

## IT CAME FROM THE LAB

Dans un monde ruiné par une explosion atomique créé par le gouvernement. La survie est vitale, surtout pour August et Jeremy. Après une exploration sans succès, August trouve une porte de bunker. Ce qu'elle ne sait pas, c'est qu'elle va se retrouver dans un véritable cauchemar.

## Chapter 1 : Spare Ressources

« Another empty crate » they sighed. It was the 5th time in a row they had found nothing while going on expeditions.

«Jeremy is gonna be disappointed when he sees me come back with nothing ». They started wandering around once again in the desolated halls of an abandoned school. This was their school before everything transpired. Posters announcing the upcoming events are still hung up on the walls. Holes on the walls and floor are everywhere. Nature reclaimed its place with vines running all across the halls. They pull out a walkie-talkie from an old sports backpack. They begin speaking through it.

“Jeremy, this is August I have good news and bad news”.

Jeremy soon responds “Good news first then!”. Jeremy is August’s boss. But boss is a strong word he’s only 16 years old while August is a year older. He met them in an old shack far away from the city where they were helpless and stuck inside a hole. Jeremy offered them help and since then they’ve been working together to survive. “Ok, I potentially found a new place we can stay at, the contamination level seems safely low here” August responds. “But the base we have right now is fine isn’t it ?” Jeremy asks. “Well yeah but at any moment it could get attacked by a shrieker or even a mimic” they retort. Since this world has been destroyed by an atomic object. What were once humans have now mutated to monsters that kill anything in their path. A shrieker is one of the most basic types of monsters. It uses a loud high pitched scream to disorient it’s victim and then attack it. A mimic is an incredibly agile and intelligent creature. It uses a victim’s loved ones voice to lure them and then kill them. To survive from them it is recommended to use protecting gear to not fall in their traps.

“That is true, but didn’t we just find and build new gear last

week ?” Jeremy responds. “We can’t be too sure of ourselves, let’s just do it just to be safe alright ?” August retorts. “Fine, so what are the bad news then ?” Jeremy asks. “Well...” August responds “I searched all around the school and found absolutely nothing valuable, so either this place is a graveyard in terms of resources or it already got scavenged by someone else.”. “You think it could have been...her ?” Jeremy wonders. August immediately responds in a serious tone “That’s in the past Jeremy, I moved on and you should too.” You’re right August sorry, how much time until you come back to the base ?” he asks. “50 minutes, I’ll see if any obstacles will be in the way or not.” they respond. August puts their walkie-talkie back in the backpack and start making their way back to base. After 20 minutes of walking they stumble upon a door on the ground. Curious they approach it and open it to reveal a staircase leading to nothing but pure darkness. August quickly takes out their walkie-talkie and starts talking to Jeremy. « Jeremy ? » they asked. « What’s up ? What happened did you find something ? ». They look back at the door « Yeah, you could say that » . « What is it then tell me ! » Jeremy asks. « It seems to be a door leading to a bunker, these are always good for ressources so i think i just hit the jackpot » they say while examining the surroundings. Jeremy quickly replies « That’s great news ! You should go in it right now because it’s getting late soon and you know how things are in the dark ». « Noted » they reply. « I’ll keep you updated ». They step inside and engulfs themself in darkness. A few minutes later they hear a loud metal sound. The door closed. They’re now trapped inside.

## Chapter 2 : Down The Rabbit Hole

“What is this place ?” August wonders, the halls feel empty and alive at the same time and the air is sickening. Posters are hung up, motivational ones. August wanders around, occasionally

opening various lockers for resources. But they're all empty. "I swear if I went here for nothing" August mutters. They start making their way back to the entrance. "I'll just tell Jeremy it's just another empty bunker". August tries to open the door but it's locked. They hit it multiple times yet it still doesn't open. "What the-" August starts bashing the metal door repeatedly. They're desperately trying again and again but it never works. "Guess I need to find another exit, that can't be too far right ?" August thinks. August finds various medical tools around the place. "Was this a lab ?" they wonder. They find a wall full of photos of employees. There's a big framed picture next to it titled the entire team. Everyone in the photo looks happy yet there's an unnerving aura to the photo like all the smiles seem forced. August doesn't have enough time to think about this as suddenly they hear a scream coming from nearby. August rushes over to where the scream was heard only to find a trail of blood. "What is going on in this goddamn place ?!". They find a room filled with screens. "A surveillance room, perfect I can locate an exit with this !". they get quickly disappointed however because all of the cameras are broken. Except for one that shows a dining hall. August makes their way to it. The dining hall is intact as no destruction can be noticed within it. Interestingly enough, no sight of food left but very much signs of something that ate there. "Am I not alone ?".

### Chapter 3 : The Beast

As they kept exploring the facility soon enough they stumbled upon a room with no sign attached to it. Curious August steps inside. The room is pale white with barely any decoration within it's space. August walks more inside of it to inspect it. They find various notes and logs of employees. They find a computer and put two and two together and play one of the logs

marked as First Test with a date on the back, 2013. A series of text appears on the computer that goes as follows.

Dear Mr. Smithson, it is i Dr. Brennan. I am writing this log to tell you that the first test of what we are calling the Great One was succesful. No hazards were detected while testing and it seemed like the patient was in great shape afterwards, more tests are soon to follow.

