




PREPAREDNESS 101:

ZOMBIE PANDEMIC



**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention



I GET TO PICK THE NEXT
MOVIE! THAT ONE'S GOING
TO GIVE ME *NIGHTMARES*.

OH YOU'RE SUCH A *BABY*,
IT WASN'T *THAT SCARY*.
YOU KNOW THAT KIND
OF STUFF WOULD NEVER
REALLY HAPPEN.

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WELL I'M GOING TO TRY AND GET SOME SLEEP...

DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE.

ALRIGHT, MAX AND I WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE BOOGEYMAN, HA HA.

STAY TUNED FOR CHANNEL 2 NIGHTLY NEWS.



VERY FUNNY.

The End

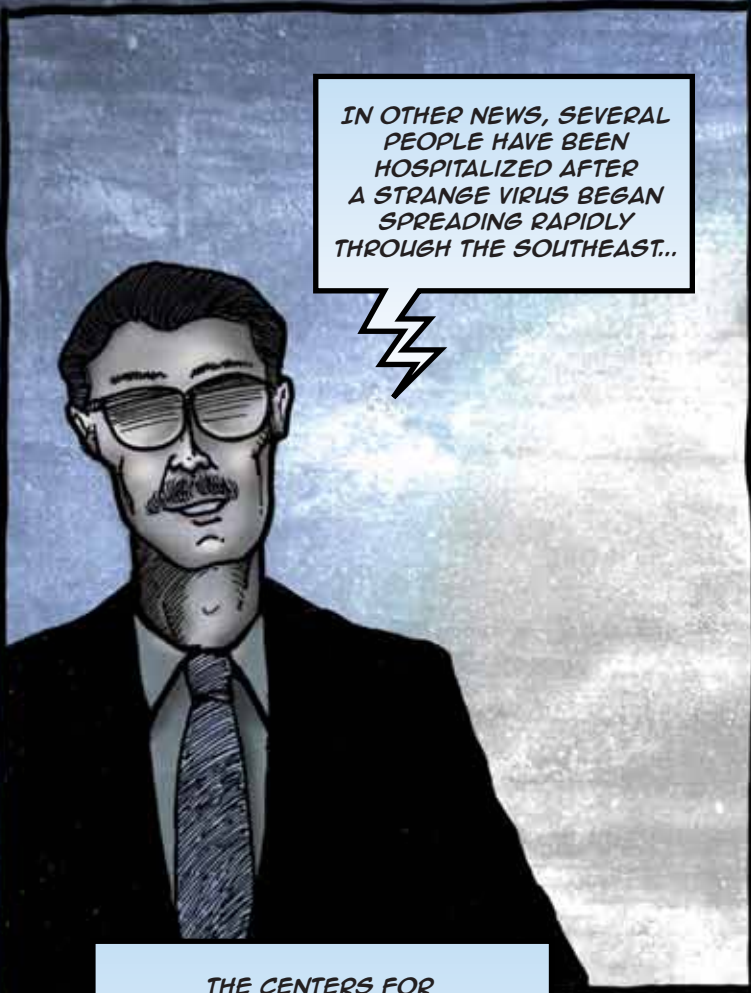
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STAY TUNED FOR CHANNEL 2 NIGHTLY NEWS.



NEWS



IN OTHER NEWS, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED AFTER A STRANGE VIRUS BEGAN SPREADING RAPIDLY THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST...



HUH?!

SCIENTISTS HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED THE VIRUS YET, BUT SYMPTOMS INCLUDE SLOW MOVEMENT, SLURRED SPEECH, AND VIOLENT TENDENCIES...



THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IS RECOMMENDING THAT PEOPLE DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM ANYONE DISPLAYING THESE SYMPTOMS.



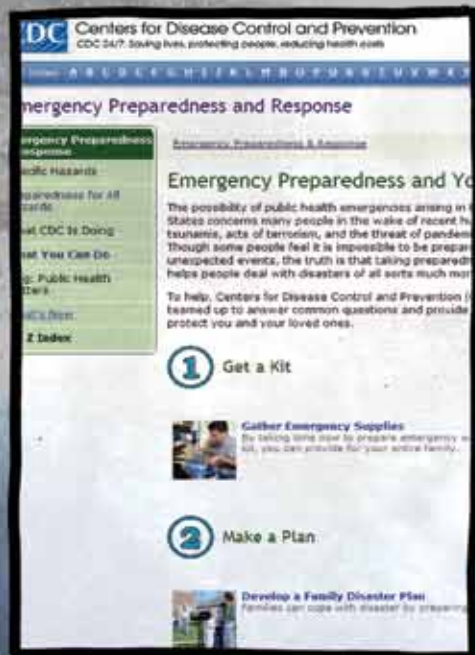
THEY ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING FAMILIES GATHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND MAKE PLANS IN CASE THEY ARE ASKED TO EVACUATE...



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, EVACUATION... WHAT'S GOING ON MAX?

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AT EMERGENCY.CDC.GOV.





NEXT, THE PAIR GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT.

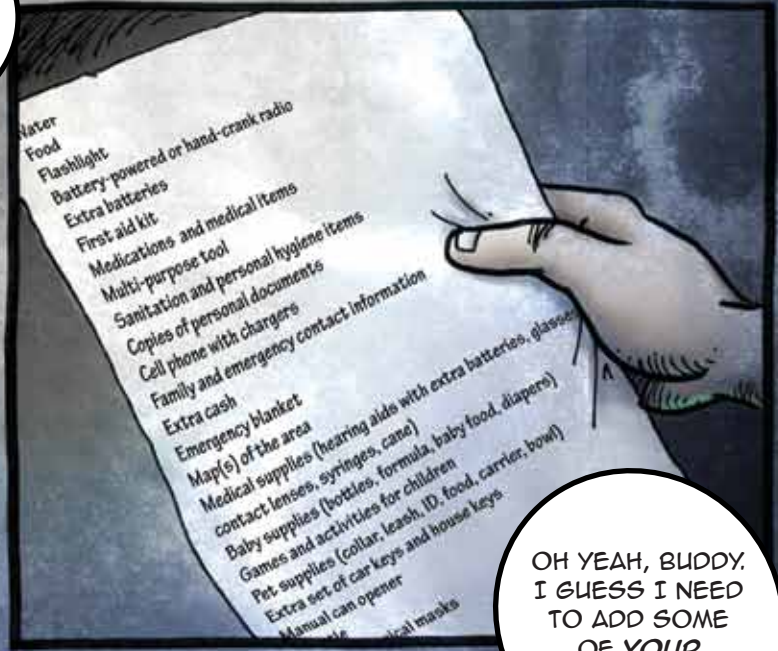


MAN I FORGOT I HAD THIS. IT USED TO BE MY DAD'S.



