




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

CLICK



NEWS



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

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

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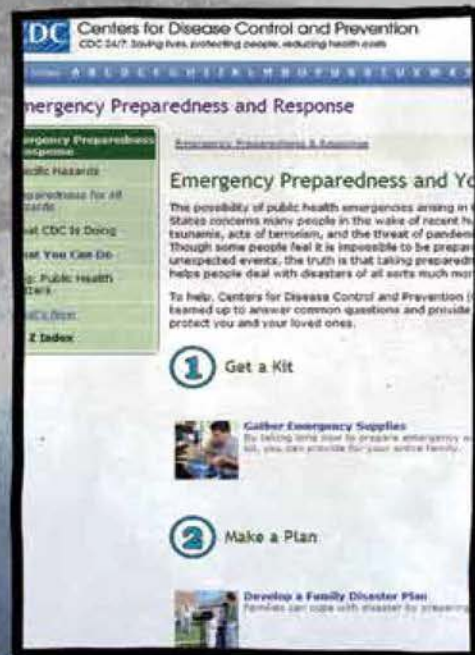
HUH?!

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

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?



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...

Water
Food
Flashlight
Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
Extra batteries
First aid kit
Medications and medical items
Multi-purpose tool
Sanitation and personal hygiene items
Copies of personal documents
Cell phone with chargers
Family and emergency contact information
Extra cash
Emergency blanket
Map(s) of the area
Medical supplies (hearing aids with 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)
Extra set of car keys and house keys
Manual can opener
Medical masks

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

Urrrrufff!

DOG
FOOD

DOG DOG DOG



THUMP!





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?



UUUURRRR!



HELLO... ?



UH... MRS. CLEMENTS... ?





GARR!

LET GO!



LATER,
MRS. CLEMENTS!

URP!



SLAM!

WHAT IN THE WORLD
IS GOING ON
DOWN THERE?



LURRRM!
GRR..GLURP...!

TODD... ?



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!

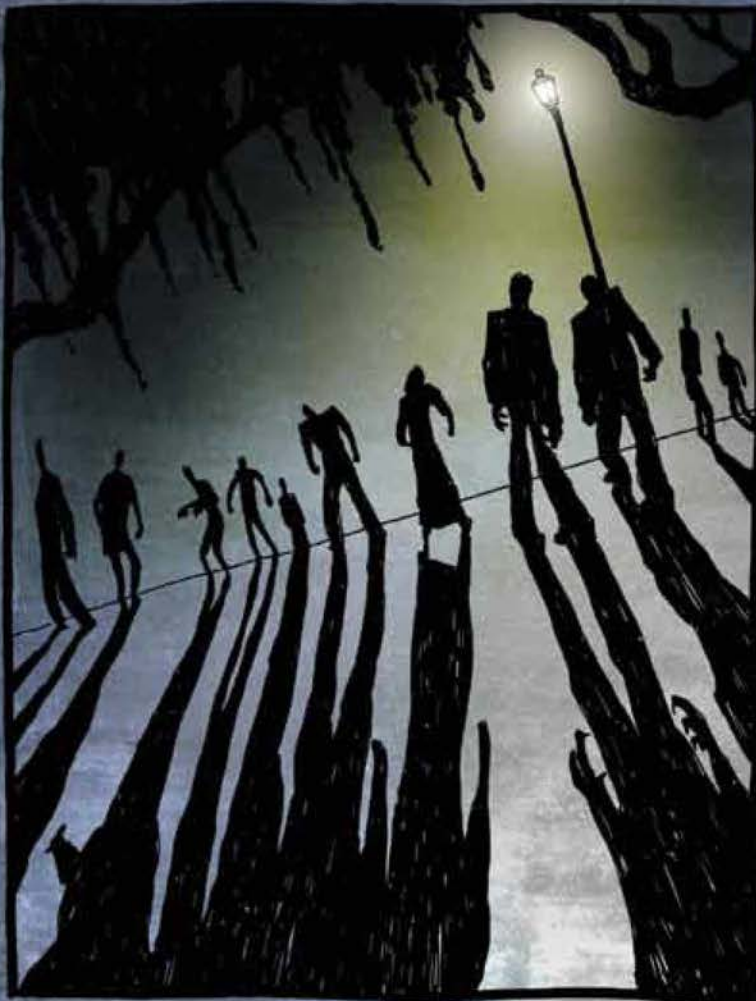


MINUTES LATER TODD AND JULIE HAVE SET UP SLEEPING BAGS AND TURNED ON THE RADIO.

