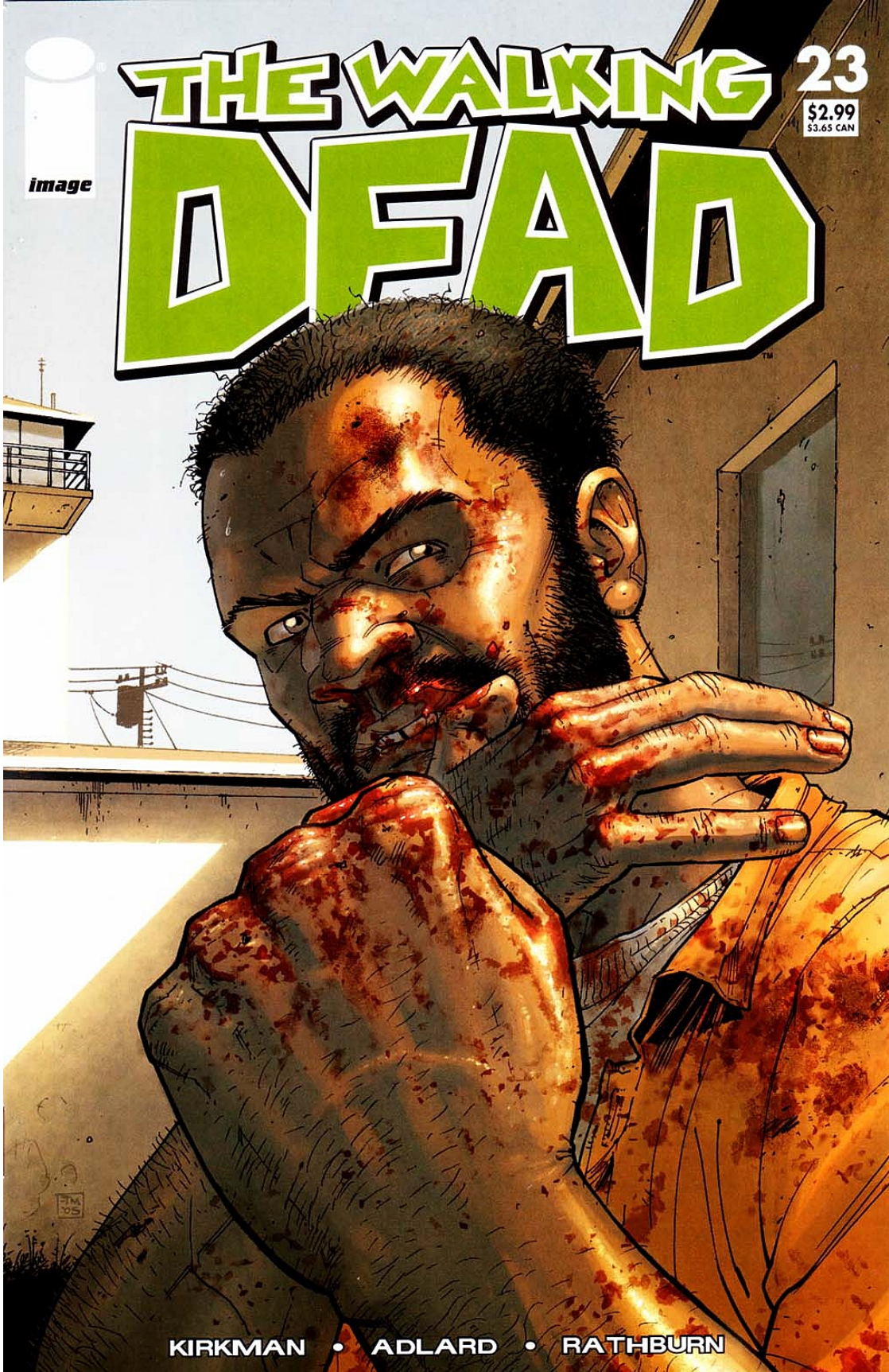


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**DON'T
SAY
THAT!!**