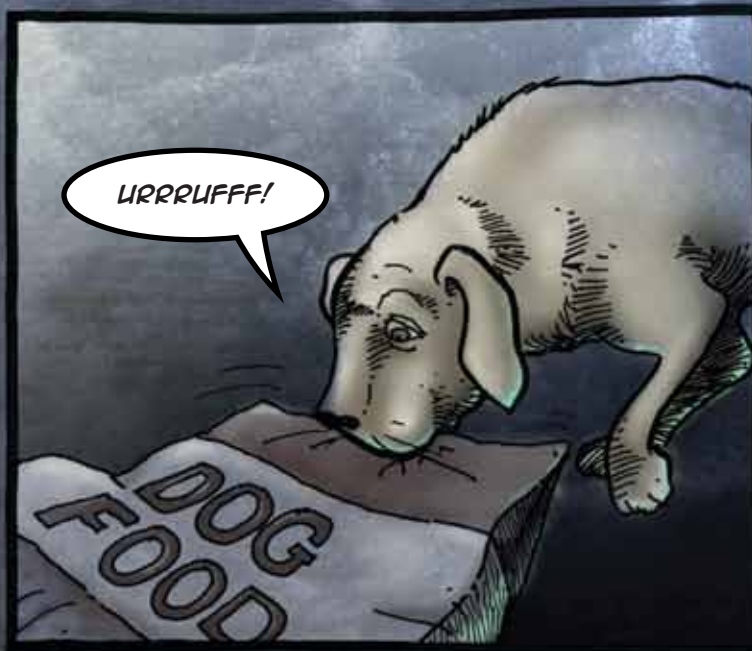
HE WAS ALWAYS LISTENING TO THE WEATHER REPORT WHEN STORMS CAME THROUGH. GUESS WE'LL ADD IT TO THE SUPPLIES!

WELL IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT ALMOST EVERYTHING, MAX... WATER, FOOD, RADIO, FLASHLIGHT...



OH YEAH, BUDDY, I GUESS I NEED TO ADD SOME OF YOUR STUFF TOO.

LRRRUFFFF!





WELL THAT SHOULD DO IT...



LET'S SEE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.



THUMP!

WOW, MAX... LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!



HUH?!

HUH?!



MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK FROM THE HORROR MOVIES MAX, I'M ACTING LIKE JULIE, JUMPING AT EVERY LITTLE NOISE.



MEEEEOOOOO WWR!

GRRRRR...

WHAT IN THE... ?!



LET'S SEE WHAT ALL THE RACKET IS ABOUT.



MEOOOWWWRR!!!

SNOWBALL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



PPFFTT!

RRRRRRR!



DID MRS. CLEMENTS LET YOU *OUT* AGAIN? YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO RUN OFF LIKE THAT.

MAX, LEAVE SNOWBALL ALONE!



RRRR!



JUST THEN THE DULL SOUND OF SHUFFLING AND MOANING CAN BE HEARD FROM OUTSIDE.

NOW WHAT?



UUUUUUUU!



HELLO... ?



UH... MRS. CLEMENTS... ?

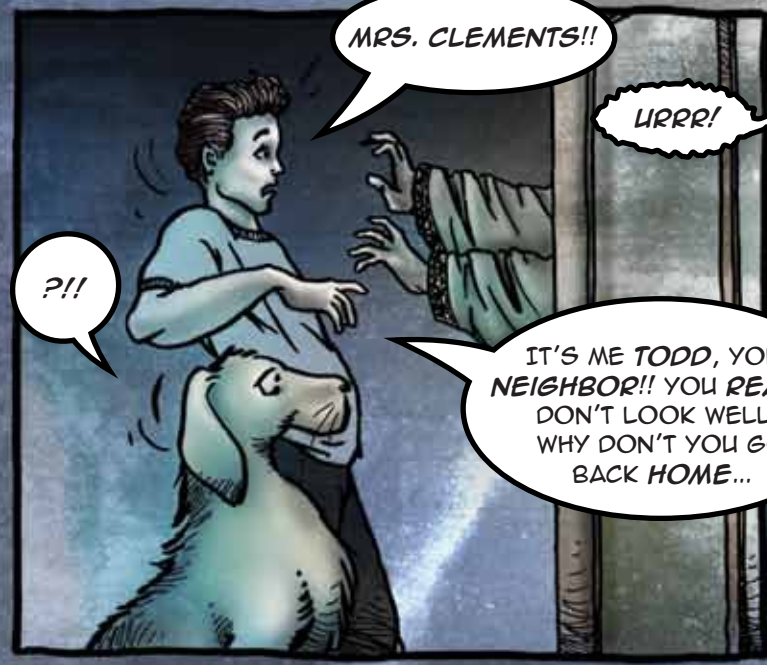


UH...
MRS.
CLEMENTS
YOU DON'T
LOOK SO
GOOD.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD
GO LIE DOWN AND
I'LL BRING SNOWBALL
BACK FOR YOU.



AAARGH!



MRS. CLEMENTS!!

URRR!

?!!

IT'S ME TODD, YOUR
NEIGHBOR!! YOU REALLY
DON'T LOOK WELL!!
WHY DON'T YOU GO
BACK HOME...

...AND I'LL BRING
SNOWBALL BY IN THE
MORNING!



RROWWR!!



URRK!

AAH!!

OKAY, MAYBE
NOT... !

GRRR!!



GARR!

LET GO!



LRRP!

LATER,
MRS. CLEMENTS!



SLAM!



LRRRM!
GRR..GLURP..!

TODD... ?

WHAT IN THE WORLD
IS GOING ON
DOWN THERE?



SOMETHING
WEIRD IS
HAPPENING!



I'M PRETTY
SURE MRS.
CLEMENTS
WAS TRYING
TO **ATTACK**
HER OWN
CAT, AND
SHE JUST
NEARLY
GOT ME!

NO, I'M **SERIOUS**
THERE'S A WEIRD
VIRUS GOING AROUND,
LOOK AT THE **NEWS**...



WHAT ON
EARTH ARE
YOU **TALKING**
ABOUT? MRS.
CLEMENTS IS
A **SWEET** OLD
LADY. SHE
WOULDN'T
HURT A **FLY**.
I THINK YOU
GOT A **LITTLE**
TOO INTO
THAT **MOVIE**.



QUARANTINE EFFORTS HERE IN RALEIGH HAVEN'T DONE MUCH TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS. OVER HALF THE CITY IS NOW INFECTED AND NEW CASES ARE SHOWING UP THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEAST.

BACK TO YOU IN THE STUDIO SAMANTHA.



THIS IS A VERY GRAVE AND DANGEROUS SITUATION. THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HAS ACTIVATED THE NATIONAL GUARD. THE GOVERNOR IS URGING EVERYONE WHO IS NOT SHOWING SYMPTOMS TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND KEEP THEIR DOORS LOCKED.