...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

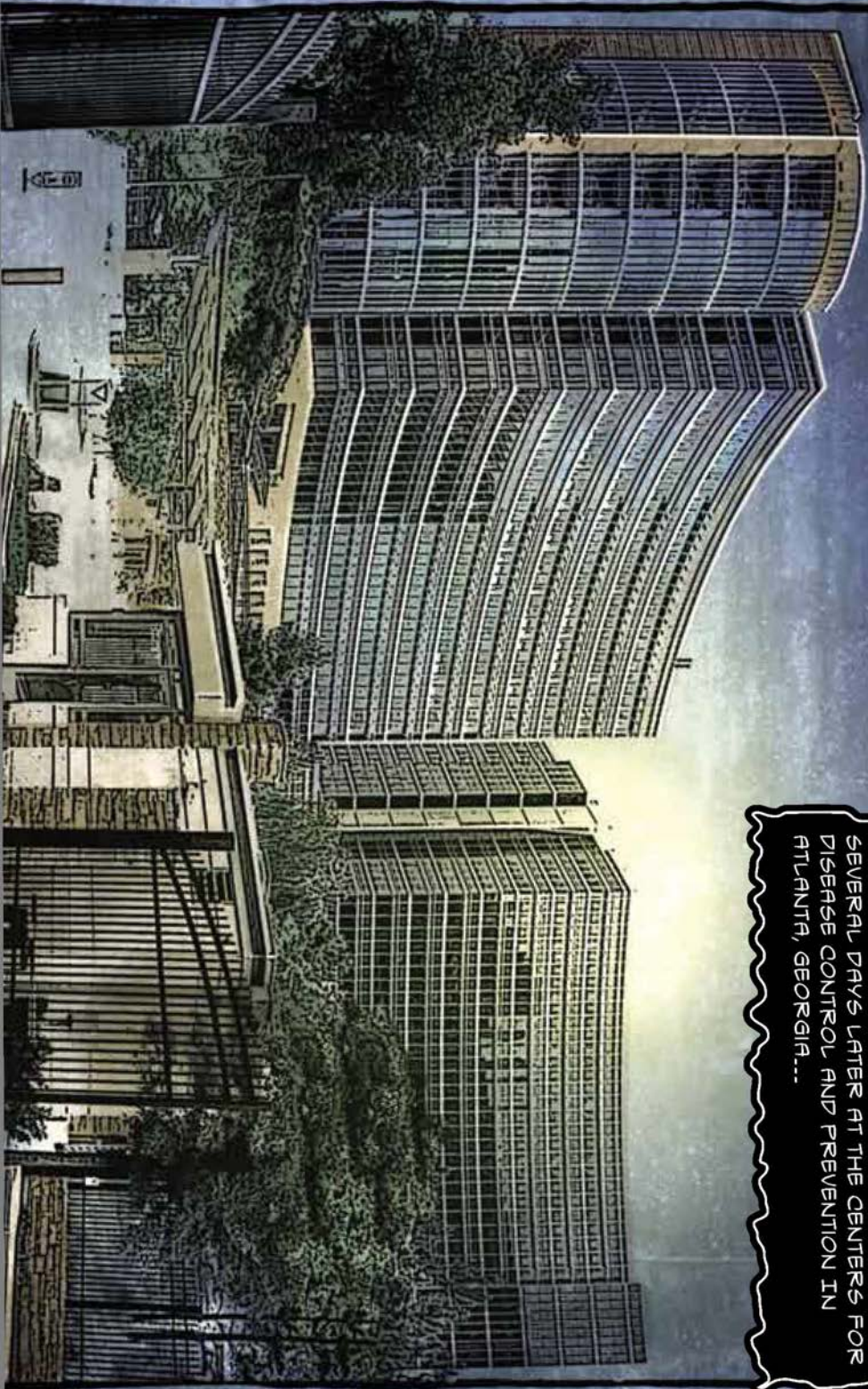




CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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





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?