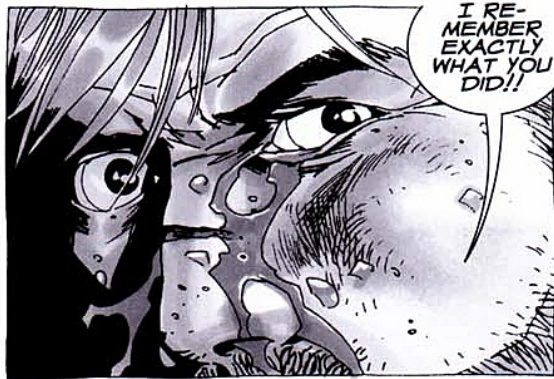


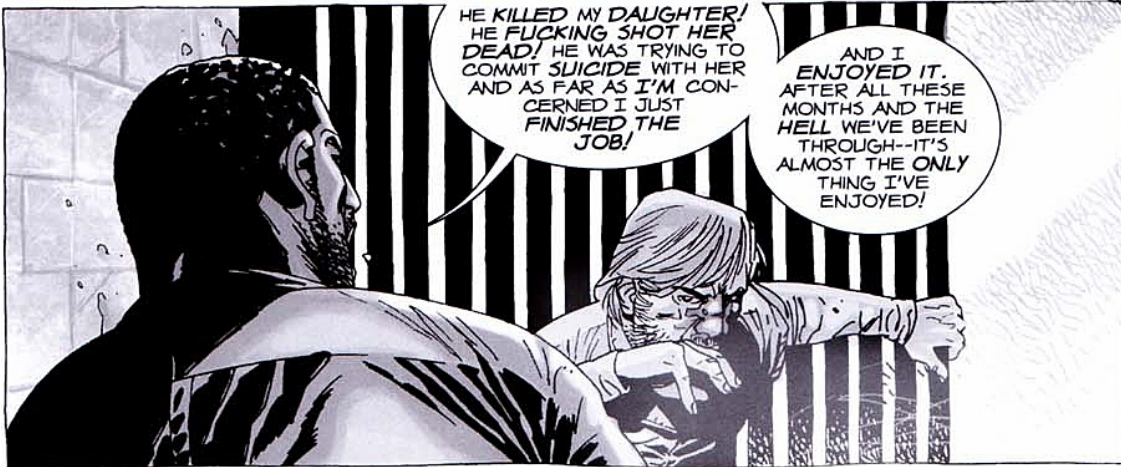






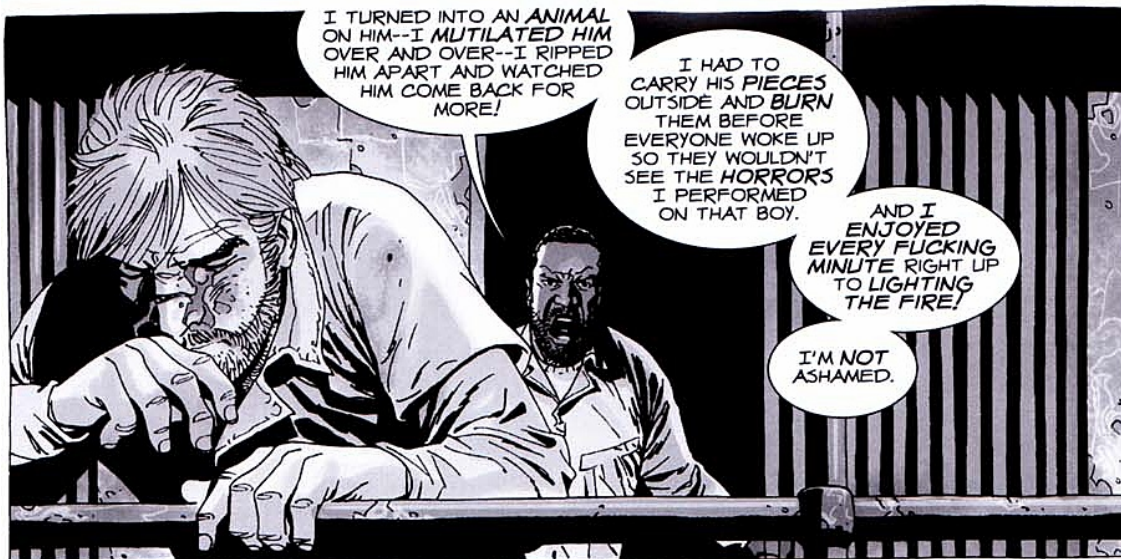
ARE YOU
FINISHED?