NEWS

THE CDC IS WORKING WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ON A VACCINE. UNTIL THEN... BUNKER DOWN AND DON'T GO OUTSIDE UNLESS YOU HAVE TO!



WHAT?!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID STUFF LIKE THIS ONLY HAPPENED IN THE MOVIES! WHAT IS GOING ON TODD?!



I DON'T KNOW BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE WE BETTER SIT TIGHT. MAX AND I GOT SOME SUPPLIES TOGETHER EARLIER.

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST SLEEP DOWN HERE TONIGHT.

TWEEP!

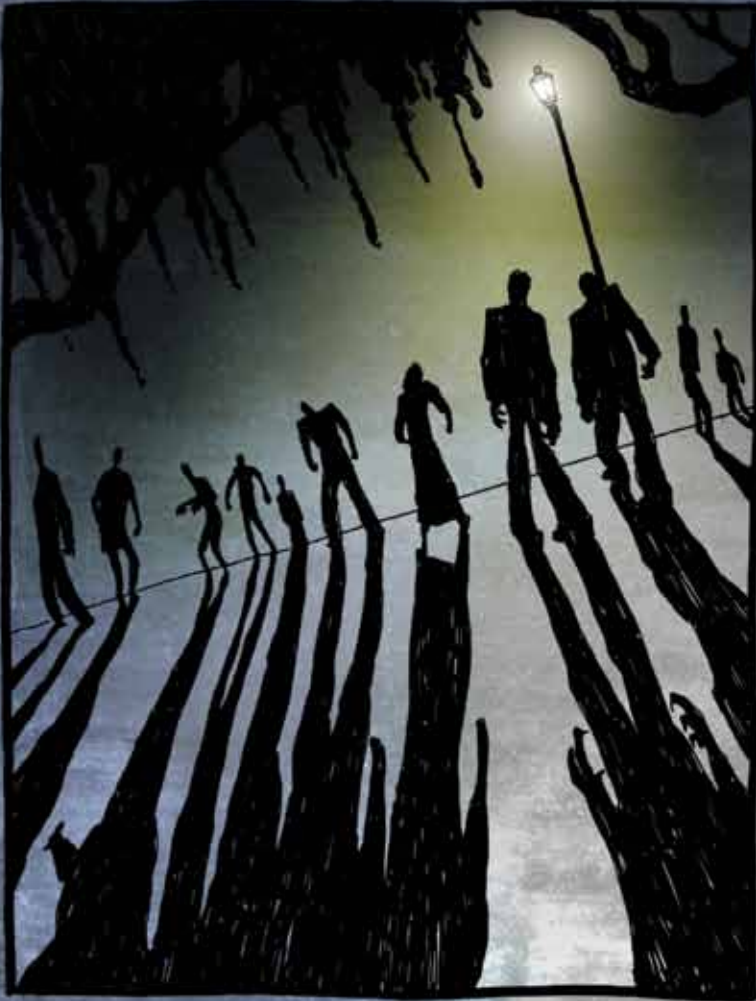


MINUTES LATER TODD AND JULIE HAVE SET UP SLEEPING BAGS AND TURNED ON THE RADIO.

...WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR DOZENS OF COUNTIES ABOUT STAYING INSIDE AND AREA HOSPITALS ARE BEING OVERRUN...



OH MY GOSH!





MAX, I THINK WE BETTER TURN ON THE TV...



NOTHING BUT *SNOW*. LET'S TRY THE RADIO...

UHM.. TODD... WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

STAY IN YOUR HOMES. DO NOT GO OUTSIDE. IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BEGIN SHOWING SYMPTOMS SUCH AS SLOWED MOVEMENT, SLURRED SPEECH, OR VIOLENT BEHAVIORS. ISOLATE THEM TO A SECURE AREA OF THE HOUSE. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHERE TO GO... STAY IN YOUR...



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TO BE CONTINUED...

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PART 2



SEVERAL DAYS LATER AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA...





EMERGING INFECTIOUS
DISEASES LABORATORY

DR. GREENE. I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO THE LAB...

AH, DR. CHANG...

HAVE WE *ISOLATED* THE SAMPLE FROM THE STATE YET?

YES, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SENT IT IN MONDAY AND WE'VE MANAGED TO MAP THE VIRUS' *DNA*...


INTERESTING... DO WE KNOW WHAT THE *SOURCE* IS?



BEEP!



IT APPEARS TO BE A *HIGHLY* MUTATED FORM OF THE FLU. THEY'VE LABELED IT *Z5N1*.



NO SIR... THE FIELD STAFF
ARE **STILL** TRYING TO INVESTIGATE
WHERE IT STARTED...