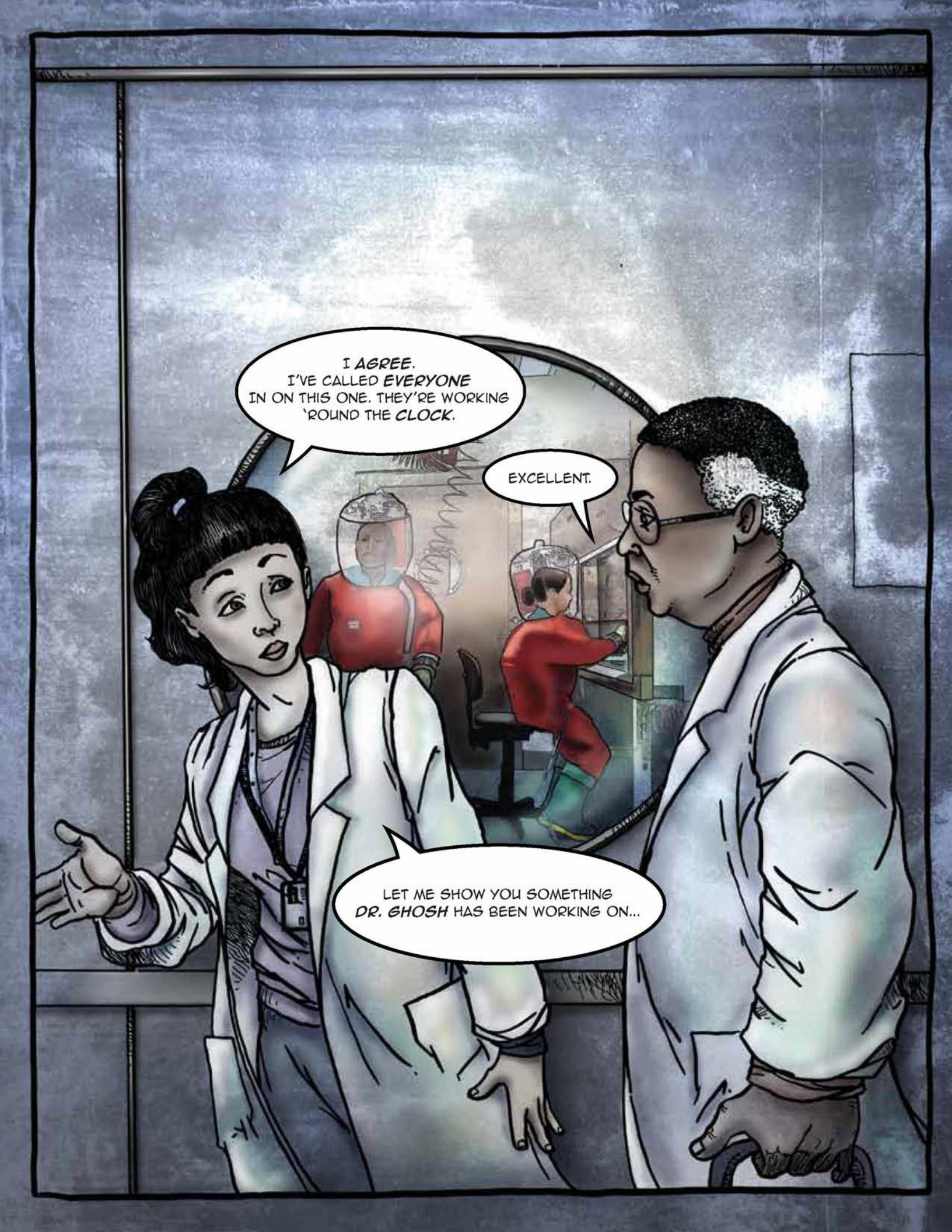


BEEP!



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

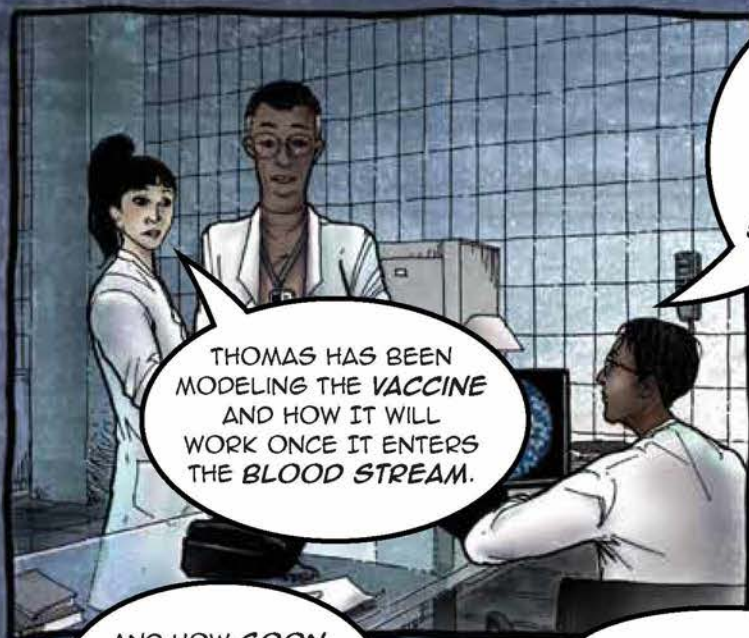




I AGREE.
I'VE CALLED *EVERYONE*
IN ON THIS ONE. THEY'RE WORKING
'ROUND THE *CLOCK*.

