

SCOOBY APOCALYPSE MALLED!

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WE'RE
REALLY GOING
IN THERE?

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NO.

YES.

WELL I'M GLAD WE CLEARED THAT UP!



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE'S NO CURE FOR THE NANITE PLAGUE?

TWO MONTHS.

AND WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING SINCE THEN?

RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES? DESPERATELY TRYING TO SURVIVE?

EXACTLY.

"EXACTLY" WHAT, VELMA?

WE CAN'T KEEP RUNNING. WE NEED A BASE OF OPERATIONS. SOMEPLACE WE CAN FORTIFY. TAKE SHELTER FOR THE DURATION.

SO WE'RE GONNA, LIKE, SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES IN A MALL, EATING RANCID SCRAPS IN THE FOOD COURT?

FIRST OF ALL, SHAGGY, THERE'S EVERY CHANCE THIS PLACE HAS ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO KEEP US GOING INDEFINITELY.



AND SECOND OF ALL?

ONCE WE'VE DUG IN HERE, ONCE WE HAVE A SECURE BASE, WE CAN BEGIN THE REBUILDING PROCESS.

REBUILDING WHAT? THE WORLD WE KNEW IS OVER. WE'RE THE ONLY SURVIVORS. AND IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THOSE THINGS FINALLY TAKE US OUT.



WE'VE SEEN INDICATIONS, DAPHNE, THAT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY SURVIVORS. THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO WERE UNAFFECTED BY THE PLAGUE.



I PROPOSE WE FIND THEM. BRING THEM BACK HERE. BUILD AN ENCAMPMENT. NO, NOT AN ENCAMPMENT: A COLONY.

AND THEN?

WAGE A WAR FOR HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL.

AND HOW LONG HAS THIS PLAN BEEN RATTLING AROUND IN THAT DEMENTED BRAIN OF YOURS?

SINCE WE LEFT THE ATHENA CENTER.



AND YOU'RE SPRINGING THIS ON US NOW BECAUSE...?

BECAUSE THE TIME IS RIGHT. AND THE FUTURE IS OURS TO SHAPE.

YOU'RE SERIOUS?

INDEED I AM.

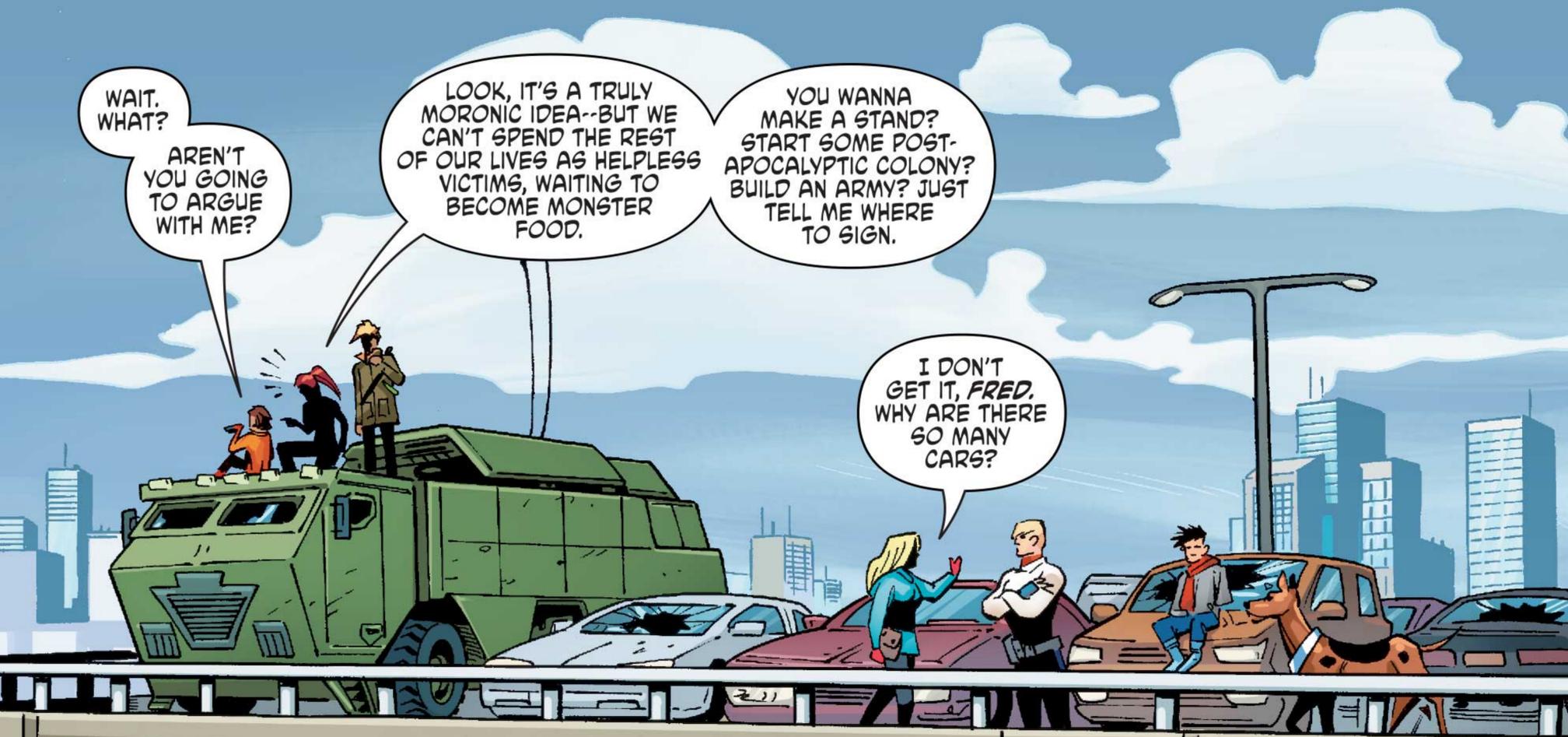
OKAY, I'M IN.