HE KILLED MY DAUGHTER!
HE FUCKING SHOT HER
DEAD! HE WAS TRYING TO
COMMIT SUICIDE WITH HER
AND AS FAR AS I'M CON-
CERNED I JUST
FINISHED THE
JOB!

AND I
ENJOYED IT.
AFTER ALL THESE
MONTHS AND THE
HELL WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH--IT'S
ALMOST THE ONLY
THING I'VE
ENJOYED!



I TURNED INTO AN ANIMAL
ON HIM--I MUTILATED HIM
OVER AND OVER--I RIPPED
HIM APART AND WATCHED
HIM COME BACK FOR
MORE!

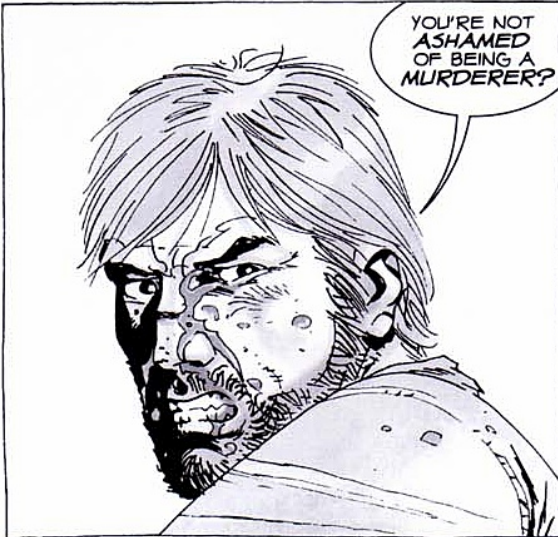
I HAD TO
CARRY HIS PIECES
OUTSIDE AND BURN
THEM BEFORE
EVERYONE WOKE UP
SO THEY WOULDN'T
SEE THE HORRORS
I PERFORMED
ON THAT BOY.

AND I
ENJOYED
EVERY FUCKING
MINUTE RIGHT UP
TO LIGHTING
THE FIRE!

I'M NOT
ASHAMED.



I'M NOT
ASHAMED!



YOU'RE NOT ASHAMED OF BEING A MURDERER?



I KILLED FOR THE RIGHT REASONS. I MURDERED HIM, YES--BUT IT WAS JUSTIFIED.

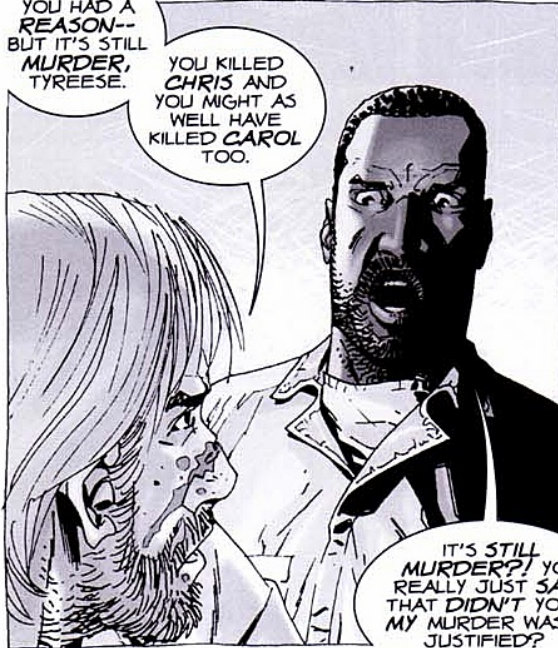
HE KILLED MY DAUGHTER, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO, BUT PLEASE--CALM DOWN. SERIOUSLY, GUYS--YOU'RE FRIENDS. DON'T DO THIS.