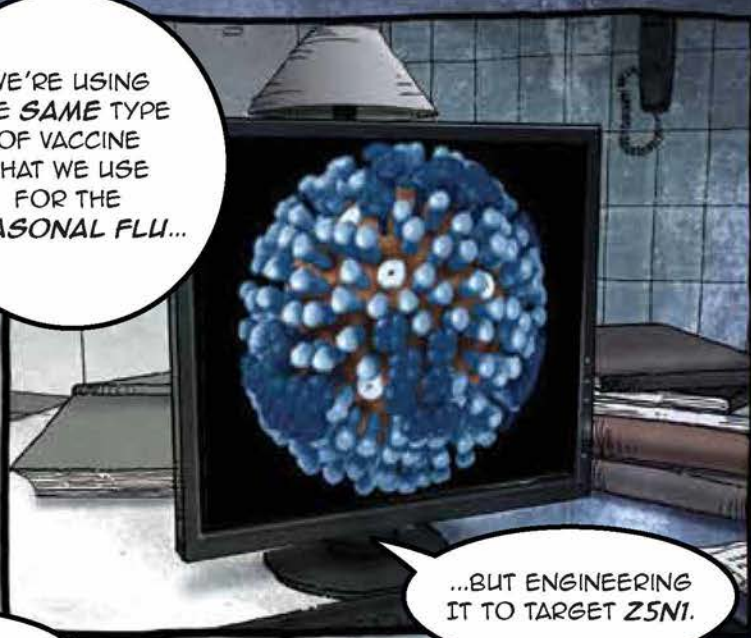
EXCELLENT.

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**.

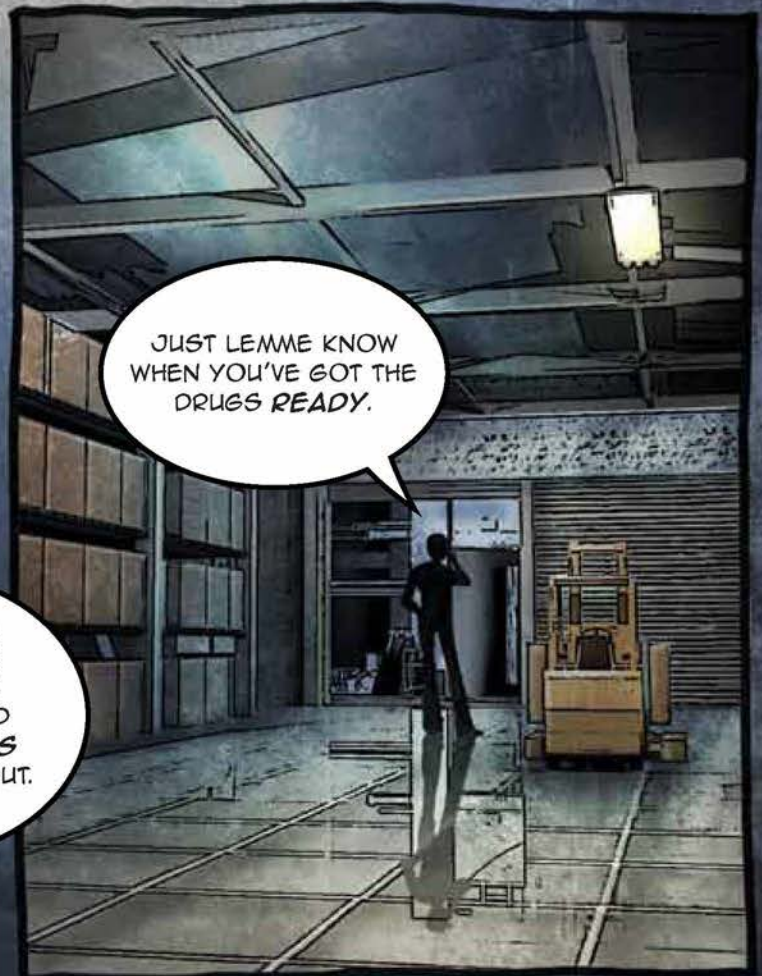
NO, **SIR**...

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**.





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?

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

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

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.

RRRRRRR!

AND YOU GOTTA
RUN!

