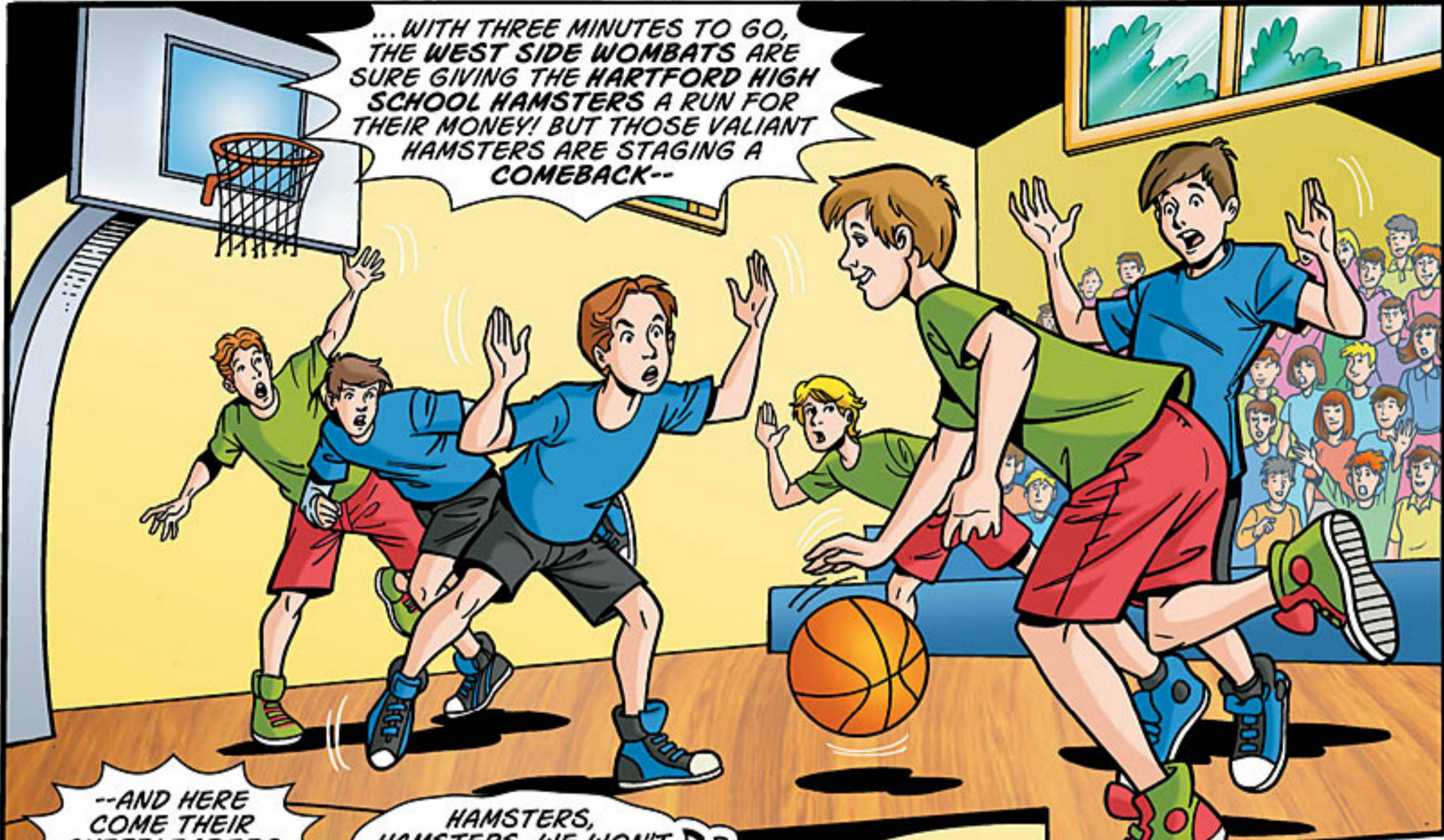


... WITH THREE MINUTES TO GO, THE WEST SIDE WOMBATS ARE SURE GIVING THE HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL HAMSTERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY! BUT THOSE VALIANT HAMSTERS ARE STAGING A COMEBACK--



--AND HERE COME THEIR CHEERLEADERS AND MASCOT TO CHEER THEM ON!

HAMSTERS, HAMSTERS, WE WON'T FAIL! HAMSTERS RULE THE HABITRAIL!



WE'VE GOT IRON, WE'VE GOT STEEL! WE'LL KEEP RUNNING ON THAT WHEEL! GOOOOOOOO--

SKREEEEEEEE

--HAMSTERS...?