YOU GUYS COULD REALLY HURT EACH OTHER.

YEAH, GUYS. PLEASE... YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY REGRET THIS.



YOU HAD A REASON-- BUT IT'S STILL MURDER, TYREESE.

YOU KILLED CHRIS AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE KILLED CAROL TOO.

IT'S STILL MURDER?! YOU REALLY JUST SAID THAT DIDN'T YOU?! MY MURDER WASN'T JUSTIFIED?



BUT YOURS WAS?!



WHAT ABOUT DEXTER?!

YOU WANT TO JUMP MY SHIT?! LET'S BRING ALL THE SKELETONS OUT OF THE CLOSET!



WHAT'D YOU FORGET ABOUT THAT ONE?



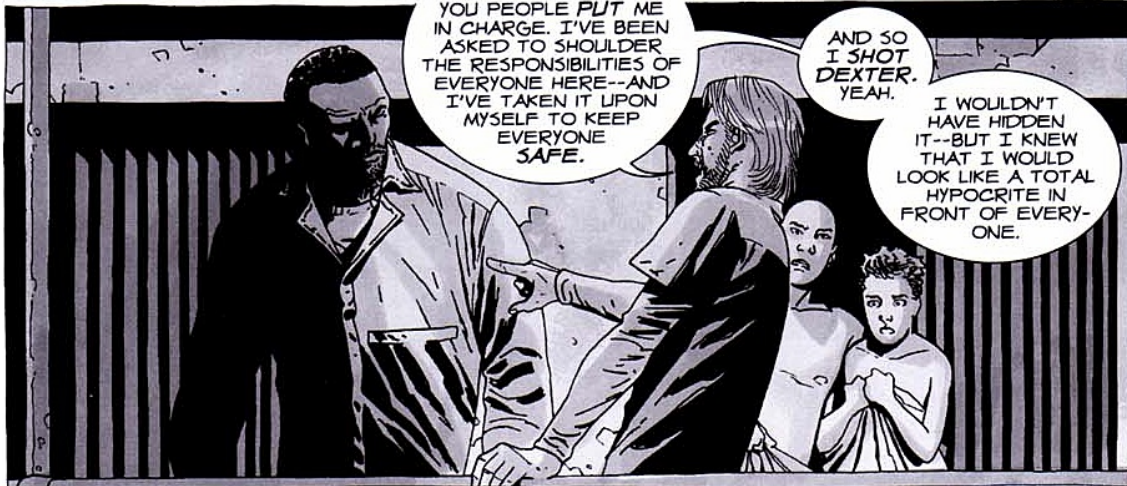
YOU'RE OUT FOR BLOOD, AREN'T YOU, TYREESE?