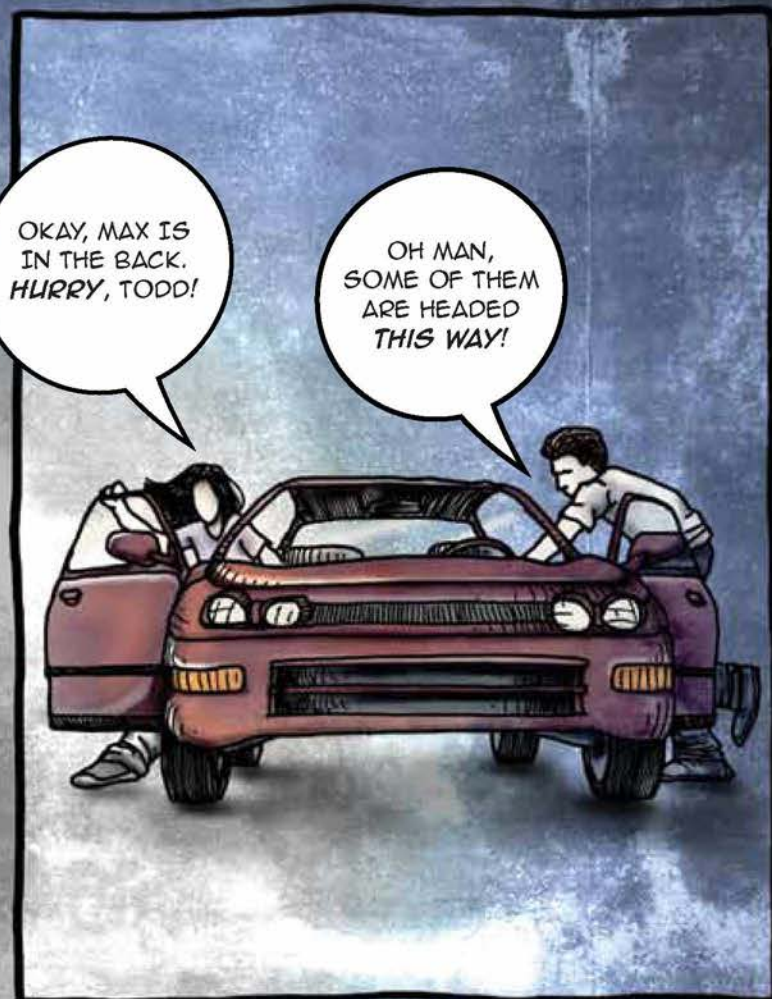


GO! GO! GO!

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!