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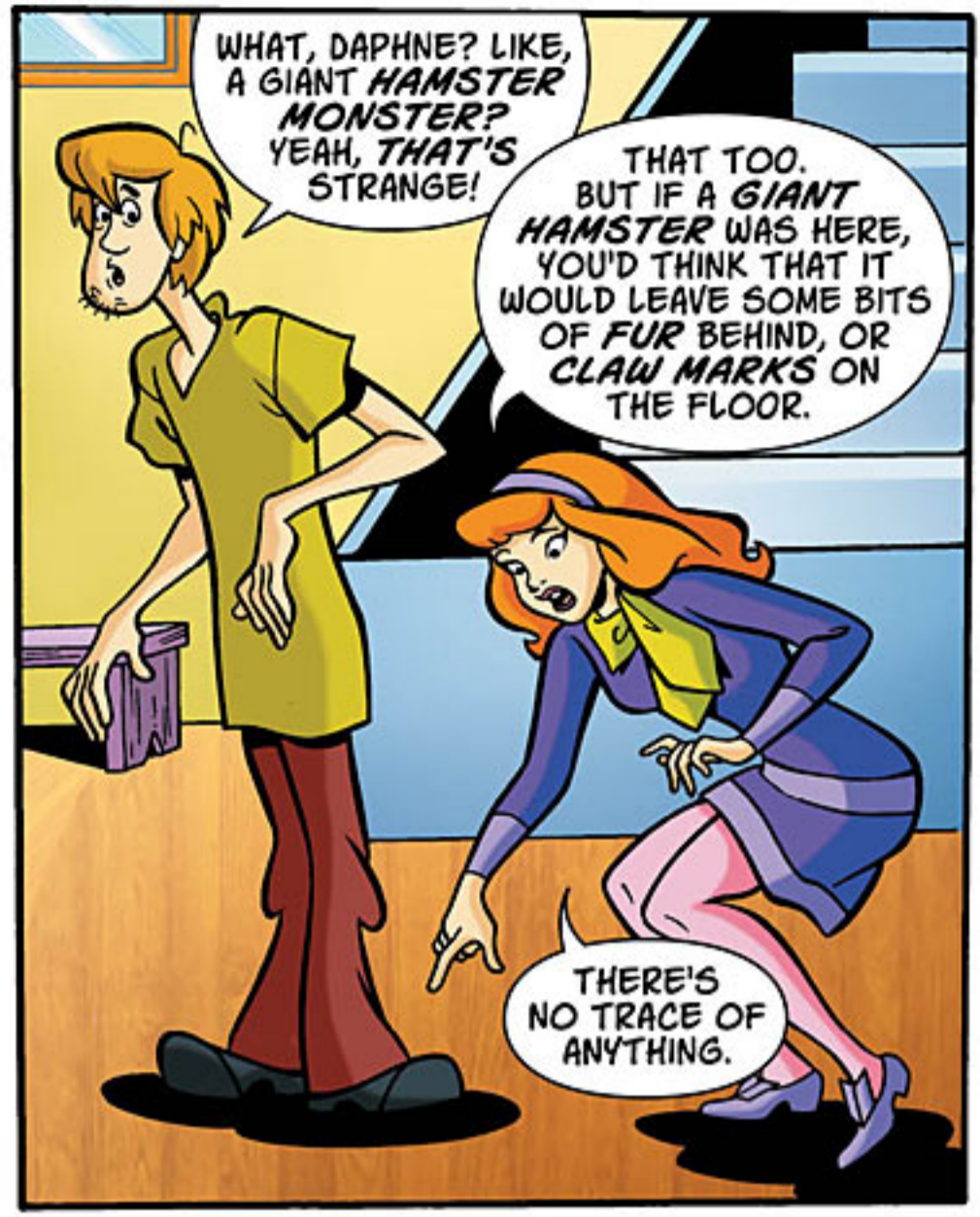
LATER.



A GIANT HAMSTER? ARE YOU SURE IT WASN'T JUST THE TEAM MASCOT?

NO WAY! I WAS RUNNING AWAY LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.

IT'S STRANGE...



WHAT, DAPHNE? LIKE, A GIANT HAMSTER MONSTER? YEAH, THAT'S STRANGE!

THAT TOO. BUT IF A GIANT HAMSTER WAS HERE, YOU'D THINK THAT IT WOULD LEAVE SOME BITS OF FUR BEHIND, OR CLAW MARKS ON THE FLOOR.

THERE'S NO TRACE OF ANYTHING.



IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO SOLVE A MYSTERY WITH NO CLUES. MAYBE WE SHOULD STICK AROUND UNTIL THE CREATURE SHOWS UP AGAIN...