YEAH--I KILLED DEXTER. I SAW AN OPPORTUNITY DURING THE ZOMBIE ATTACK AND I TOOK IT. I SHOT HIM. I KNEW EVERYONE WOULD THINK IT WAS A STRAY BULLET AND I LET EVERYONE ASSUME THAT'S WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

DEXTER HAD THREATENED TO KICK US ALL OUT OF THIS PRISON. TO SEND US BACK ON THE ROAD. I COULDN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

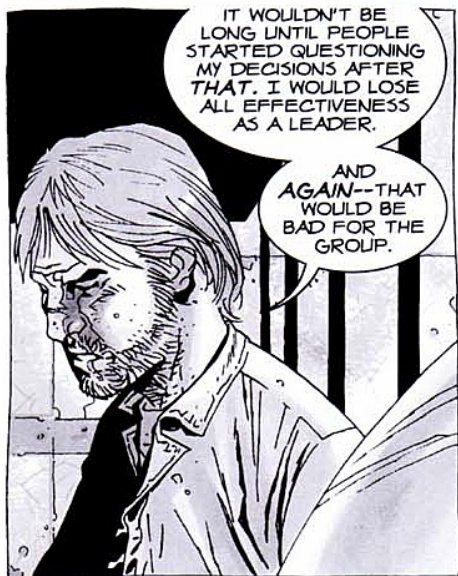
I WOULDN'T.



YOU PEOPLE PUT ME IN CHARGE. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVERYONE HERE--AND I'VE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

AND SO I SHOT DEXTER. YEAH.

I WOULDN'T HAVE HIDDEN IT--BUT I KNEW THAT I WOULD LOOK LIKE A TOTAL HYPOCRITE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.



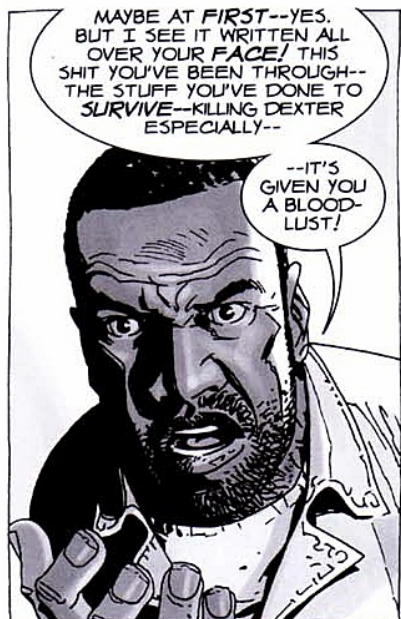
IT WOULDN'T BE LONG UNTIL PEOPLE STARTED QUESTIONING MY DECISIONS AFTER THAT. I WOULD LOSE ALL EFFECTIVENESS AS A LEADER.

AND AGAIN--THAT WOULD BE BAD FOR THE GROUP.



YOU HAD THE GROUP'S BEST INTERESTS IN MIND?!

BULL-SHIT!



MAYBE AT FIRST--YES. BUT I SEE IT WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE! THIS SHIT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH--THE STUFF YOU'VE DONE TO SURVIVE--KILLING DEXTER ESPECIALLY--

--IT'S GIVEN YOU A BLOOD-LUST!



YOU'RE STARTING TO ENJOY THE THINGS YOU DO. YOU'RE ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE READY TO ACT WHEN ANYTHING GOES WRONG.

YOU ENJOYED IT!!



I'VE SEEN IT IN YOUR EYES-- I SAW IT WHEN YOU MUTILATED ALLEN.





WHAT?! YOU GOING TO KILL ME NOW?!

ARE YOU THAT FAR GONE?!

KRAK!



C'MON KILLER! DO IT!!

FUCKING KILL ME!



I'M NOT A KILLER!!



THEN STOP ACTING LIKE ONE!

WRANN!



STOP ACTING LIKE ONE...



I'M NOT A KILLER...



RICK!