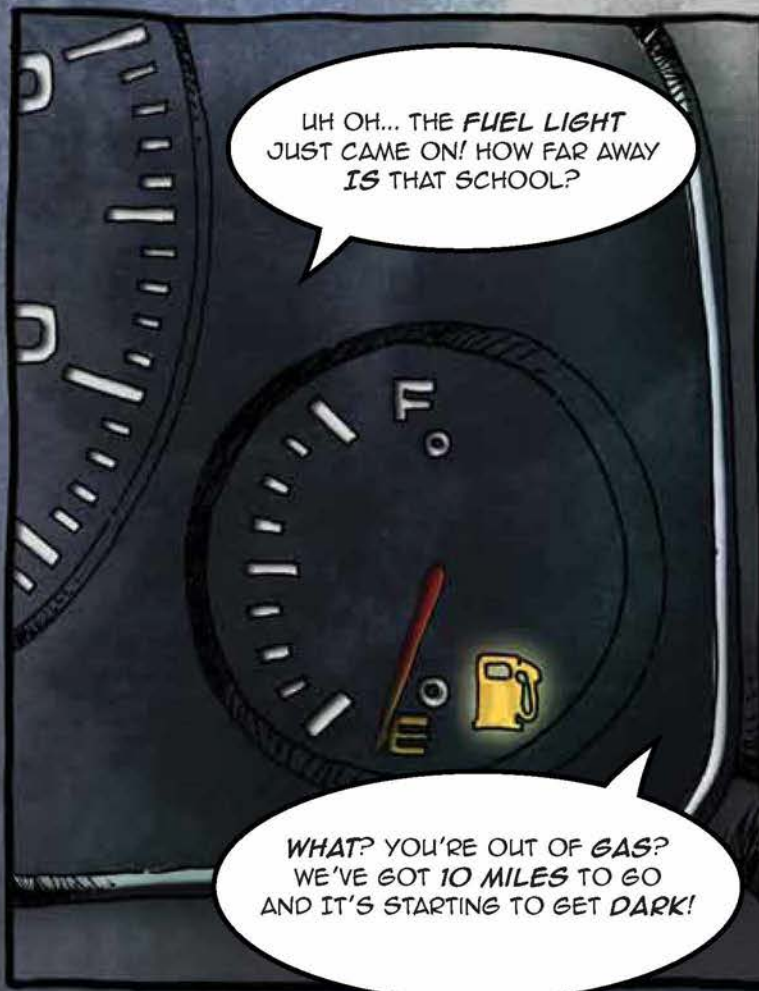
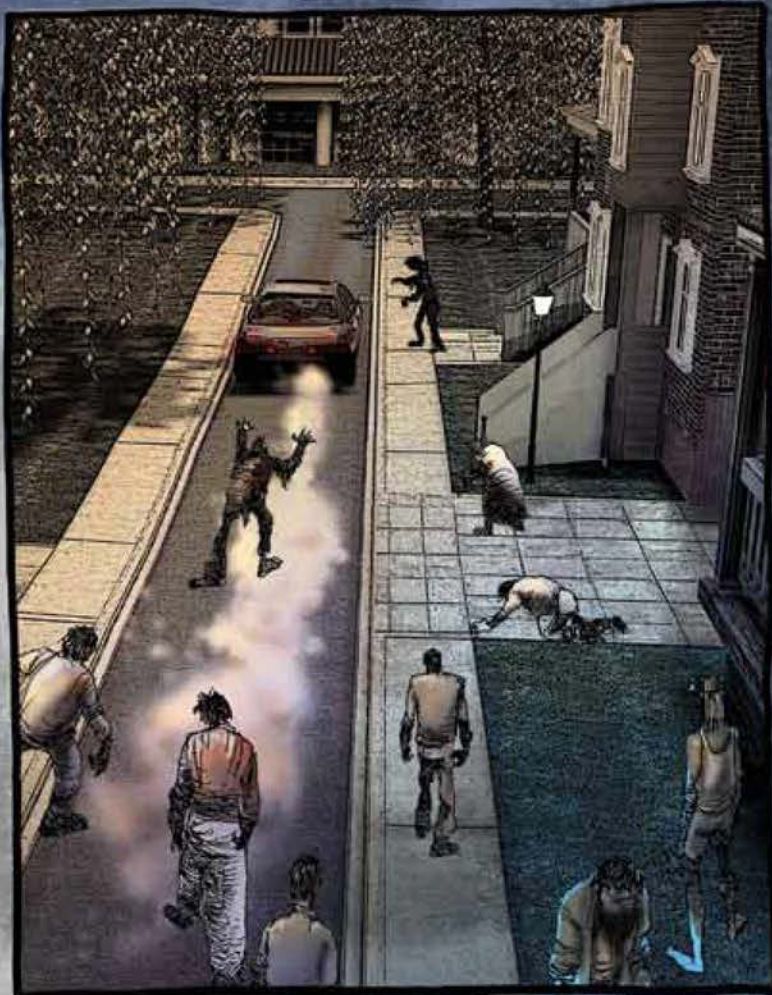
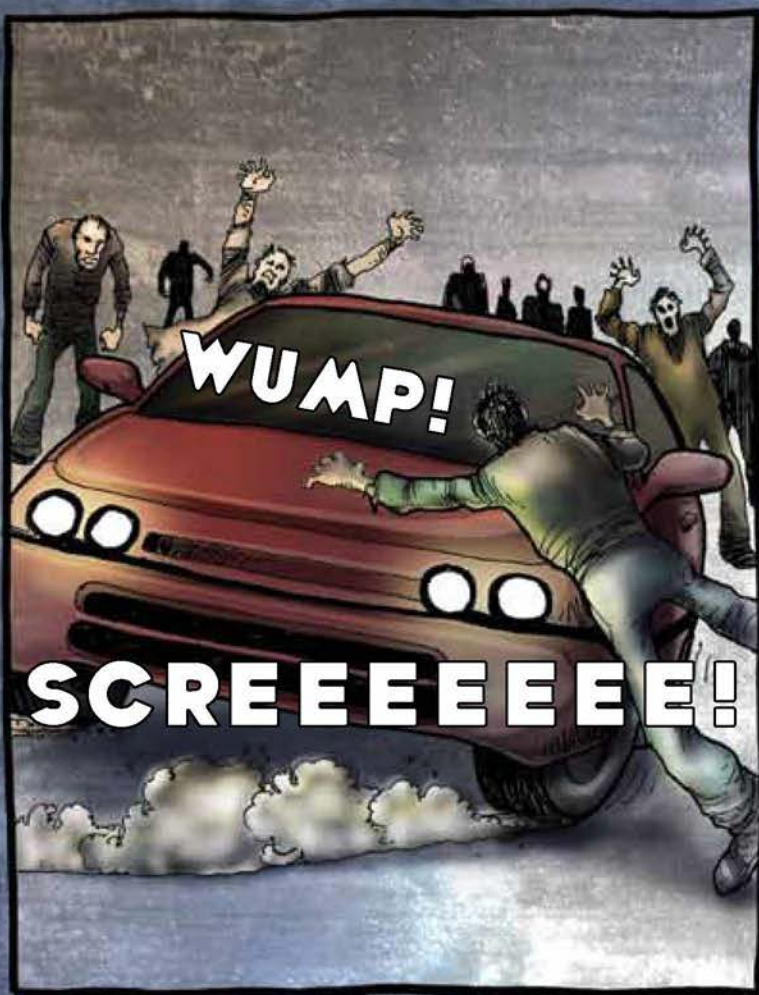
BE SURE YOUR
DOOR'S LOCKED!



EEEE!!!
TODD!
GOOOOOOOO!!!

THUMP!

GARRR!



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!

PUTT!

PUTT!

KPUTT!

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!