"RICK AROUND"?



I'M SORRY, BUT AS PRINCIPAL OF THIS SCHOOL, I CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE WANDERING THE HALLS, LOOKING FOR MONSTERS ALL DAY. IT WOULD SCARE THE STUDENTS.

LIKE, MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY, MS. CONDUCT! WE DON'T WANNA, LIKE, SCARE THE STUDENTS!

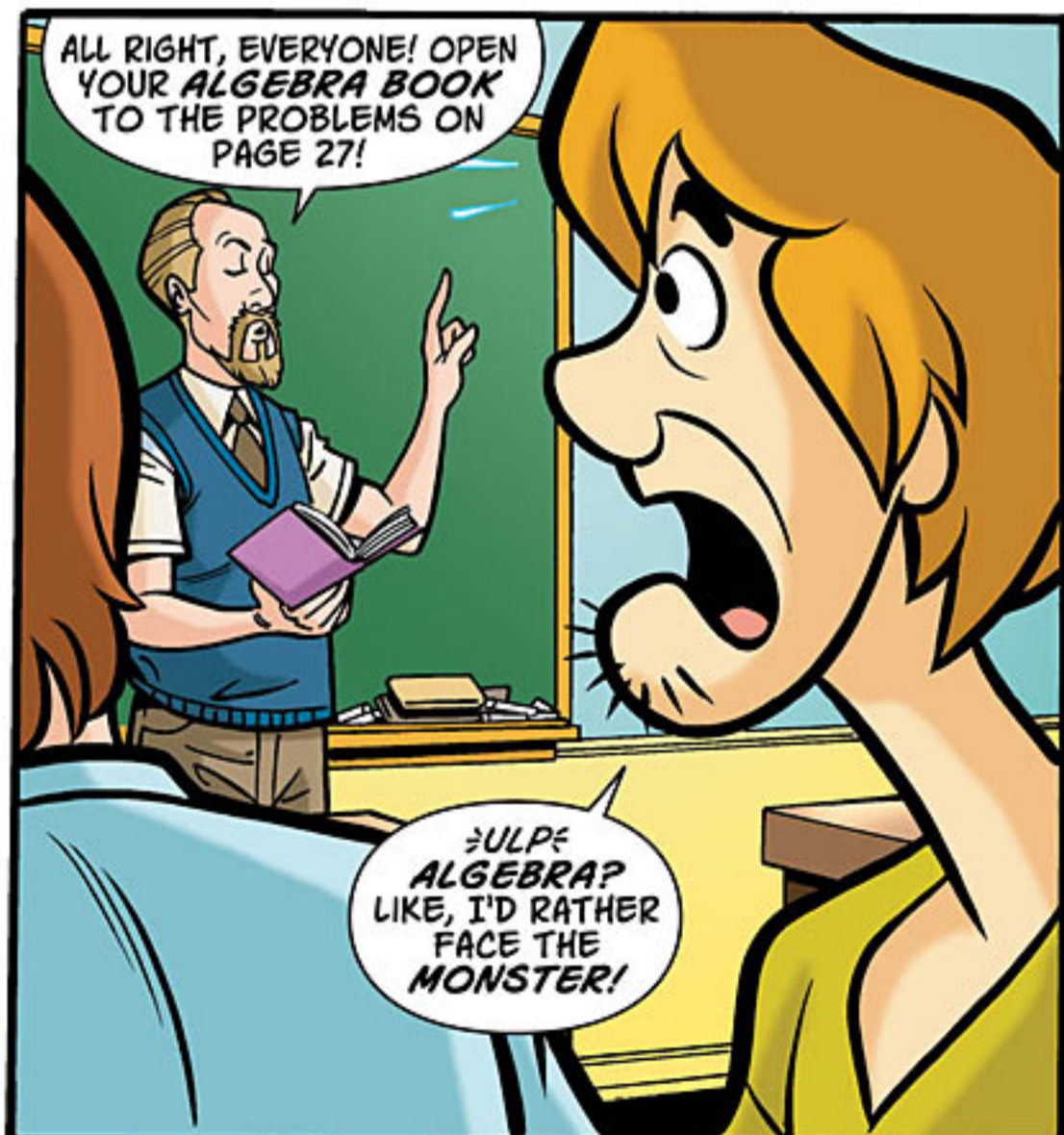
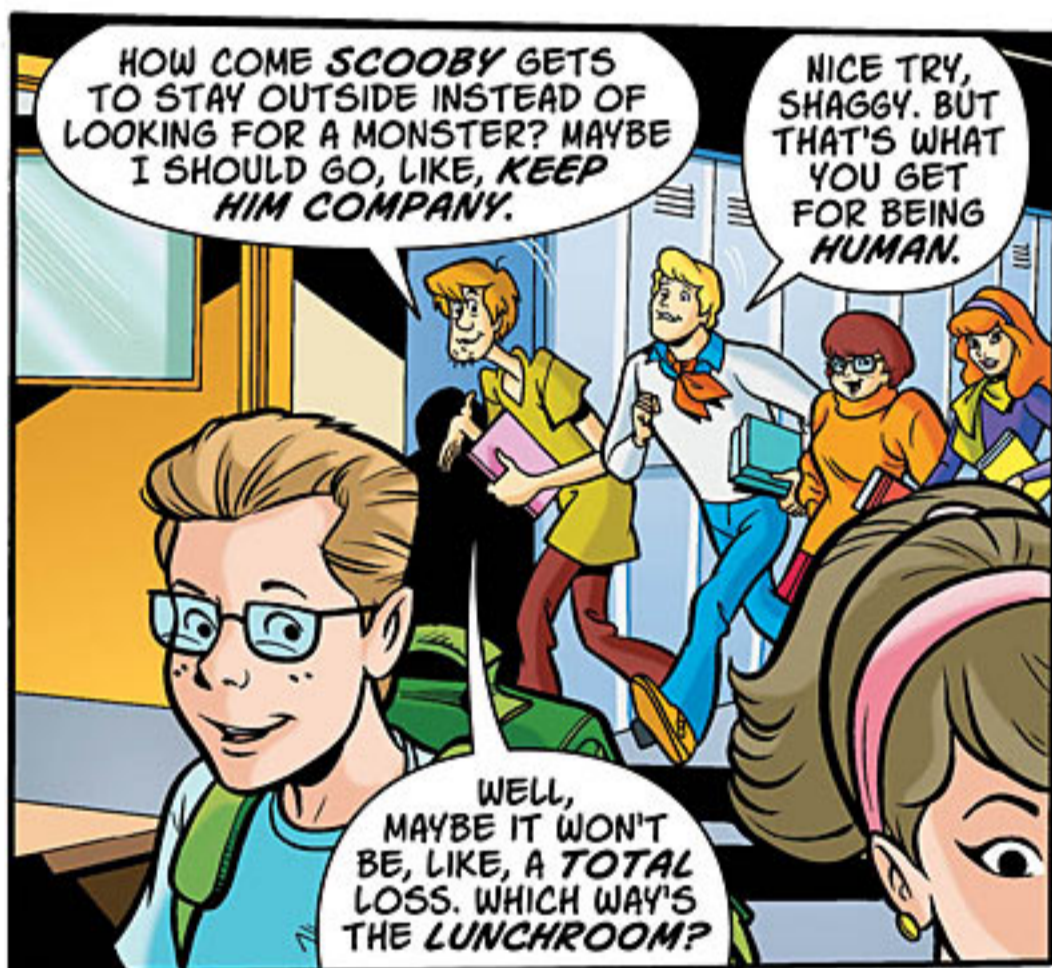
WE'D BETTER GO HOME...

