

VELMA'S MONSTERS OF THE MONTH

TSUKUMOGAMI!

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GRUNT LIKE, WHY WON'T THIS PICNIC BASKET OPEN?



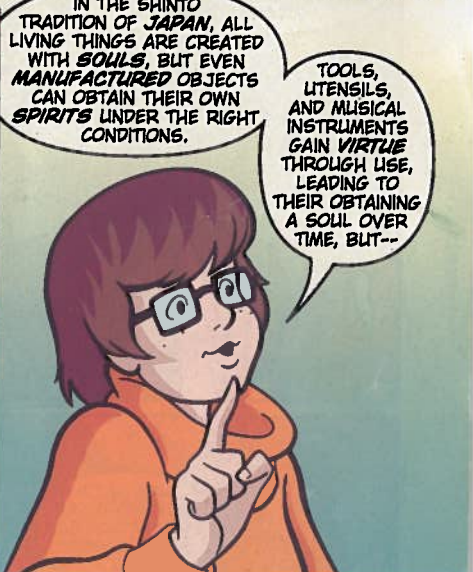
I'D BE CAREFUL OF HOW YOU TREAT THAT PICNIC BASKET.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT IT TO TURN INTO A VENGEFUL OBAKE, WOULD YOU?

IF IT OPENS UP AND HAS FOOD IN IT, IT CAN TURN INTO WHATEVER IT WANTS.

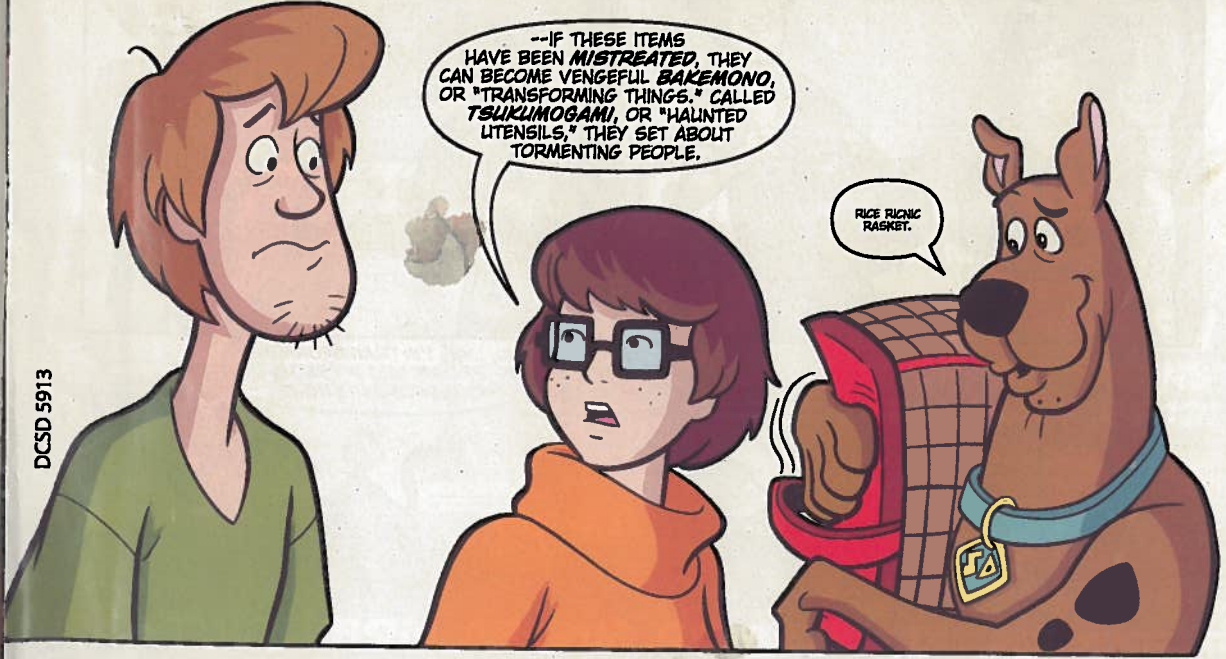
IN THE SHINTO TRADITION OF JAPAN, ALL LIVING THINGS ARE CREATED WITH SOULS, BUT EVEN MANUFACTURED OBJECTS CAN OBTAIN THEIR OWN SPIRITS UNDER THE RIGHT CONDITIONS.

TOOLS, UTENSILS, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS GAIN VIRTUE THROUGH USE, LEADING TO THEIR OBTAINING A SOUL OVER TIME, BUT--



--IF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MISTREATED, THEY CAN BECOME VENGEFUL BAKEMONO, OR "TRANSFORMING THINGS," CALLED TSUKUMOGAMI, OR "HAUNTED UTENSILS," THEY SET ABOUT TORMENTING PEOPLE.

RICE RICE BASKET.



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