

IT'S TOO QUIET OUT THERE.



# BEFORE THE STORM

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WOULD YOU RATHER THE HOUSE WAS SURROUNDED BY HORDES OF FROTHING MONSTERS?

NO, FRED--BUT YA GOTTA ADMIT IT'S WEIRD HOW THIS ENTIRE TOWN'S COMPLETELY DESERTED--LIKE EVERYONE JUST VANISHED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE.

GIVEN HOW MUCH WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE WAYS THE NANITE PLAGUE AFFECTS PEOPLE... MAYBE THEY DID!

WELL, THAT'S A MAJORLY CREEPY THOUGHT.

STILL SAY IT BEATS MONSTERS TRYING TO TEAR OUT OUR ORGANS.

TRUE.



LOOK, SHAGGY--SINCE THINGS WENT HAYWIRE BACK AT THE COMPLEX, WE'VE BEEN ON THE RUN, FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

WHATEVER HAPPENED HERE, AT LEAST WE FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO GET SOME REST AND THINK THINGS THROUGH A LITTLE.



SO HOW COME I DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK LAST NIGHT?

BECAUSE YOU DRANK TEN CUPS OF COFFEE AND ATE SEVEN SANDWICHES?

I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR WHOEVER LIVED IN THIS PLACE-- THEY SURE KNEW HOW T'STOCK A FRIDGE!

BUT, LIKE, I DON'T THINK I COULD'VE SLEPT ANYWAY. I KEPT WAITIN' FOR THE HOUSE TO COME ALIVE AN' TRY T'EAT US--

--THE WAY THAT CRAZY HOSPITAL DID A FEW DAYS AGO.\*



#YAWWWWNE GIVES NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE "FAT AS A HOUSE," DOESN'T IT?

NOT FUNNY, DAPHNE.

I THOUGHT IT WAS MILDLY AMUSING.

\*LAST ISSUE-- MARIE.



YOU'RE IN GOOD SPIRITS.

I SLEPT FOR ALMOST TEN HOURS. I FEEL FANTASTIC.

HOW ABOUT YOU? HOW'S THE LEG?

IT HASN'T FALLEN OFF OR ANYTHING, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN.

GIVE IT TIME, FREDDY. YOU'LL HEAL.







BUT UNTIL I DO I'M JUST DEAD WEIGHT.

YEAH, DUDE-- BUT YOU'RE OUR DEAD WEIGHT.

NO! I'M A BURDEN TO YOU ALL! A DANGER! IF WE'RE ATTACKED AGAIN, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN--

SHUT UP, FRED--OR I'LL BREAK THE OTHER LEG.



NOT NICE.

BUT TRUE NONETHELESS.

WHERE'S VELMA? STILL SLEEPING?

NOPE. SHE'S BEEN UP FOR HOURS, BANGIN' AWAY ON THAT LAPTOP SHE FOUND UPSTAIRS--

--TRYIN' T'HACK THE COMPLEX'S SERVERS.



IF SHE'S SUCH A DAMN GENIUS, WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG?

STILL DON'T TRUST HER, DO YOU?

GIVEN OUR SITUATION, SOME DAYS I'M NOT SURE I TRUST ANY OF YOU.

EXCEPT FOR SCOOBY.

RANKS!



SO THIS IS DAPHNE IN A GOOD MOOD?

SHE'S NEVER BEEN THE MOST TRUSTING PERSON. THAT'S WHAT MAKES HER SUCH A GREAT JOURNALIST.

DAPH REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE "OFFICIAL" VERSION OF ANY STORY. JUST KEEPS DIGGING AND DIGGING TILL SHE GETS TO THE TRUTH.

YEAH, BUT THE THINGS THAT MAKE A GREAT JOURNALIST--



--DON'T NECESSARILY MAKE A GREAT FRIEND.

I ADMIT SHE CAN BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT--

"A LITTLE"?

--BUT BENEATH THAT HARD EXTERIOR LIES--

A HARDER INTERIOR?

I WAS GONNA SAY A REALLY BIG HEART. DAPHNE'S THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO'LL GO TO THE WALL FOR THE PEOPLE SHE CARES ABOUT.



YEAH, I KNOW. I'VE SEEN HER IN ACTION AND--

WHOA!



WHAT?

NOTHIN'. THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE OUT THERE, BUT IT WAS JUST A SQUIRREL JUMPIN' AROUND.

SO WHAT I WANNA KNOW IS: IF THE SQUIRRELS ARE STILL HERE--