WAIT. WHAT?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ARGUE WITH ME?

LOOK, IT'S A TRULY MORONIC IDEA--BUT WE CAN'T SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES AS HELPLESS VICTIMS, WAITING TO BECOME MONSTER FOOD.

YOU WANNA MAKE A STAND? START SOME POST-APOCALYPTIC COLONY? BUILD AN ARMY? JUST TELL ME WHERE TO SIGN.

I DON'T GET IT, FRED. WHY ARE THERE SO MANY CARS?



WHEN THE PLAGUE HIT, IT HIT FAST. ONE MINUTE THIS PLACE WAS FILLED WITH HAPPY FAMILIES...THE NEXT, FROTHING MONSTERS--

--THAT CLEARLY HAD NO USE FOR AUTOMOBILES.

WELL, MAYBE WE CAN STRIP THEM FOR PARTS. ONE OF THESE DAYS THE MYSTERY MACHINE IS GOING TO BE DAMAGED AND THEN--

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

YOU SURE IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO GO IN THERE?

IT COULD BE SWARMING WITH THOSE MONSTROSITIES.

MOST OF 'EM SEEM TO BE SWARMING OUT HERE. MAYBE THEY DON'T LIKE IT IN THERE.

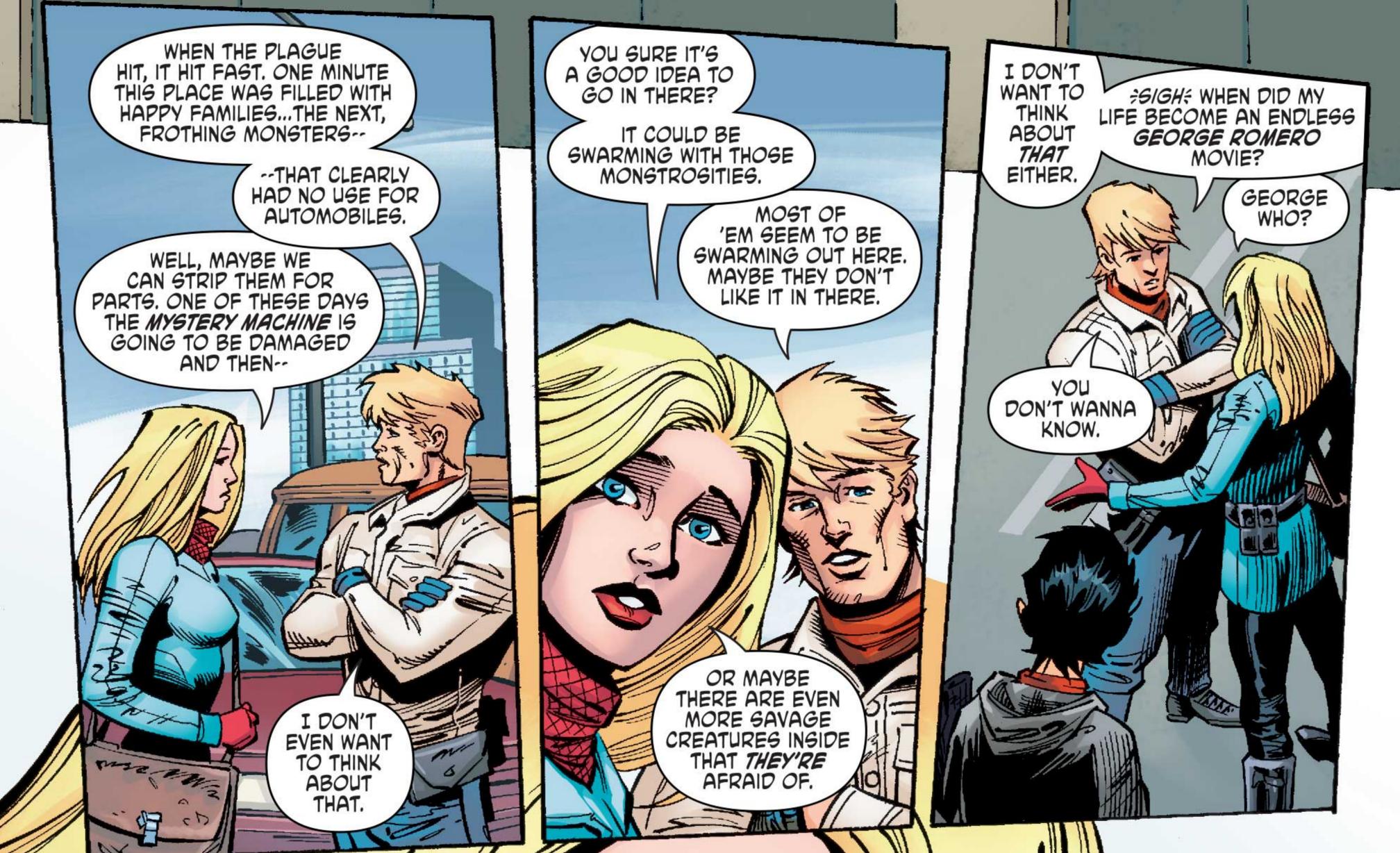
OR MAYBE THERE ARE EVEN MORE SAVAGE CREATURES INSIDE THAT THEY'RE AFRAID OF.

I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT EITHER.

~SIGH~ WHEN DID MY LIFE BECOME AN ENDLESS GEORGE ROMERO MOVIE?

GEORGE WHO?