...BEFORE THAT GULPE HAMSTER HORROR COMES BACK!



ACTUALLY, SHAGGY, THERE MIGHT BE A WAY WE CAN STICK AROUND WITHOUT SCARING ANYONE.

I HAVE AN IDEA...





THAT HAMSTER THING? IT'S CRAZY, HUH? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HAMSTERS COULD GET THAT BIG!

UM... I'M PRETTY SURE NORMAL ONES CAN'T.

TOO BAD. HE'D BE GREAT PLAYING DEFENSE FOR THE TEAM!



YEAH, OUR AUDIOVISUAL SQUAD WAS AT THE GAME. WE HAD TO RECORD IT FOR THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, BUT THEN THAT HAMSTER MONSTER APPEARED.

"HAMSTER MONSTER"--HA! ANYONE COULD TELL AT A GLANCE THAT IT WAS CLEARLY A CLASS 4 ECTOPLASMIC MANIFESTATION! IT'S OBVIOUS!



SO, LIKE, ALL YOU GUYS DO ALL DAY IS LIE AROUND AND SNACK ON MUNCHIES?

YUP, PRETTY MUCH.

AT LAST! I HAVE FOUND MY PEOPLE!



"MONSTER"? PFFT! ONLY LOSERS WASTE THEIR TIME TALKING ABOUT MONSTERS!

LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOUR MOVES HAVE ANY MORE STYLE THAN YOUR LAME HAIRDO.

BUT IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO TRY OUT FOR THE CHEERLEADING TEAM, YOU SHOULD CHECK US OUT LATER--

