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Read the paragraph below, annotate the text as you read.

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| ON THOSE CLOUDY DAYS, Robert Neville was never sure when sunset came, and  sometimes they were in the streets before he could get back.  If he had been more analytical, he might have calculated the approximate time of their arrival;  but he still used the lifetime habit of judging nightfall by the sky, and on cloudy days that  method didn’t work. That was why he chose to stay near the house on those days. |

1. According to the text, who do you think ‘they’ are?
2. Explain this line “That was why he chose to stay near the house on those days.”

Read the following paragraph, annotate as you go.

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| He walked around the house in the dull gray of afternoon, a cigarette dangling from the corner  of his mouth, trailing threadlike smoke over his shoulder. He checked each window to see if any  of the boards had been loosened. After violent attacks, the planks were often split or partially  pried off, and he had to replace them completely; a job he hated. Today only one plank was  loose. Isn’t that amazing? he thought. |

1. Base on the reading so far, explain ‘after violent attacks, the planks were often split or partially pried off…”
2. Explain the line “Isn’t that amazing?”

Read the following paragraph, annotate as you go.

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| In the back yard he checked the hothouse and the water tank. Sometimes the structure around  the tank might be weakened or its rain catchers bent or broken off. Sometimes they would lob  rocks over the high fence around the hothouse, and occasionally they would tear through the  overhead net and he’d have to replace panes. |

1. Based on what you have already read, who are ‘they’?
2. According to the reading, how does Robert Neville spend his days?

Same deal, read and annotate.

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| Both the tank and the hothouse were undamaged today. He went to the house for a hammer  and nails. As he pushed open the front door, he looked at the distorted reflection of himself in  the cracked mirror he’d fastened to the door a month ago. In a few days, jagged pieces of the  silver-backed glass would start to fall off. Let ‘em fall, he thought. It was the last damned  mirror he’d put there; it wasn’t worth it. He’d put garlic there instead. Garlic always worked. |

1. Based on this paragraph and the rest of the reading, who do you think ‘they’ are? Has your opinion changed? What specific lines changed it? Mark them in the reading.

2. Describe a typical day for Robert Neville based on what you have read so far.

In the space below, what do you predict will happen next? Give me at least 5 sentences, you can write it in story form if you prefer.