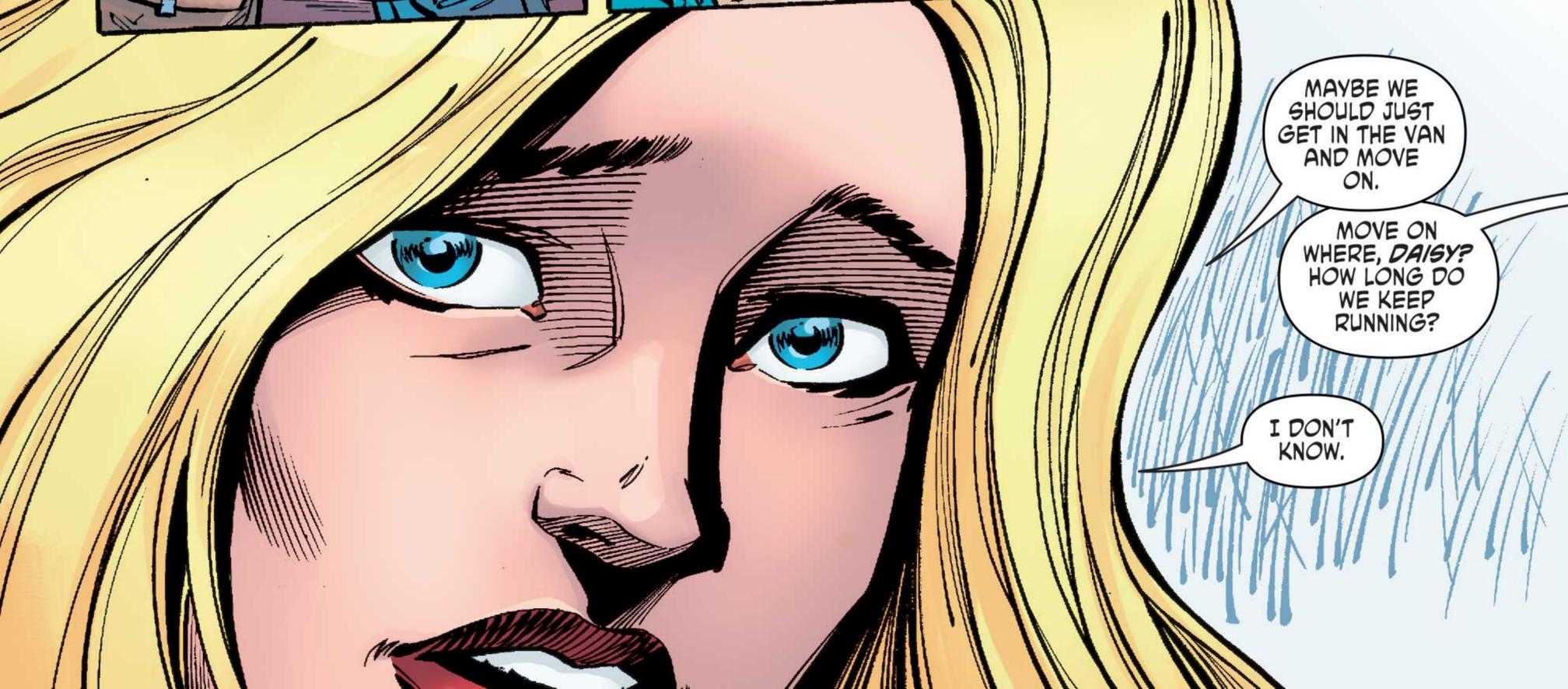
YOU DON'T WANNA KNOW.



MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GET IN THE VAN AND MOVE ON.

MOVE ON WHERE, DAISY? HOW LONG DO WE KEEP RUNNING?

I DON'T KNOW.



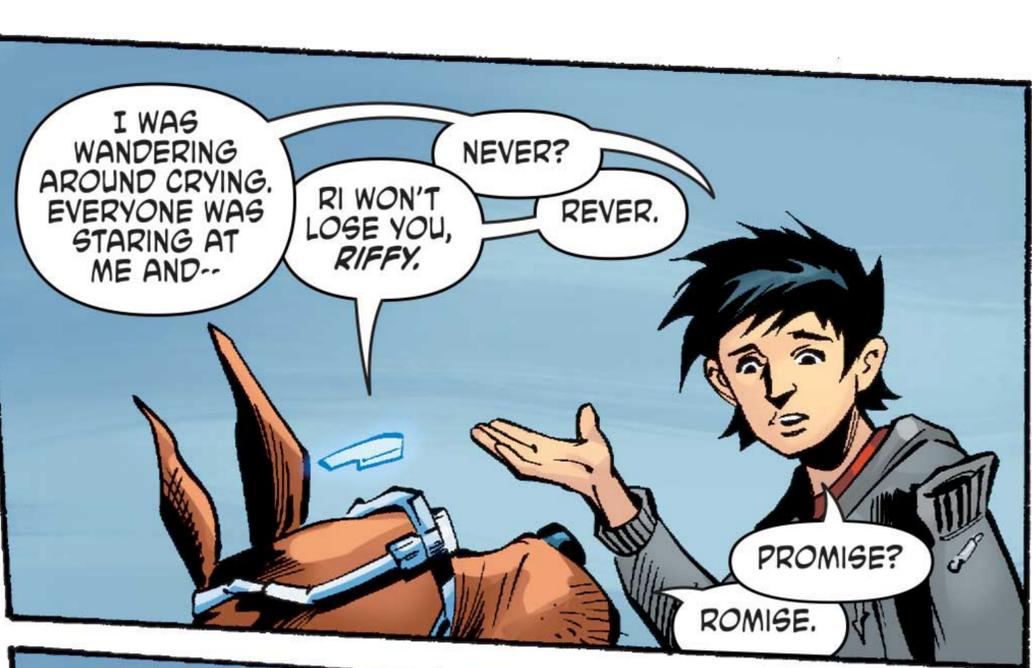


"TILL WE DIE?"

I DON'T LIKE MALLS, SCOOB.

RHY NOT?

ONCE... WHEN I WAS A REALLY LITTLE KID... I GOT LOST IN ONE. TOOK FOREVER FOR MY PARENTS T'FIND ME.



