Chapter 1: The Final Straw

"No that's it, we're done Mabel". Mabel ran after him trying to make him change his mind. "Come on Brad I told you its not my fault. I did not know he was there" she yells. "Oh really, why was he spying on us, huh". Mabel had no response. "Were through Mabel Pines" says Brad as he gets on his bike and rides away.

Mabel sits down on the grass. She wanted to cry but she just couldn't. Not after all the other times. 5. This was the 5th boy that had dumped her in a month. And it hurt. Normally it was her who did the break up or the boy ended up being a gnome or creep (like Gideon) but all these times it was a genuine nice person. It always was the same reason why they broke up with her. Dipper.

Dipper had always been protective of her. Mabel knew it and understood it. After the nightmares they had been through last time, she understood why. But recently Dipper was going above and beyond. Maybe it was because Ford as out of town at the Science convention. No, it could not. Either way, Mabel had had enough. She got up and stormed for the Shack, not worrying she had slammed the door behind her.

She pushed the door to their room open as hard as she could. Dipper was there reading a book. "Oh hey Mabel how's it going" he said. "How's it going" Mabel said in an angrier tone. "Oh how about I ask you that". "Things are going just fine, if you think Brad dumping me is good". "Oh Mabel im sorry to hear that" says Dipper. "You should be" shouted Mabel. "Because he broke up with me because of you." "What do you mean because of me" says Dipper confused. "Oh I don't know, maybe cause no normal person is not dressed in full camo and spying on someone else's dinner date from a window" she shouts. "I knew I should have bought the summer one, but the fall set was on sale" he replies.

"Dipper, why are you being like this" Mabel says. "This is the 5th boy to break up with me cause you keep getting in the way. Are you trying to sabotage me or something cause its not cool?" "Mabel I..." Dipper says. "I what, you think Brad was some kind of zombie out to eat my brains" Mabel says. "I, I, I thought he was out to get you" Dipper screams. Mabel's expression goes from angry to confused. "What do you mean" she says. "I guess you should know now" says Dipper.

Dipper looks under his bed and pulls out a box. Inside are a bunch of newspaper clipping. Dipper draws attention to the main title, "2 more children go missing in Roadkill county area". "What" is all Mabel can say while staring at the headline. "Grunkle Ford told me about it before he left on the trip" says Dipper. "They haven't caught whoever is doing it yet. I'm just worried that, you know, maybe, maybe their here, probably looking for another target". Mabel looks at Dipper. "You thought every boy I was dating was going to kidnap me" she says. "No its not that Mabel" Dipper says. "its just, what if something happened, I mean you remember how Gideon was." "Oh ya, he sure was something" she says. The two have a short laugh about it.

"Look Dipper" Mabel says. "I appreciate that your looking out for me. Especially if this is still happening, but I mean even if someone was out there to get me, were in Gravity Falls. Almost everyone here knows us and would be there in case something happened." "I know Mabel, but, what if". "Dipper its okay, the chances are so small, I mean last place this happened was several miles and towns away" Mabel replies. "You know I'm still gonna keep an eye on you just in case" Dipper says jokingly. "Fine, I mean in all seriousness, I know you would" says Mabel. "But just promise you won't get in between to the point it leads to this again". "Promise" he replies. "You sure" asks Mabel. "Yes, I promise I won't get in your way". "Good" she says.

While Dipper was alright about it, deep down he still was worried. And if he knew what the next few days would bring, he probably would never had agreed.

Chapter 2: Another One Already

The next morning, Mabel decides to pop by Greasy's Diner to buy another one of their new chocolate milkshakes. "Just one more, thanks Lazy Susan" said Mabel taking a sip of her 4th milkshake.

"Excuse me" a voice said from behind her. Mabel turned around. A boy a bit taller then her was standing there. "Sorry, it's just, I've never seen anyone drink that many milkshakes before" he said. Mabel laughs. "Ya well it's kinda my specialty you could say. I'm Mabel by the way". "Hello Mabel, I'm Henry" he says. "Well it's nice to meet you Henry" says Mabel.

The two begin to chat for a bit. Mabel telling him about her adventure in Gravity Falls, Henry telling her about how he just moved into town a while back. He was 16, 3 years older then Mabel but he acted like she was. He liked adventuring and exploring the forest, and of course, he happened to like milkshakes.

About an hour of talking (and a lot of milkshakes) later, the two had pretty much set themselves up for each other. "No way, you were the one who kidnapped Several Timez" Henry said. "Ya, it was a pretty long story" says Mabel. "You have to tell me about it sometime" he says. "How about tomorrow night over some dinner maybe. My treat". Mabel blushes slightly. "Oh okay, sure" she replies. "Ill pick you up at your place around 6ish" said Henry. The two then say their goodbyes and head back home.

Mabel was over the roof. Just the other day, she had gone through yet another breakup and now a boy was actually wanting to go on a date with her. She decided not to tell Dipper just in case his overprotective nature came back. She trusted he would keep his word, but Mabel was not going to take any chances.