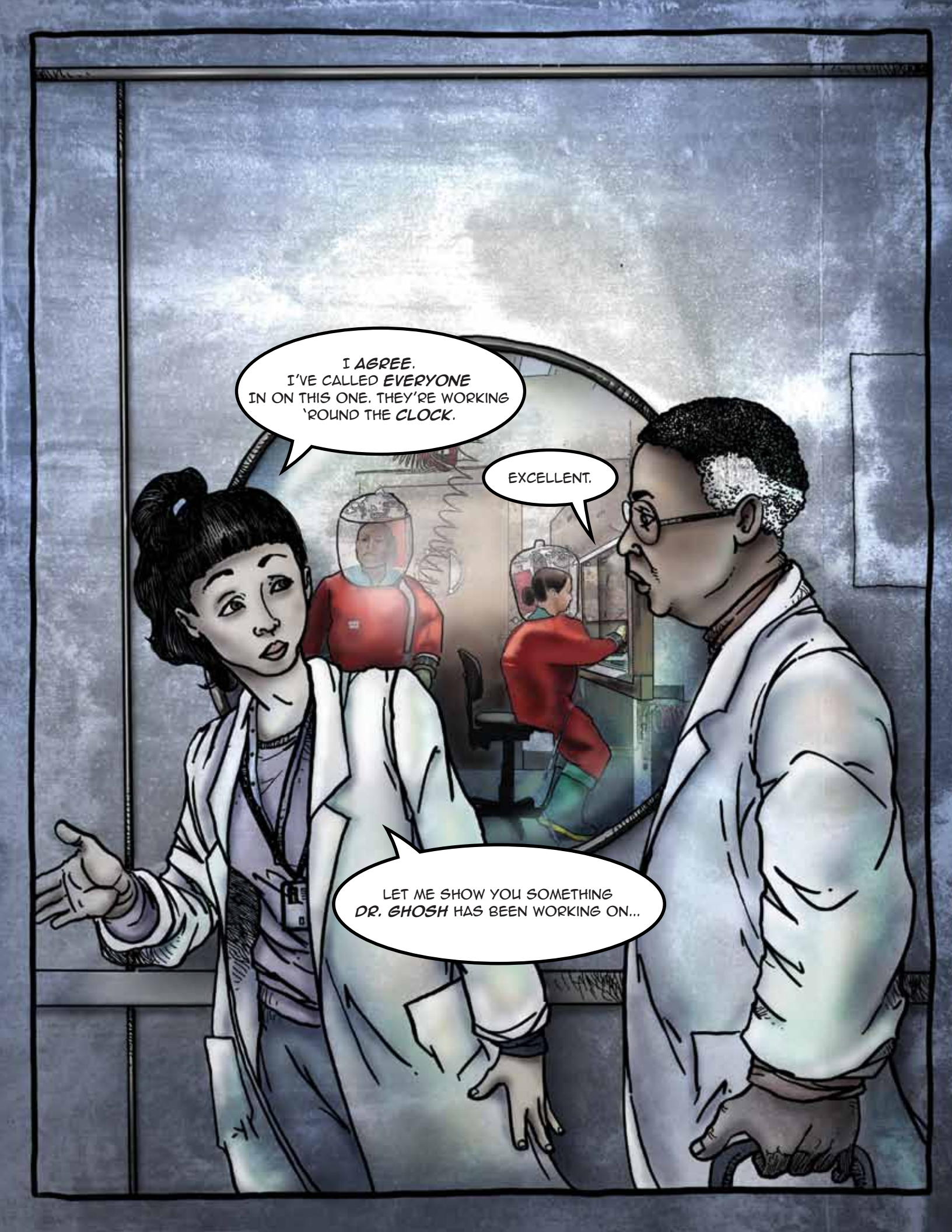


BUT SEVERAL OF *THEM* HAVE
NOW BECOME INFECTED.

THE ZOMBIE VIRUS
IS SPREADING
RAPIDLY INFECTING 21
PEOPLE FOR EVERY
INFECTED PERSON.



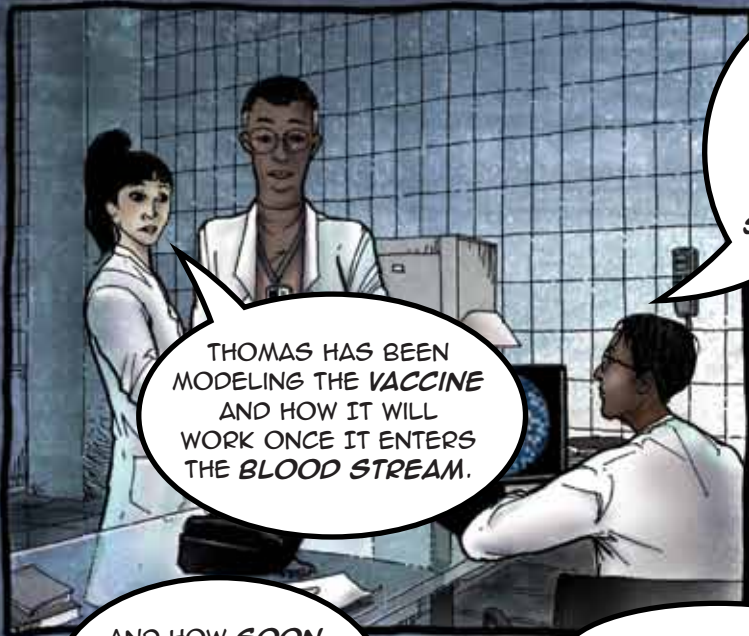
ALL THE *MORE* REASON TO GET
THIS VACCINE MADE... AND **FAST!**



I AGREE.
I'VE CALLED *EVERYONE*
IN ON THIS ONE. THEY'RE WORKING
'ROUND THE *CLOCK*.

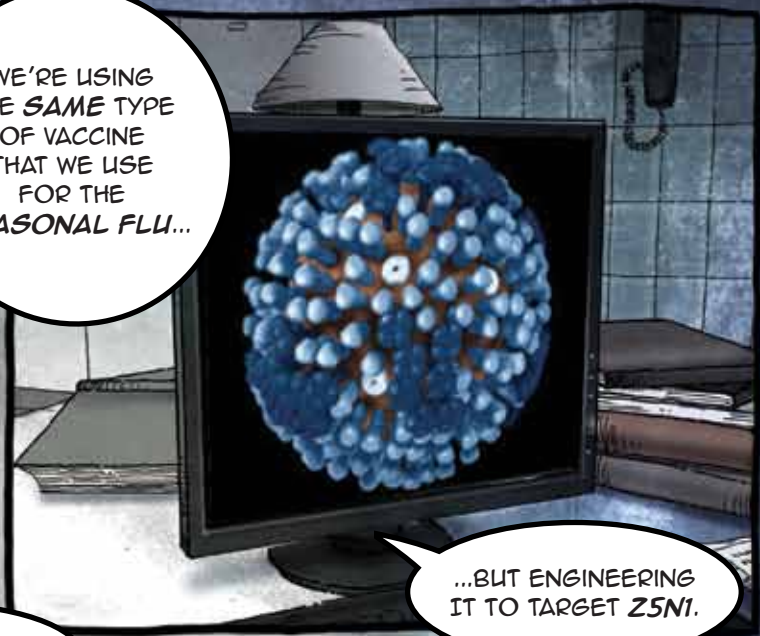
EXCELLENT.

LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING
DR. GHOSH HAS BEEN WORKING ON...



THOMAS HAS BEEN MODELING THE VACCINE AND HOW IT WILL WORK ONCE IT ENTERS THE BLOOD STREAM.

WE'RE USING THE SAME TYPE OF VACCINE THAT WE USE FOR THE SEASONAL FLU...



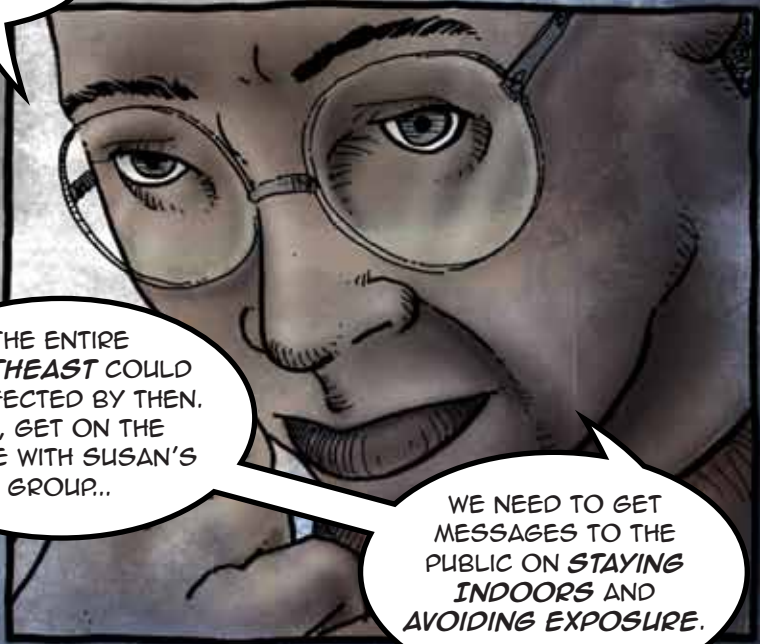
...BUT ENGINEERING IT TO TARGET Z5N1.