I WAS WANDERING AROUND CRYING. EVERYONE WAS STARING AT ME AND--

RI WON'T LOSE YOU, RIFFY.

NEVER?

REVER.

PROMISE?

ROMISE.



SCRAPPY-DOO WAS MY VERY BEST FRIEND, SCOOB. YOU KNOW THAT.

RUH-HUH.

BUT A KID CAN HAVE TWO BEST FRIENDS, RIGHT?

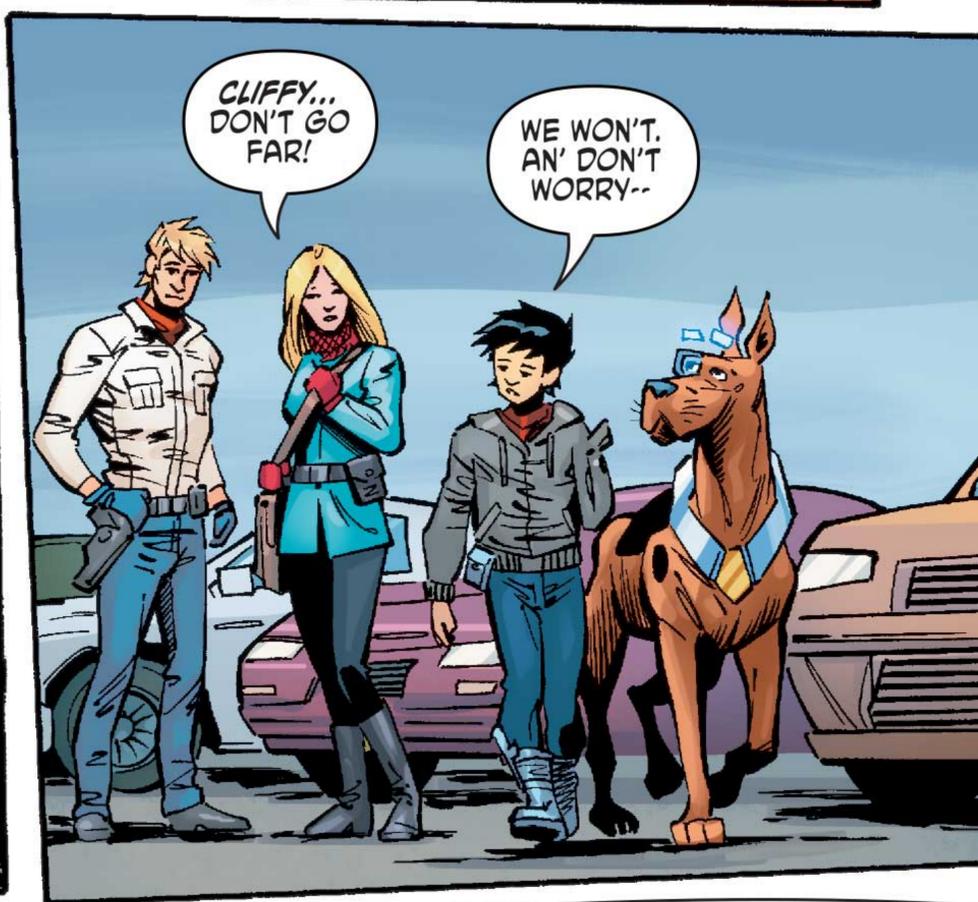
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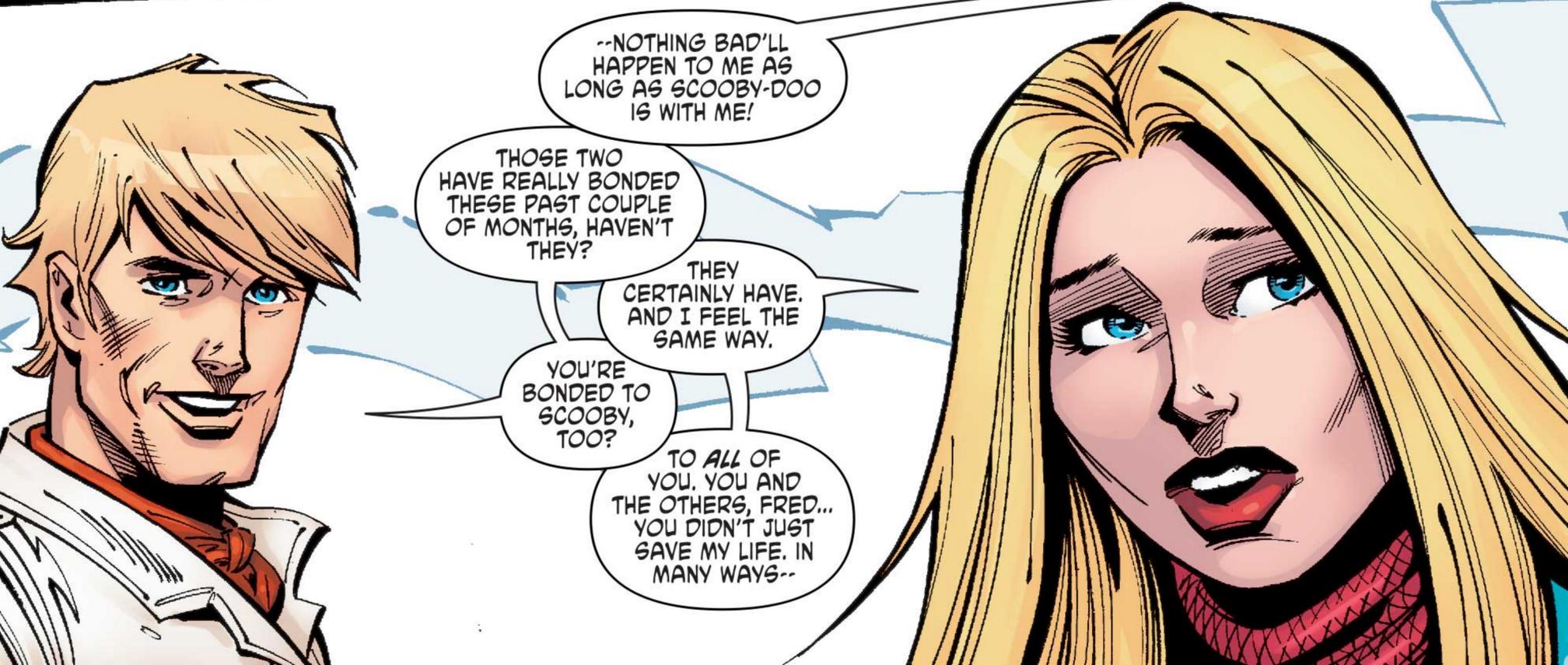
C'MON, BUDDY, LET'S TAKE A WALK.