Chapter 3: Old habits Die hard

5:30 PM at the Mystery Shack. Mabel was getting ready for her date with Henry. She did not want anything to go wrong so she was preparing for anything. Choosing a sweater was not hard at all. Henry liked milkshakes so she decided to debut her new milkshake sweater. After a while she decided to head outside and wait for Henry to come pick her up.

Slowly she tip toed down the stairs, hoping Dipper would not catch her. "And where do you think your going" a voice said. Mabel jumped. Sure enough there was Dipper, a bowl of spaghetti in hand. "Dipper, what the heck, don't scare me like that" said Mabel. "And I'm just heading to the living room". "Oh ya" said Dipper. "I don't remember you getting all festively dressed to go to the living room" said Dipper. Her cover was blown.

"Fine, you got me" she said. "I have a date with this guy tonight". "Already, I only got Brad to break up with you 2 days ago" Dipper said laughing. Mabel looked at him with an angry expression. "Sorry" he said. "Who is he, where you guys going, when will you get back, how-", "that's why I did not wanna tell you" Mabel said interrupting him. "I knew you were not over being overprotective. Yes there's a guy taking people out there, but what are the odds any boy I'm dating will be them" she said. "Yeesh calm down Mabel" said Dipper. "I told you I was not gonna get in your way, I just wanted to know who he was". "Oh" said Mabel. "Well his name is Henry Hewden, and he like milkshakes". "And" asks Dipper. "That's all I know" Mabel replies.

At that moment there is a knock at the door. "He's here" says Mabel running to the door and opening it. Henry is standing there. "Hey Mabel, you ready to go on our date" he says. "As ever" says Mabel. Their about to leave when Dipper appears. "So, your Mabel's date" he says. "Uhh, yes" says Henry. "Mabel who's". "That's Dipper" says Mabel sighing. "My brother". "Oh uh, hello their Dipper" says Henry. "nice meeting you". "Ya okay, nice to meet you too, Henry" says Dipper. "You don't mind if I ask you a few questions would you". "Uhh no" says Henry. "Oh boy, not again" says Mabel.

D: "What's your real name?"

H: "Henry."

D: "Full."

H: "Henry Hewden."

D: "Where do you live?"

H: "Just outside of town."

D: "Okay, what's your ride?"

H: "That." (Henry points to a minivan)

D: "A minivan. What is that, a Plymouth Voyager, IS IT IN WORKING ORDER?"

H: "Ya, I just took it to the mechanic the other day."

D: "Where are you two going?"

Before Henry can respond. Mabel pushes him foreword. "Okay, that's enough questions" she says. "Henry why don't you start up the car while I talk to Dipper here". "Uh sure" says Henry walking over to the car. "What was that" says Mabel. "you promised you wouldn't be so overprotective anymore". "That was not being overprotective, I was just testing the guy to make sure he knows what he's doing" says Dipper. "And anyways I don't know about him Mabel. Something is very off about him". "You said that about every other boy and they all turned out to be totally normal" says Mabel. "The only thing off about them now, is that they all don't even wanna talk to me anymore. One guy is threatening to put a restraining order on us thanks to you". Dipper looks at Mabel concerned.

"Now listen Dipper" she says in a stern voice. "Nothing is going to happen. So why don't you sit back inside and watch some TV. Ill be back by 8. Its all. Okay". "Okay" says Dipper. "You promise you won't follow us" she says. "Promise". "Really" she says. "Really I promise" replies Dipper. "Okay then, see ya soon".

Mabel runs over to the van, and the two head out to the restaurant. "Dipper watches as the car speeds away. "There nothing to worry about" he says to himself. "its not like the may get into an accident or something". "No. Stop assuming the worst and go watch some TV". Dipper closes the door.

Not even 5 seconds later and Dipper is running out the door with a bag in hand. He throws it into the golf cart and starts it up. "Wait, what am I even doing" he says. He switches the engine off and walks back into the shack. Then back out with his plate of spaghetti in hand. "Can't go spying on Mabel and her 6th crush of the month on an empty stomach now" he says. After taking a bite, he starts up the golf cart and speed off in pursuit of Mabel and Henry.

Chapter 4: The Date Crasher

The Club, the perfect place for a first date, unless you were a child psychic of course. Mabel and Henry were enjoying one amazing dinner. Mabel was telling her story of kidnapping Several Timez. "The trick is to not make it look like your kidnapping them, and they won't try fighting back. Then again they did want to be taken from there" said Mabel. "Interesting" said Henry. The rest of the date was mostly the two talking to each other about, whatever people say during dates (I don't know what goes on during dates I'm not that social of a person) and Mabel showing off how many scoops of ice cream she could eat in a minute (and also brain freezes).