AND HOW SOON WILL WE BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THIS VACCINE?

ANOTHER WEEK?!!



IT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK TO GET THE FIRST BATCH OUT.



THE ENTIRE SOUTHEAST COULD BE INFECTED BY THEN. KIM, GET ON THE PHONE WITH SUSAN'S GROUP...

WE NEED TO GET MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC ON STAYING INDOORS AND AVOIDING EXPOSURE.



I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, DR. GREENE.

NO, SIR...

THOMAS, HAVE YOU TALKED TO STOCKPILE, YET?



BUT THEY NEED TO START MOVING SUPPLIES OUT TO THE STATES AS SOON AS THE VACCINE IS READY.

INDEED, THEY'RE GOING TO BE BUSY. I'LL MAKE A CALL TO HUDSON AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT'S COMING.



YES, THIS IS DR. KHAN. NO, TELL CNN I'LL CALL THEM BACK LATER...

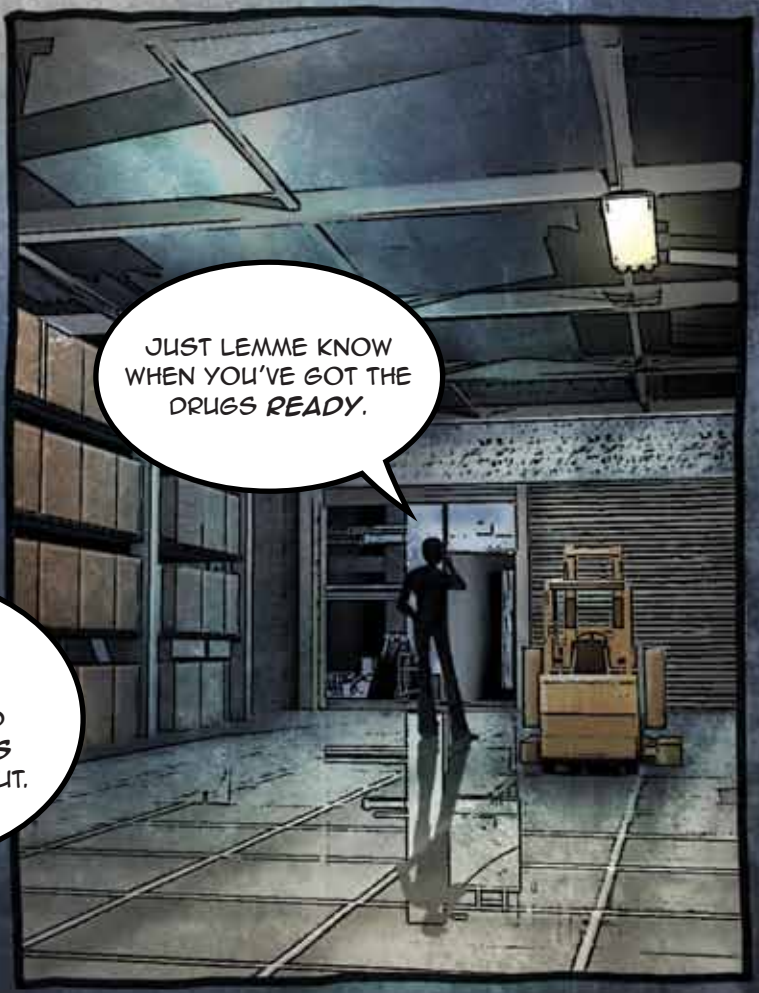
STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE... HUDSON SPEAKING.

HUDSON, IT'S GREENE, TIME TO ROUND UP THE TROOPS.



WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A VACCINE READY TO GO IN A WEEK AND WE'LL NEED YOUR TEAM TO SHIP OUT ALL THE MEDS AND SUPPLIES THAT GO WITH IT.

ROGER THAT. I'LL SEND THE ALERT OUT TO THE STATES AND GET THE TRUCKS READY TO SHIP OUT.



JUST LEMME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE DRUGS READY.

MEANWHILE BACK AT TODD AND JULIE'S...

WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF **FOOD**. IT'S BEEN ALMOST A **WEEK**, TODD, AND WE HAVEN'T LEFT THE **HOUSE!**

SOMETHING'S ON THE RADIO...

...CONTINUES TO SPREAD. CDC IS URGING EVERYONE TO PRACTICE ISOLATION. STAY IN YOUR HOMES. IF YOU MUST LEAVE, GO DIRECTLY TO A DESIGNATED SAFE ZONE.

VACCINES WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE SAFE ZONES AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY. STAY TUNED FOR A LIST OF SAFE ZONES IN YOUR AREA...

DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE **FOOD** AT ONE OF THESE SAFE ZONES?

WE NEED TO GET SOME **FOOD!**

THEY **MUST**. WHY ELSE WOULD THEY TELL PEOPLE TO GO THERE?

SPAULDING ELEMENTARY, MLK COMMUNITY CENTER AND JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL. PETS ARE WELCOME AT LEE ELEMENTARY IN WAYNE COUNTY...

ALRIGHT... BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF **HERE?**

THAT'S **US!** LEE ELEMENTARY... AND YOU CAN COME TOO, MAX!

RARF!





WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO MAKE A *RUN* FOR IT. THEY SEEM TO BE *SLOWER* IN THE DAYTIME...

...AND THE *CAR'S* NOT TOO FAR AWAY.



ALRIGHT, LET'S PACK A COUPLE BAGS AND GET *MOVING!* IT'S GOING TO BE DARK SOON AND I DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK *OUTSIDE* WITH THOSE THINGS!



I'VE GOT WATER, THE LAST OF THE FOOD, A BLANKET, FLASHLIGHT AND THE RADIO...

LET ME GET MAX'S LEASH ON AND I THINK WE'RE *READY.*



THE COAST IS ALMOST CLEAR. THERE'S *ONE* ZOMBIE JUST PASSING THE DRIVEWAY...

OKAY, AS SOON AS THIS GUY GETS OUT OF THE WAY, I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TO GO.

RRRRRR!

AND YOU GOTTA *RUN!*



GO! GO! GO!

OH TODD...
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
I THINK THEY'VE
SEEN US!