ROKAY, PAL!



CLIFFY... DON'T GO FAR!

WE WON'T. AN' DON'T WORRY--



--NOTHING BAD'LL HAPPEN TO ME AS LONG AS SCOOBY-DOO IS WITH ME!

THOSE TWO HAVE REALLY BONDED THESE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, HAVEN'T THEY?

THEY CERTAINLY HAVE. AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

YOU'RE BONDED TO SCOOBY, TOO?

TO ALL OF YOU. YOU AND THE OTHERS, FRED... YOU DIDN'T JUST SAVE MY LIFE. IN MANY WAYS--

"--YOU SAVED MY SOUL."

...AND THAT'S THE PLAN.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND WITH DAPHNE TOO LONG. YOU'RE TALKING CRAZY!

UH...NO OFFENSE, DAPH.
HEY!
I AGREE WITH FRED. YOU WOULD.

EXCUSE ME?

NOTHING. LOOK, WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' CONSTRUCTIVE. WE CAN'T KEEP WAITIN' FOR SOME MIRACLE T'SAVE THE WORLD. WE'VE GOTTA BE THE MIRACLE.

I'M WITH DAPH AND VELMA. I SAY WE MAKE A STAND HERE.

BUT THE MALL IS SURROUNDED BY THOSE CREATURES!

THEN WE CHARGE IN, GUNS BLAZING, AND--

IS THAT YOUR SOLUTION TO EVERY PROBLEM, DAPHNE?

BASICALLY. YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?

WELL, UH--

WE COULD GO IN THROUGH THE SEWER SYSTEM.

YOU KNOW--

--THAT'S A VIABLE IDEA! CLIFFORD...I'M IMPRESSED!

I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR IT, DR. DINKLEY.

I SAW IT IN A MOVIE.

WELL, THEN--INTO THE SEWERS WE GO!

YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS!

HEY, CONSIDERIN' NONE OF US HAS HAD A SHOWER IN WEEKS--