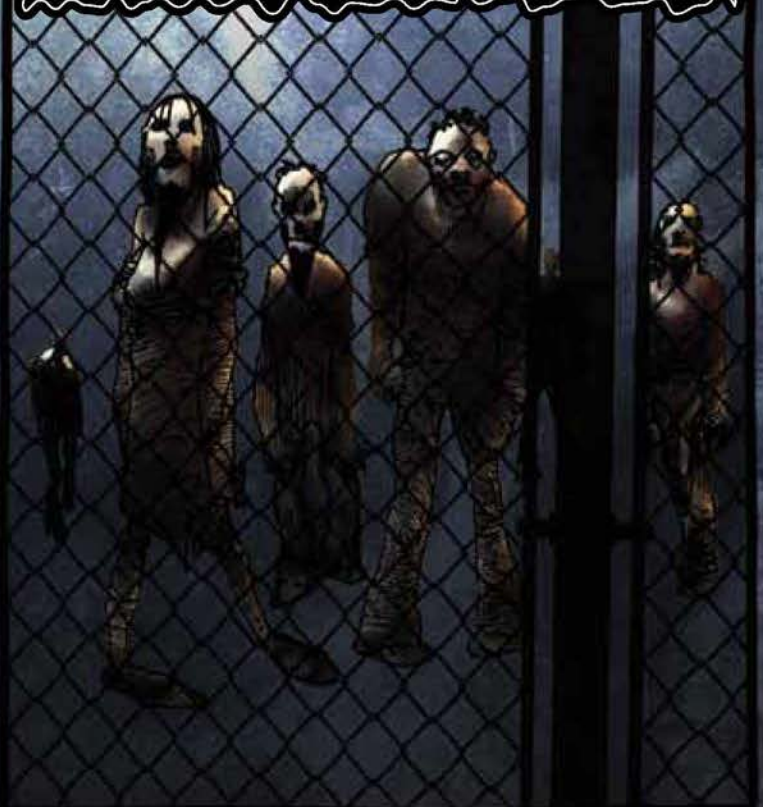
VACCINES?!

HEY FOLKS, THE
VACCINES ARE ON
THEIR WAY!

YAY!!



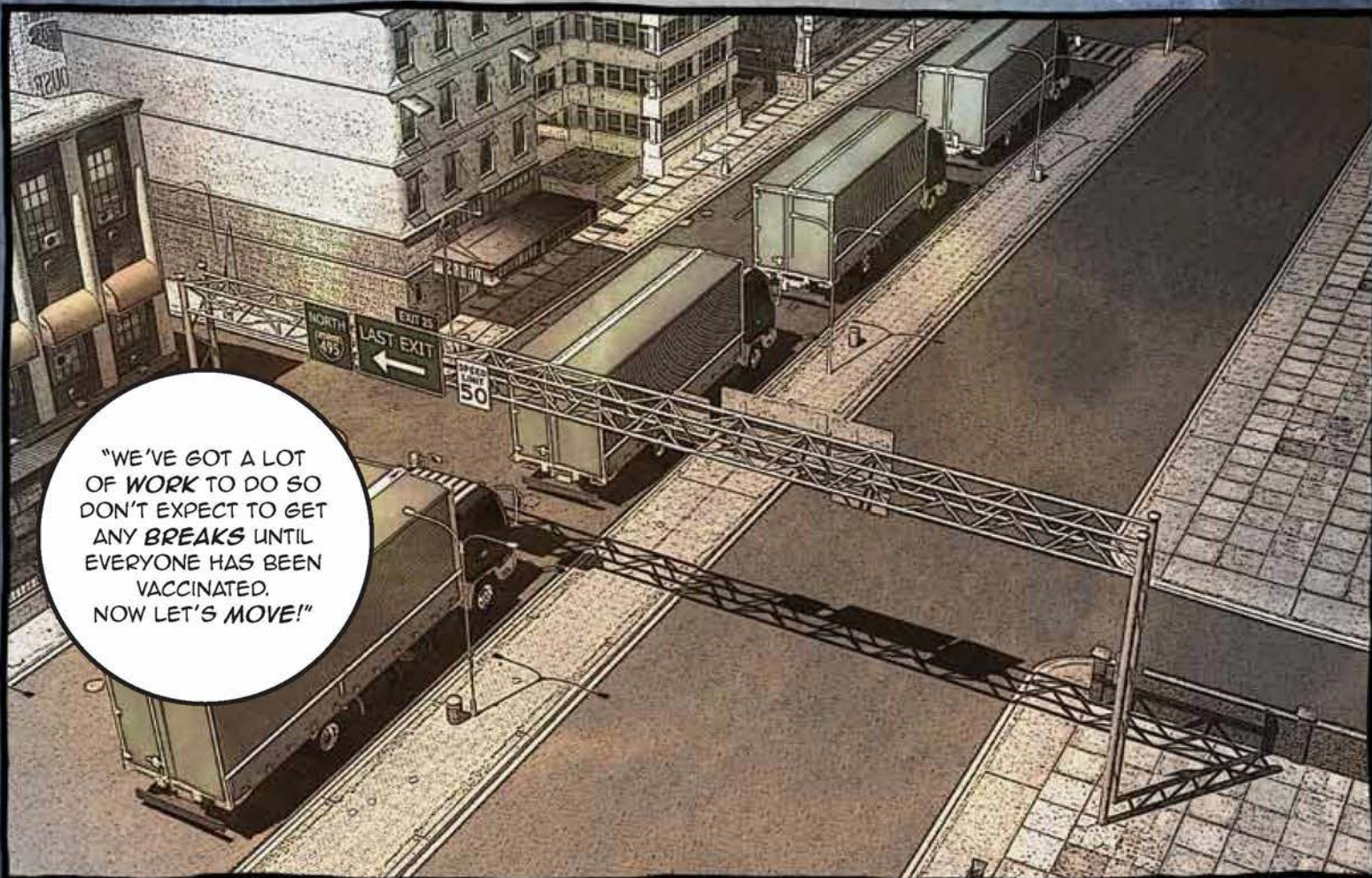
WHILE THE SHELTER ERUPTS IN CHEERS, HUGS
AND TEARS OF RELIEF... OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL'S
PROTECTIVE FENCE, SHADOWY FIGURES ARE
CLOSING IN...