OKAY, MAX IS
IN THE BACK.
HURRY, TODD!

OH MAN,
SOME OF THEM
ARE HEADED
THIS WAY!



COME ON, GIRL...
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

PAT! PAT!
PAT! PAT!

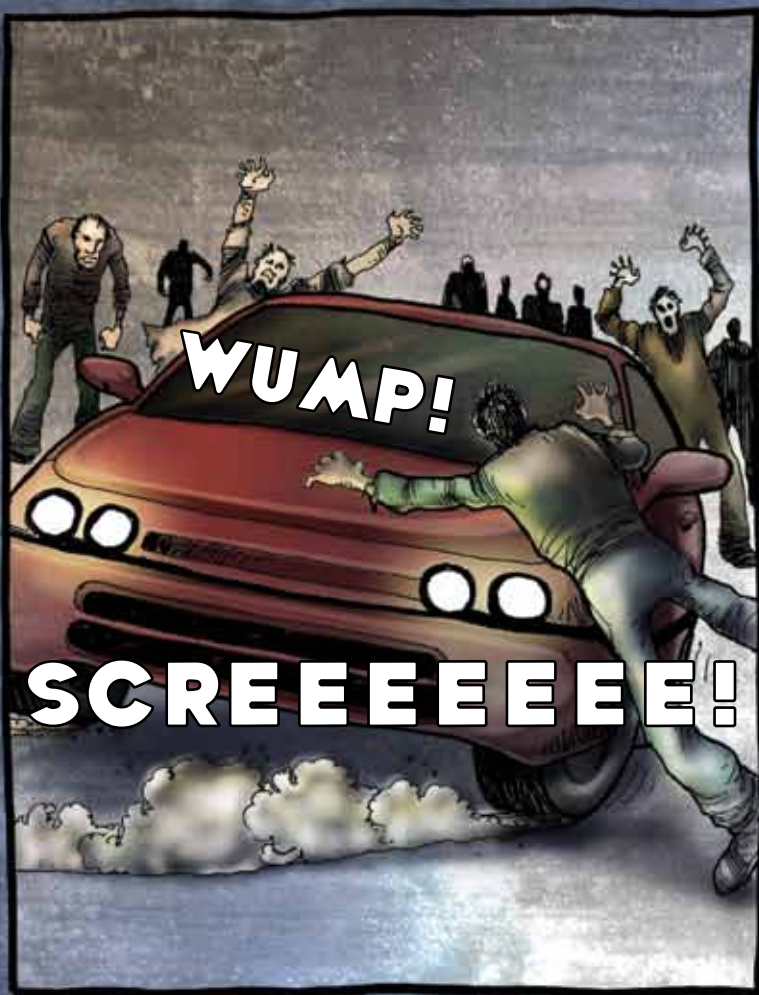
BE SURE YOUR
DOOR'S LOCKED!



EEEE!!!
TODD!
GOOOOOOO!!!

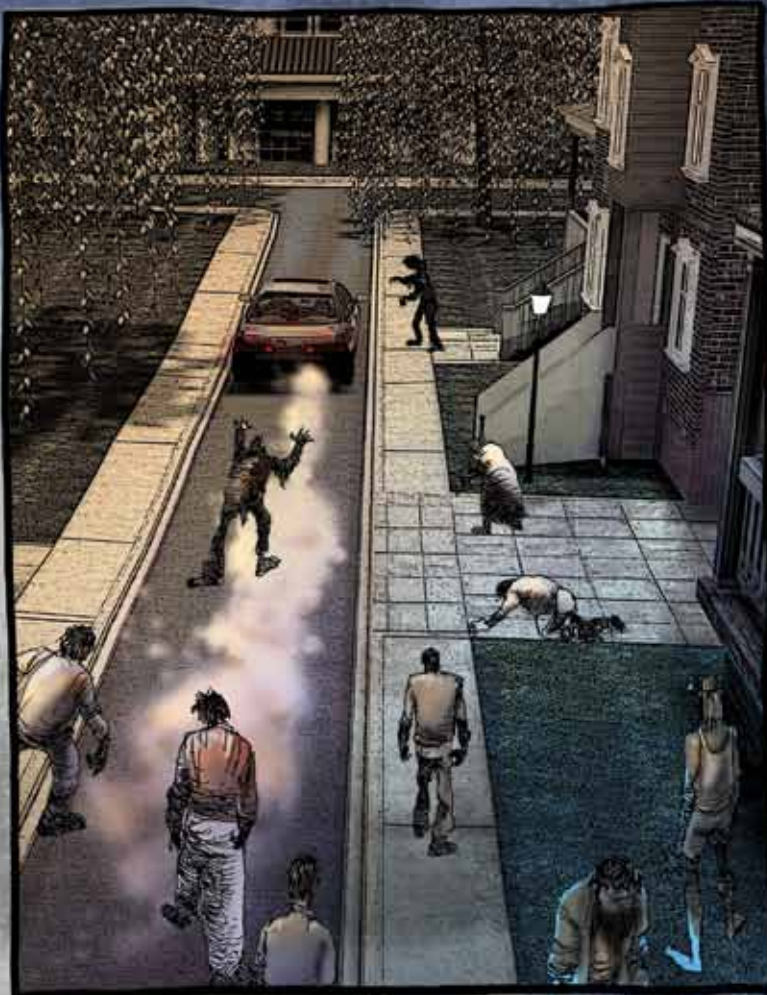
THUMP!

GARRR!



WUMP!

SCREEEEEEEE!



UH OH... THE *FUEL LIGHT* JUST CAME ON! HOW FAR AWAY IS THAT SCHOOL?

WHAT? YOU'RE OUT OF GAS? WE'VE GOT 10 MILES TO GO AND IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK!



WELL... WE BETTER DRIVE *FAST* AND TAKE *CHANCES!*

SCREEEEEEEE!

DO ME A FAVOR AND TRY *NOT* TO HIT ANY THEM... ?

JULIE, TODD AND MAX RACE THROUGH TOWN TO REACH THE SAFE ZONE...

THE STREETS ARE EMPTY!

I GUESS MOST OF THEM GO INTO *HIDING* DURING DAYLIGHT.

YOU FOLKS MADE IT JUST IN TIME. WE **LOCK UP** AT DUSK AND DON'T RE-OPEN UNTIL THE MORNING.

GO ON INSIDE, GET SCREENED, SIGNED IN AND THEY'LL GIVE YOU SOME FOOD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP.

WE MADE IT!
LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
WHAT A *SIGHT* FOR SORE EYES!

PUTT!

KPUTT!

PUTT!

PUTT!

AND JUST IN *TIME*...
THE CAR'S SPUTTERING OUT.

NOTICE

BY ORDER OF THE
WAYNE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:
ALL PERSONS WISHING
TO ENTER THE SAFE
ZONE, MUST BE
SCREENED PRIOR TO
ENTRY.

