

# FLOOD WOMAN & SANDSTORM

FLOOD WOMAN GROWS WEAKER AS CLIMATE DOOM HURLS RAIN BOMBS TOWARD THE OLD CITY OF CHARLESTON.

I will finish off Flood Woman once and for all along with her beloved city!

CLIMATE DOOM PREPARES A KNOCKOUT BLOW.

BUT DEEP IN THE SAHARA, ANOTHER FORCE AWAKENS ...

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SANDSTORM!

SANDSTORM WHISKS DUST IN THE SAHARA HIGH INTO THE SKY AND LAUNCHES IT TOWARD NORTH AMERICA.

BACK IN CHARLESTON, SCIENTISTS IN THE LOWCOUNTRY HAZARDS CENTER WATCH IN AWE AS SATELLITES CAPTURE IMAGES OF SANDSTORM'S DUST HEADING FOR CLIMATE DOOM'S SPINNING STORM.

LOOK AT ALL THAT DUST FROM MAURITANIA AND MALI-- IT'S HEADED FOR THE TRADE WINDS!

IS SANDSTORM A HERO OR A VILLAIN?

... FLOOD WOMAN KNOWS SANDSTORM CAN BE BOTH.

WILL SANDSTORM STOP THE HURRICANE? OR MAKE IT WORSE? I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER.



**THE DUST  
IS SMOTHERING  
THE STORM!**

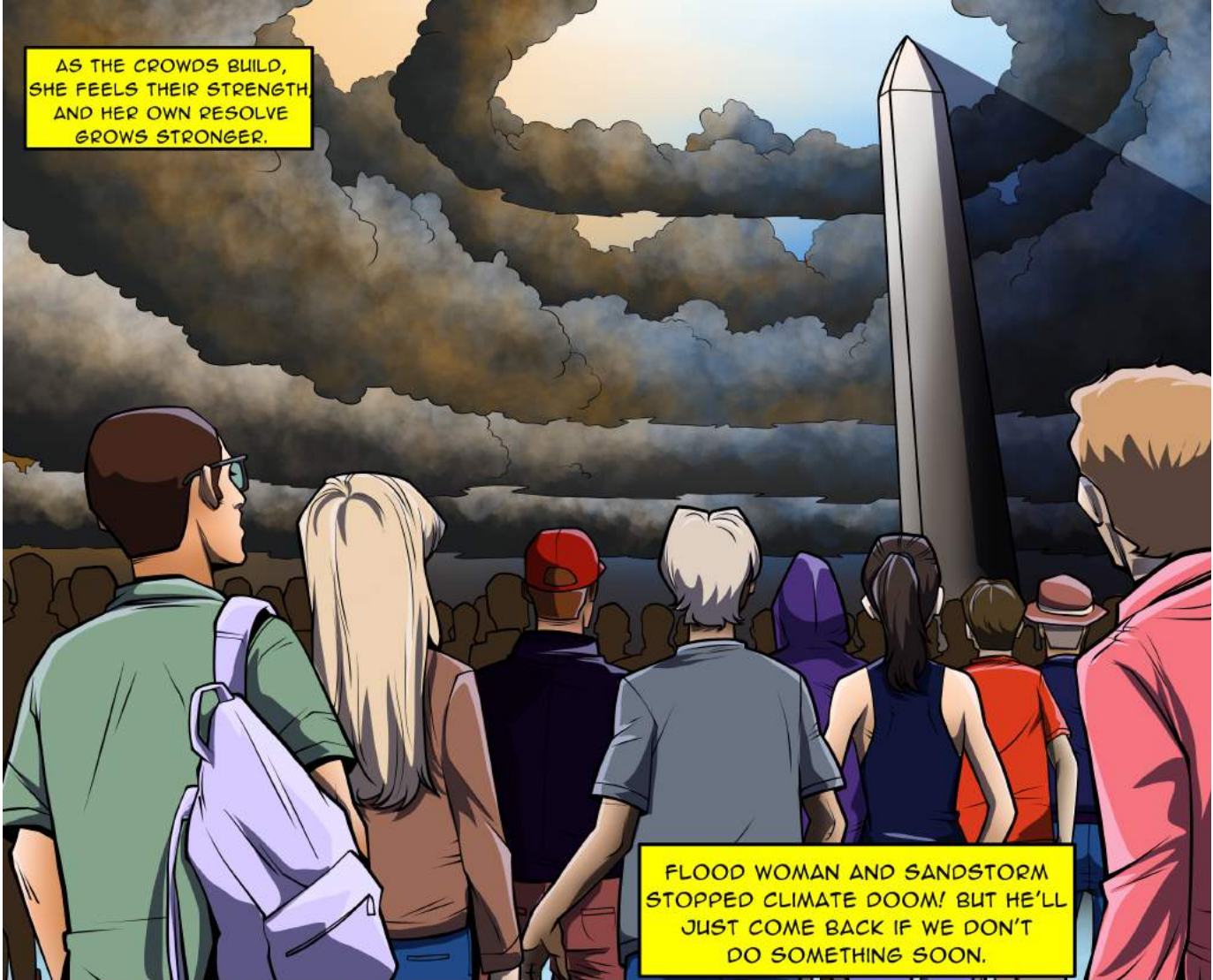
**SANDSTORM  
IS A HERO!**

FOR NOW.



AS THE WORLD WATCHES  
THE CLIMACTIC FORCES FIGHT,  
PEOPLE BEGIN TO DEMAND ACTION.  
CLIMATE DOOM MUST BE  
STOPPED FOR GOOD.

AS THE CROWDS BUILD,  
SHE FEELS THEIR STRENGTH  
AND HER OWN RESOLVE  
GROWS STRONGER.



FLOOD WOMAN AND SANDSTORM  
STOPPED CLIMATE DOOM! BUT HE'LL  
JUST COME BACK IF WE DON'T  
DO SOMETHING SOON.

IN THE  
LOWCOUNTRY HAZARDS CENTER,  
RESEARCHERS CHEER.



NOW WE HAVE A  
CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING.  
WE KNOW CLIMATE DOOM  
FEEDS ON HEAT, AND THAT  
CARBON DIOXIDE TRAPS  
THIS HEAT.

I'VE GOT  
SOME IDEAS  
ON HOW WE CAN  
STOP HIM!

ME TOO!  
LET'S GET  
TO WORK!

**NOTE ABOUT THE SCIENCE IN PART 3:**  
THE SAHARA DESERT IS THE WORLD'S  
BIGGEST PRODUCER OF DUST. HEAT FROM THE SUN  
DRIVES WINDS TO SCOOP UP THE DUST AND SEND IT INTO  
THE ATLANTIC'S TRADE WINDS, CREATING THE SAHARAN AIR LAYER.  
THIS LAYER CAN WEAKEN HURRICANES. BUT GLOBAL WARMING IS  
CHANGING WIND AND RAIN PATTERNS THAT LIKELY WILL REDUCE DUST  
BY A THIRD IN THE NEXT 20 TO 50 YEARS, NASA SAYS.  
LESS DUST COULD MEAN WORSE HURRICANES.

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