« Were they making a super human ? » August mutters. They then look around more. « There has to be more logs right ? ». They then get scared by a loud sound coming from the walkie-talkie. « Jeremy is that you ? ». Suddenly another voice speaks through the device. « Please help I am...trapped inside one of the sleeping chambers ». « Who is this ? » August asks. « I don't have time to explain, you must hurry or it will- », the walkie-talkie suddenly cuts off leaving August confused and scared.

They stumble upon a mysterious and large object. They decide to take a closer look. They then notice a shape. And then a face and then hands. August finally realizes it's a human. But one that doesn't fully resemble one. August wipes the fog off of the glass tank containing it. Then sees a terrifying sight. A gigantic human looking beast that's made of the flesh of other dead humans. Its hands are long, long enough to reach someone from a very far away distance. Its face is contorted with different eyeballs and teeth sticking out of it. « Is this... ? ». August is in pure disbelief. They never saw a creature like this before, not even in the outside world. « Is this what they made ? » August wonders. August steps back before suddenly seeing that the beast opened its eyes. It is now awake. August turns around to run away. But the lights turn off and a glass shatter is heard. After the lights turn back on. August looks back and sees that its now gone from the tank. The beast is free.

## Chapter 4 : The Hunter And Its Prey

August starts running. They know that whatever that thing is, it's not going to be friendly. They run more and more passing through halls filled with dead bodies of scientists. Signs that read danger are everywhere. Yet August can hear a voice coming from the end of the hallway. August almost reaches it before hearing the roar of the beast. It quickly bursts opens a door and dashes towards August leaving trails of blood behind it. August runs away and tries to find something to block its path. They enter a medical area and keep running. They never look back because they know that no matter what it will keep chasing them. They enter a resting area once used by the doctors. Thankfully, the monster didn't see them enter it. August slightly opens the door to see if the monster is still there. It is now prowling the area, looking for them. August sees this as an opportunity to gear up to fight the beast outside. They take whatever is near them and assemble a small weapon. They go out of the room and charge at the monster for a hit but fail miserably. The weapon shatters to pieces and the monster is now chasing them again. As they're running, they quickly get pulled away by a scientist. The scientist tells them to keep quiet as the monster passes them. « Who are you ? » August whispers. « My name isn't important » the figure says « What's important is that you leave this place ». August looks around all confused. « Here » the scientist gives August a keycard. « This is for getting access to the security room, from there you can open up the exit and leave ». August grips the keycard and starts running towards the security room, following signs that lead to it. This may be August's last moments in this laboratory.

## Chapter 5 : Final Moments

August runs as fast as they can. Occasionally bumping onto dead corpses. They know now that those corpses were caused by it. They think back to the scientist's words to motivate them, to make them run faster. The end of this nightmare is close for August, they just know it. How much time has passed since they entered this place ? 3 hours ? 3 days ? 3 months ? They don't know and don't want to know. All they want to know is the way to the security room and the exit. August soon stumbles upon a door with a keycard pass next to it. "This must be it" August thinks. They use the keycard and it successfully opens the door. They're in the security room. The only place where the beast never stepped in and ravaged. A place of safety and recollection. A place to plan your next moves. August quickly looks at the security cameras. "Atleast these work". The cameras show the entire facility's rooms. Not a single room isn't without a camera. "Kinda an invasion of privacy" August mutters. They soon find a fire exit without any security near it. "Bingo". Before they leave however, they find a note on the ground. The note is marked as "To my wife". August reads it.

To my wife, I am sorry. I knew the day we signed that contract with the government everything would change. The reason as to why I haven't come home in months is because of one thing. This project we are making while revolutionary. I think it could lead to great disasters if we ever bring it out. This...thing. It scares me. Everyday when I wake up I dread working on it. The government isn't helping either. All they're doing is giving us cash but never actual advice or feedback. They're all doing it out of pure greed. Out of corruption. It sickens me. I don't want to be here anymore. Yet I know that if I object or try to revolt they will fire me and take everything we own. It's too risky. I don't know what to do. Please forgive me God for bringing

upon your sacred land a beast that shall ruin it and leave it to ashes.

August grips the note tightly. "Everything makes sense now..." they say out of anger. Now they're even more motivated to leave. Because if they leave that means that they will expose the government for their lies. As they get closer to the fire exit they notice a huge sign. "Humanity's future is now !". August decides to write something next to it. "The future is long gone". August sees the exit, it's right there. August did it. They will be able to go home. See Jeremy and make a plan with what they discovered. But suddenly... August feels a sharp on their stomach. They look down. They've been impaled. Blood spills from their mouth. Tears start forming around their eyes. They grip the sharp object to try and get it out. Yet to no success. They look back. They see the beast roaring in victory. They fall to the ground. The exit is right there. They start crawling to it as their blood is quickly draining. They reach it. They're outside. The air feels colder than usual. They begin to turn pale. A gaping hole in their chest is now forever on their body. August tries to do anything to survive. It's too late. August's eyes start closing. August is atleast happy to have not died inside of that location. To die in peace is the best feeling. And August is certainly now at peace. "Let's go home, Casey". They hear a faint voice. "Yes mom". August cries. "Let's go home..."

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