"Well that was one amazing dinner if I do say so myself" says Henry. "Oh yes definitely, the choice of extra chocolate syrup was indeed delightful" adds Mabel. The two start laughing. "So, you wanna head home now" asks Henry. "Sure, I just have to go wash my hands first, brb" says Mabel. As she was walking to the bathroom, Mabel noticed the sun setting from a window facing the parking lot adjacent to where they had parked. She looked out to see the sun set, but instead saw something she had indeed feared.

Dipper was outside hiding behind the golf cart, unpacking out of a bag he had brought, the last thing Mabel wanted to see. The drone their parents had got him for Christmas. Mabel watched as he got the drone flying and hovering over Henry's car. He was planning on using the it to spy on the two of them. Mabel did not know what to do. If she went outside now, either Dipper would crash her night or Henry would see the drone, and in turn Dipper and then maybe dump her. Worst case scenario of course but after 5 breakups, she was not going to have a 6th one tonight. She looked out the window, hoping for something to happen to ruin Dipper's spying mission. A gust of wind to knock the drone out of the sky, low battery, squirrels attacking (more something they did with her). Finally, she caught a lucky break.

A security guard approaches Dipper. Most likely about the drone. Mabel sees this as her chance. She dashes back to Henry. "Hey Mabel, is everything all right" he asks. "Oh, ya, don't worry" says Mabel. They walk to the entrance but Mabel stops Henry from leaving. "Mabel are you sure everything's okay" he asks. Mabel ignores him and looks out the front window towards the van. No drone hovering above it. Mabel opens the door and pulls Henry out with her. They quickly get into the van. "You sure your fine Mabel. Is there someone following you or something" Henry asks. "What following, no of course not. Could, could we maybe get going" she says. Henry starts the van up and the two drive off, heading back to the shack.

"Ya thanks officer and yes, I know the thing has vertical takeoff its not a space shuttle" shouts Dipper at the security guard. He angrily packs his stuff into the golf cart, getting ready to leave. Then he notices, the van is no longer parked there. "That's odd, they weren't supposed to leave for another 15 minutes". Dipper looks down at his watch. "Yikes I better get back to the shack before they do". Dipper gets into the golf cart and starts driving back to the shack. Hopefully before they did.

Chapter 5: Where Did They Go

"For the 3rd time Dipper, don't call me back until you either see them or you finished searching" shouts Stan over the phone. "I'm waiting myself for a response from the police". After that he hangs up. It was 10 pm. 2 hours after Mabel should have returned. She was not picking up any of Dipper's calls, no one had seen the car and Stan had not seen her return. Dipper raced through the town, on foot and by golf cart, asking anyone still awake if they had seen his sister. But no luck. It was like she had just vanished.

Now 11 pm, Dipper was forced to call his search off and returned back to the shack. "Its not like Mabel to just disappear like this and not let us know" he says. "Obviously, do you know where they were headed when they left the restaurant" asks Stan. "No. They were probably coming back here. However they did leave in a hurry, I think they may have seen me, but im not sure" says Dipper. "You have what's his name's number or anything, im sure that slick did something. If he lays even a finger on her, I swear im gonna break all his teeth and dislocate every bone on his body" says Stan reaching for his brace knuckles. "No I don't, Mabel never told me" says Dipper sighing.

Just then, the phone rings. Dipper races to it. "Maybe its them" he says to Stan. "If it's a ransom just say we have caller ID, that always seemed to scare them in my years" says Stan. Dipper picks up. "Hello". "Hey Dipper, its me Henry, Mabel's boyfriend". "Hey Henry, how's it going" says Dipper, trying to be as calm as possible to make it seem like he does not suspect a thing. "I was just calling to ask if Mabel's there, she promised she would call me an hour after she got back, but she hasn't" Henry says. Dipper appears puzzled. "Uhh, you know you could have called her number dude, I mean most likely you have it by now" says Dipper. "I did, but she never answered. I tried for a while but I got nothing." Dipper starts to get nervous. "Exactly when did you guys leave" he says. "Mabel made us leave in a hurry. She seemed nervous about something. I dropped her off at the shack over 2 hours ago" Henry says.

A chill runs down Dipper's spine. "You mean to tell me, you dropped her off over 2 hours ago" he shouts into the phone. "Ya, is everything all right" Henry says. "I don't know how to say this. Mabel never returned to the shack, I thought she was still with you. She has not picked up any of my phone calls". "Oh my Dipper, that's awful. Don't worry ill be right over to help" Henry says. "No. Its late, get some rest. Come by tomorrow. We'll do a bigger search for her then" he says. "Okay, ill be there first thing in the morning. Bye". The two hang up.

Stan looks at Dipper who is on the verge of tears. "So what did he say." "He did not do it" says Dipper. "he did not even know she's missing." "Then we got a long day tomorrow" says Stan. For the first time since the night Ford returned, the Mystery Shack fell silent, a cloud of dread and worry hanging over it, and everyone in it. Dipper looked over, there was a bed near his. It was empty.