I'M NURSE EVANS... JUST FOLLOW ME SO WE CAN GET YOU BOTH SCREENED WITH A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST.



TODD, JULIE AND MAX FOLLOW THE NURSE TO THE MAKE-SHIFT LAB THAT HAS BEEN SET UP...



LATER, HAVING BEEN SCREENED FOR THE VIRUS, JULIE AND TODD ARE CLEARED AND ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GYMNASIUM WHICH HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A SHELTER...



OKAY, MAX, LET'S SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE.



...CDC SHIPPED OUT ITS FIRST SUPPLY OF VACCINES AGAINST THIS NOVEL VIRUS THAT HAS BEEN RAVAGING THE NATION. THE FIRST ROUND SHOULD REACH SAFE ZONES AS EARLY AS THIS EVENING...



WHAT?!

WE'RE SAVED?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

VACCINES?!

HEY FOLKS, THE VACCINES ARE ON THEIR WAY!

YAYY!!



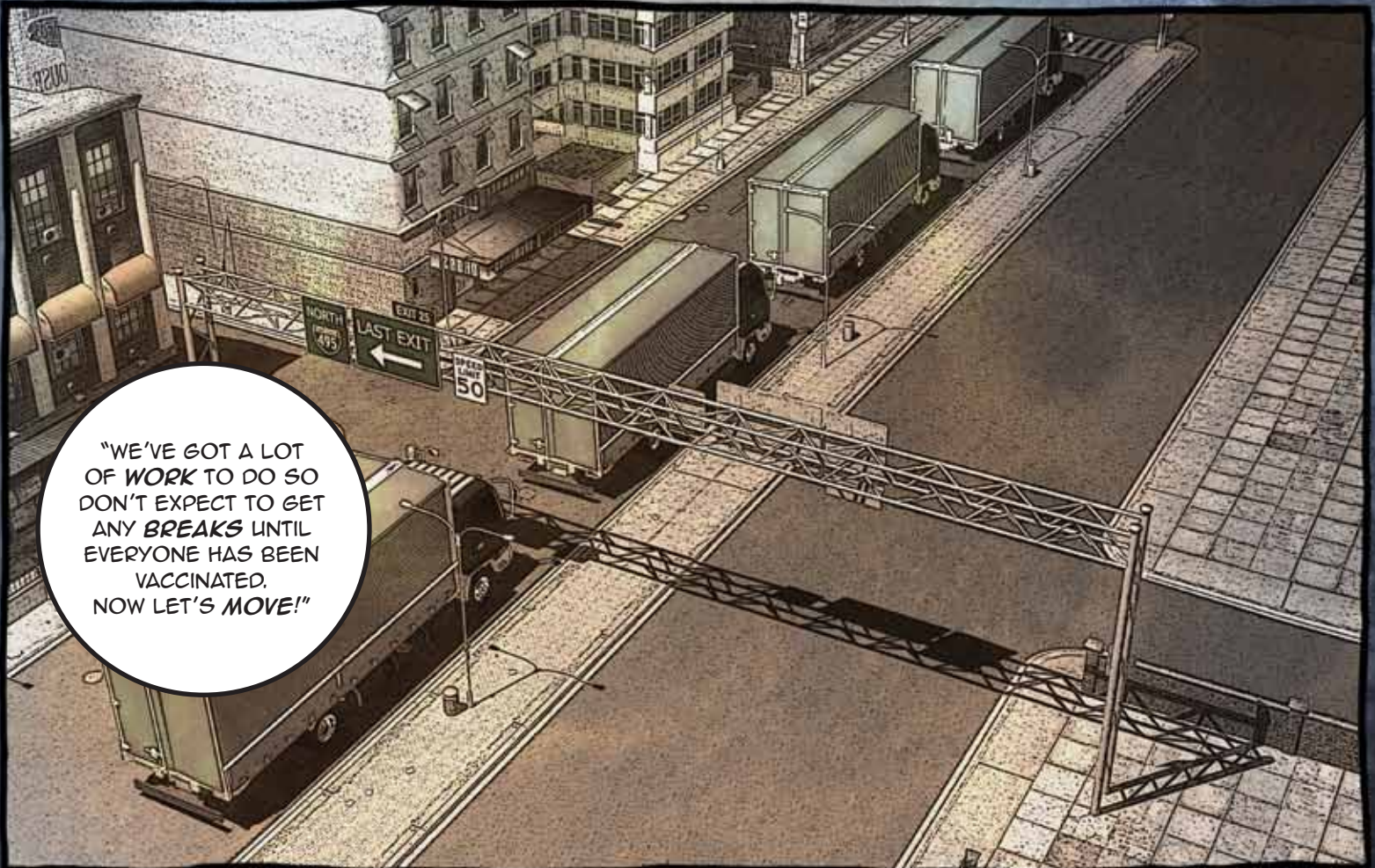
WHILE THE SHELTER ERUPTS IN CHEERS, HUGS AND TEARS OF RELIEF... OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL'S PROTECTIVE FENCE, SHADY FIGURES ARE CLOSING IN...



MEANWHILE BACK AT THE NATIONAL STOCKPILE WAREHOUSE...

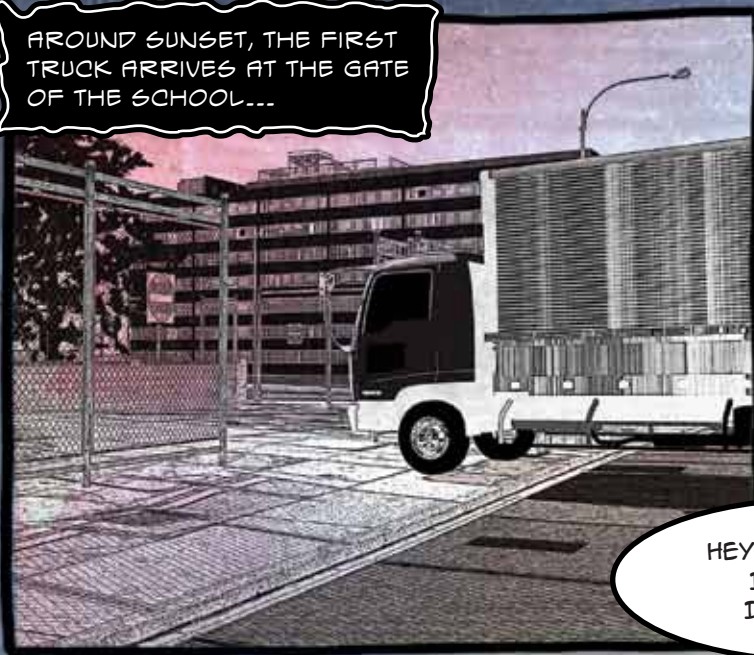
ALRIGHT FOLKS, LISTEN UP... AT 0600 WE START SHIPPING OUT THE FIRST ROUND OF VACCINE AND SUPPLIES TO THE STATES...

