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## Villa Anima

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A feminist fable set in an oppressive, claustrophobic world where the supernatural might erupt at any moment.

In the Empire of the Hand, girls bow their heads and remain silent. Rare are those who defy authority with rituals at the legendary Villa Anima... but Magdalena will be one of them! When the villa's doors shut behind her, she feels like she's been swallowed by a monster. But she must play along if she is to best the first challenge of the Spirit: the green scarf that will grant her status in society and allow her to have a child. As she prepares, Magda witnesses such eerie phenomena that she wonders if her mind is playing tricks on her. Unless, that is... someone's trying to distract her on purpose?

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