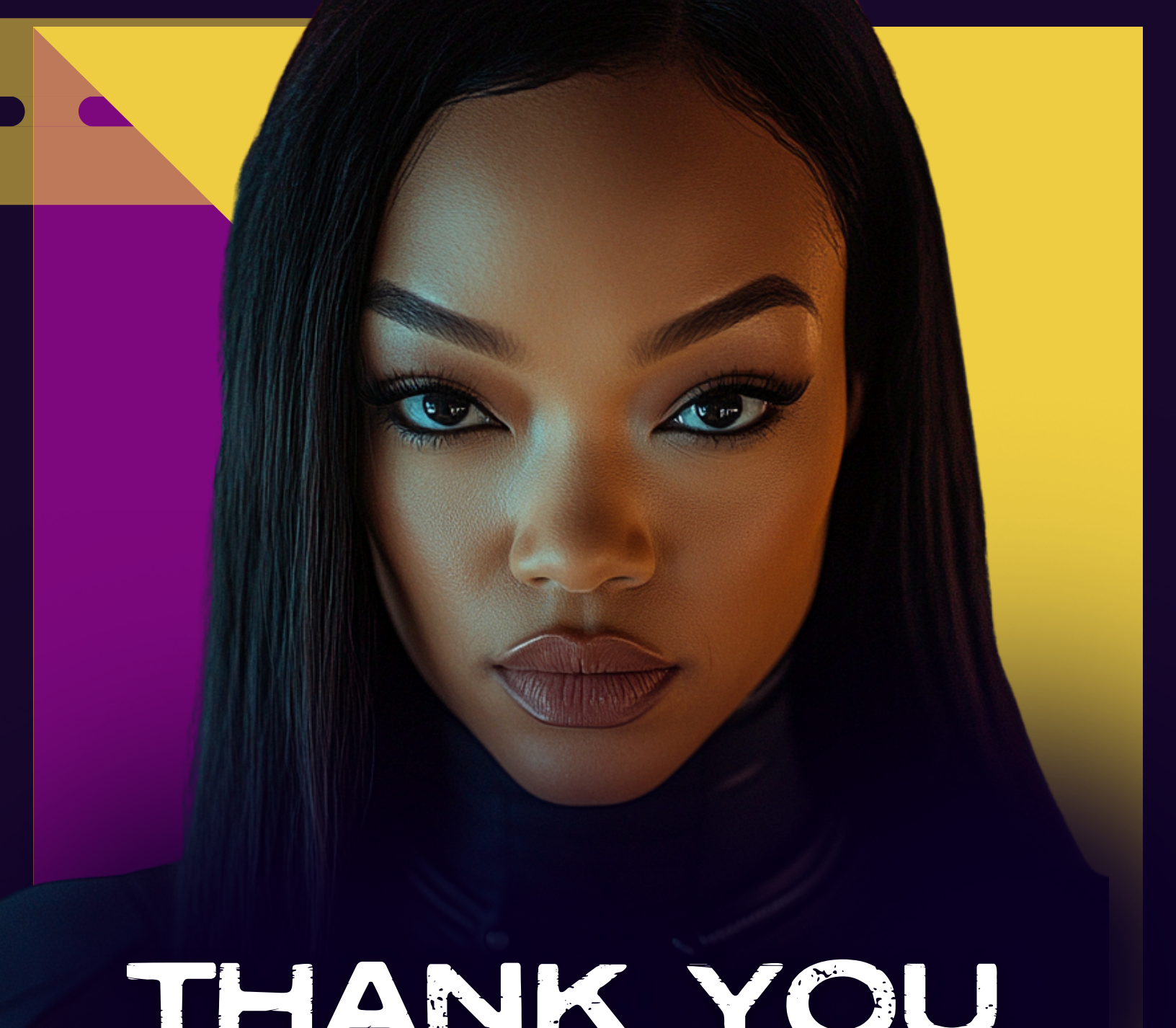
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