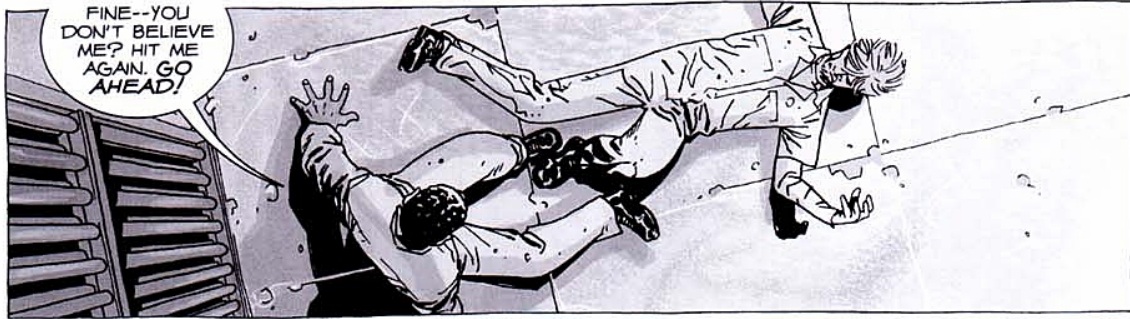


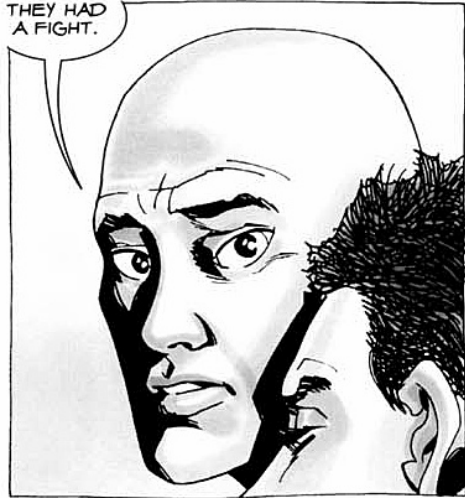
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UMPH.



LINGH.



EVERYTHING I DID--EVERYTHING--I DID FOR THE GOOD OF THIS GROUP.

YOU CAN'T SAY THAT.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME RIGHT.



WHAT-EVER.

I DON'T EVEN CARE ANYMORE.



GUYS-- OH, GOD.

OH, GOD...



ANDREA-- WHAT HAPPENED?! IS CAROL OKAY?

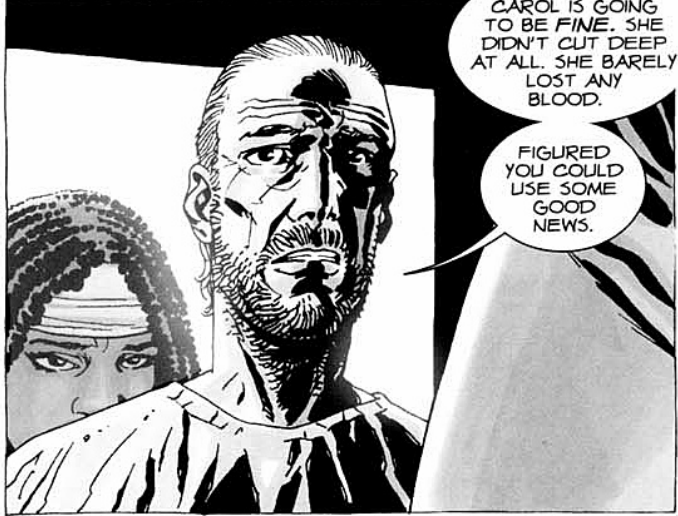
CAROL? WHAT HAPPENED TO CAROL?



ALLEN IS
DEAD.







CAROL IS GOING TO BE FINE. SHE DIDN'T CUT DEEP AT ALL. SHE BARELY LOST ANY BLOOD.

FIGURED YOU COULD USE SOME GOOD NEWS.



MICHONNE HELPED ME PATCH HER UP. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HER.

I GOT ENOUGH ON MY CONSCIENCE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT SOME GIRL OFFING HERSELF BECAUSE I--WELL...



RICK, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT. I KNOW YOU AND ALLEN WERE CLOSE. SOMEONE ELSE COULD HAVE DONE IT. I COULD HAVE--YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARRY THE WEIGHT OF US ALL ON YOUR SHOULDERS.



RICK?