MEANWHILE BACK AT THE
NATIONAL STOCKPILE
WAREHOUSE...

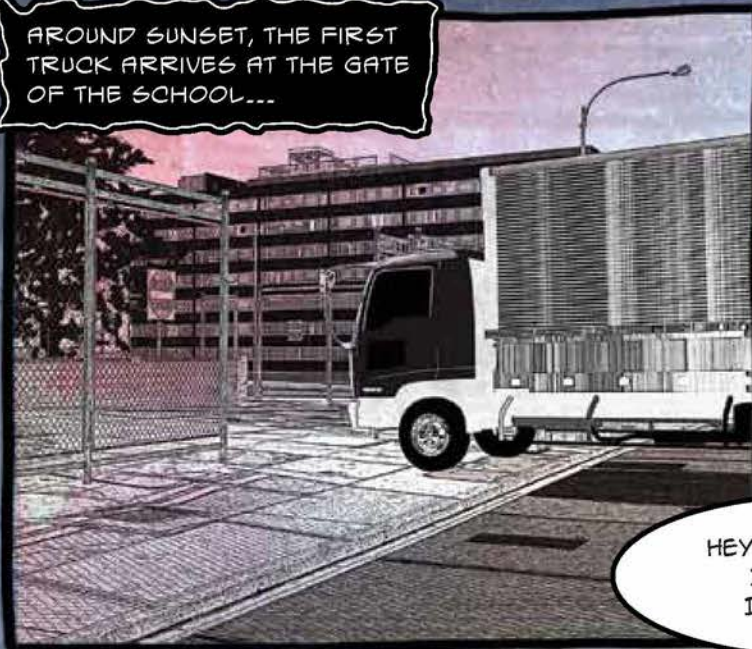
ALRIGHT FOLKS, LISTEN UP...
AT 0600 WE START SHIPPING OUT
THE FIRST ROUND OF *VACCINE*
AND *SUPPLIES* TO THE STATES...

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!"

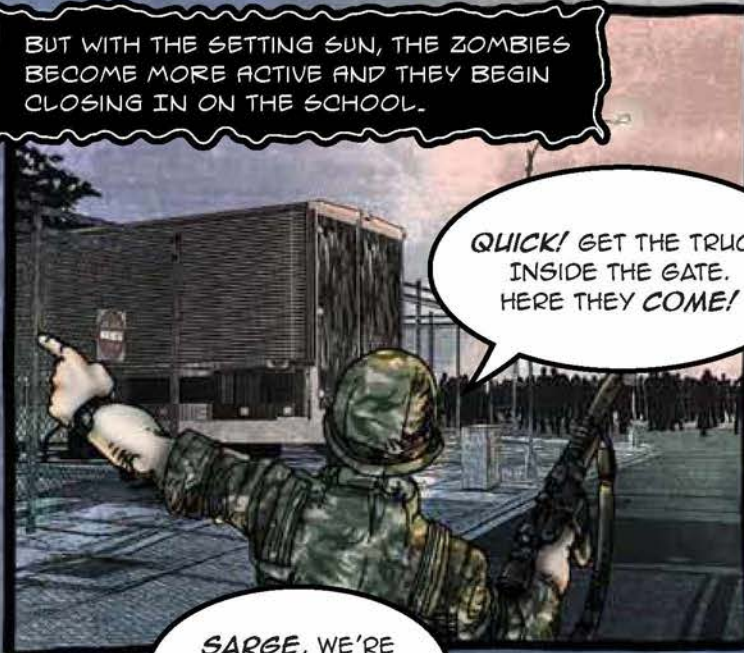
AROUND SUNSET, THE FIRST TRUCK ARRIVES AT THE GATE OF THE SCHOOL...



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!!!

NOOOOOOOO!!!



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, atmospheric illustration of a large, multi-story house at night. The house has a mix of siding and brickwork, with a prominent chimney and a porch with a railing. Bare trees are silhouetted against the dark sky. In the foreground, a black cat with glowing yellow eyes sits on a sidewalk. Two speech bubbles are present: one at the top left and another in the middle right.

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