FROM THERE THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS WILL DIVVY UP THE SUPPLIES AND TAKE THEM TO THE VARIOUS POINTS OF DISPENSING.



"WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO SO DON'T EXPECT TO GET ANY BREAKS UNTIL EVERYONE HAS BEEN VACCINATED. NOW LET'S MOVE!"

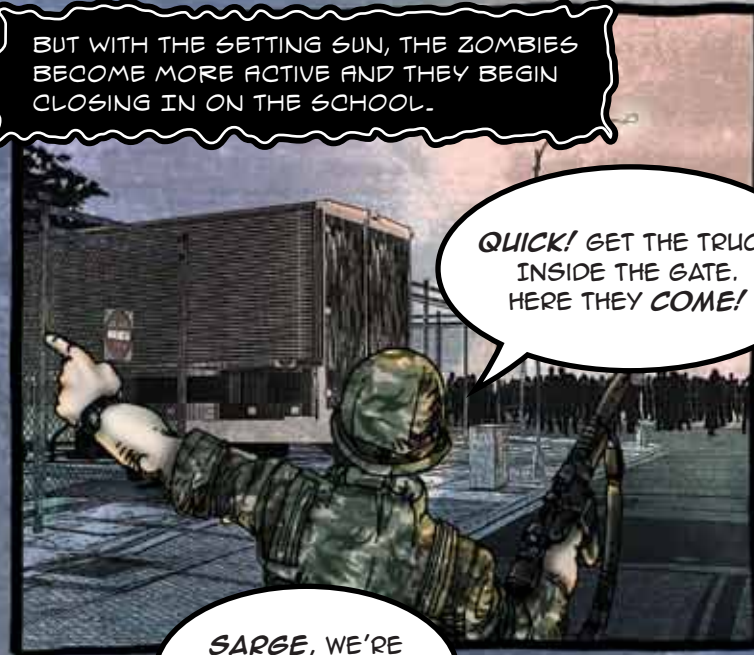
AROUND SUNSET, THE FIRST TRUCK ARRIVES AT THE GATE OF THE SCHOOL...



HEY EVERYBODY...
IT'S HERE!
IT'S HERE!



BUT WITH THE SETTING SUN, THE ZOMBIES BECOME MORE ACTIVE AND THEY BEGIN CLOSING IN ON THE SCHOOL.



QUICK! GET THE TRUCK
INSIDE THE GATE.
HERE THEY COME!

SARGE, WE'RE
GONNA GET
OVER-RUN!

GAARRR!!

WE CAN'T JUST SHOOT
THEM. THESE ARE OUR
FELLOW CITIZENS!



THE ZOMBIE HORDE SURROUNDS AND OVERPOWERS THE GUARDS THEN BEGINS TO BREAK INTO THE SCHOOL, SMASHING WINDOWS AND DOORS...



...HEADING FOR THE
CROWDED SHELTER
IN THE GYMNASIUM!

GLURP!

ARRGH!

OH MY GOSH!
HERE THEY COME!!!
RUN!

BACK IN THE GYM, PEOPLE ARE CHATTERING HAPPILY WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY HEAR GLASS BREAKING.

ALL OF A SUDDEN ZOMBIES BREAK THROUGH THE WINDOWS AND DOORS AND BEGIN STREAMING IN.

MASS PANIC ENSUES AS EVERYONE REALIZES THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN!!!



TODD,
WHAT DO WE DO?

RUN TO THE LAB
AREA, MAYBE
THERE'S A WAY OUT!

GRAAARGH!

TODD,
LOOK OUT!!!

NOOOOOOO!!!





WHOA!



ROWF!
ROWF!

MAX... ?

WHERE... ?



ROWF!
ROWF!



WOW... IT WAS ALL
JUST A DREAM... ?

TODD!



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS
GOING ON
DOWN
THERE?



KRAK-BOOM!



THUNDERSTORM'S
COMING...

HUH?
OH... UHH...
I WAS JUST
HAVING A BAD
DREAM. I DREAMT
THE COUNTRY HAD
BEEN TAKEN OVER
BY ZOMBIES...
AND THEY
ALMOST GOT US!



UGH! YOU AND YOUR
SCARY MOVIES. SEE,
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN ALL YOU WATCH
HORROR FILMS!



WHAT'S THAT
ON THE TV?

COME ON,
I THINK WE
BETTER GET TO
THE BASEMENT.
THIS LOOKS
LIKE A BAD
STORM.

TURNING OFF THE TV, TODD AND JULIE HEAD DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

SOMETHING THAT COULD COME IN REAL HANDY...

WOW... THAT OLD THING STILL WORKS!

WAYNE? HEY, THAT'S US... TURN IT UP!

...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING IN EFFECT FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: PRINCE GEORGES, BARTOW, WAYNE...

THIS! I FORGOT WE HAD IT.

IT USED TO BE MY DAD'S.


I'VE BEEN THINKING... WE SHOULD REALLY MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENED.

WHAT IF WE WERE STUCK IN THE HOUSE OR HAD TO EVACUATE?

WE NEED TO HAVE A PLAN!

OK, BUT I'M SERIOUS... I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT.

I HEAR YA!

A dark, stormy night scene. In the background, a large, multi-story house with a prominent brick section and a turret is visible. The sky is dark with a bright lightning bolt striking down. In the foreground, a black cat with glowing yellow eyes sits on a sidewalk. The overall mood is mysterious and ominous.

AS SOON AS THIS
STORM PASSES, WE
CAN MAKE *ALL* THE KITS
AND PLANS YOU WANT.

BUT *NEXT* TIME,
I'M PICKING THE MOVIE.

MEEW!

THE END?

We hope you enjoyed reading this fictional story. It's meant to be both educational and entertaining. Now that you've seen the importance of being prepared, take the time to put together an emergency kit with the items included in the checklist on the following page.

You'll be ready for any kind of disaster, even zombies.

ALL-HAZARDS EMERGENCY KIT

Assemble the following items to create a kit for your home, office, school, or vehicle:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day
- Food—nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items (minimum 3 day supply)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit (whistle, antibiotic ointment, bandages, face masks, gloves and reference book)
- Medications (7 day supply and medicinal dispensers if necessary)
- Multipurpose supplies (wrench, pliers, plastic sheet, duct tape, scissors, matches)
- Sanitation/personal hygiene items and bleach
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with charger
- Family Disaster Plan (family and emergency contact information)
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket, extra clothes, sleeping bag (1 for each person)
- Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit.

Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Specific medical supplies (hearing aids/extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/phpr



