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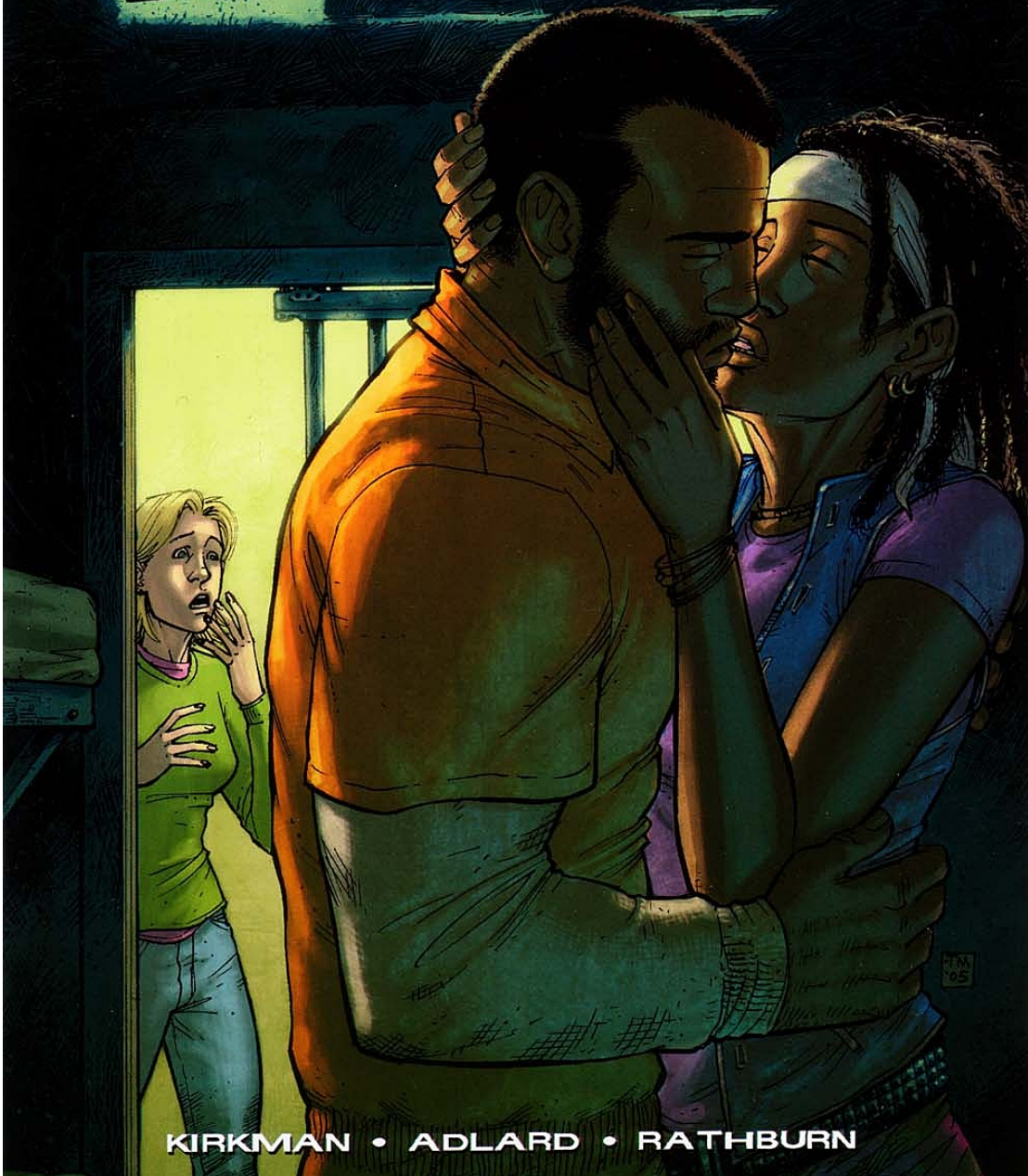
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THE WALKING DEAD

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ALMOST HOME FREE.

SHHH.



WE'VE BEEN GONE ALL DAY--YOU REALLY THINK NOBODY NOTICED? MY DAD'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH US AND WHAT WE'RE OBVIOUSLY DOING SOONER OR LATER.

YEAH--BUT DO WE HAVE TO DO IT--



--NOW?

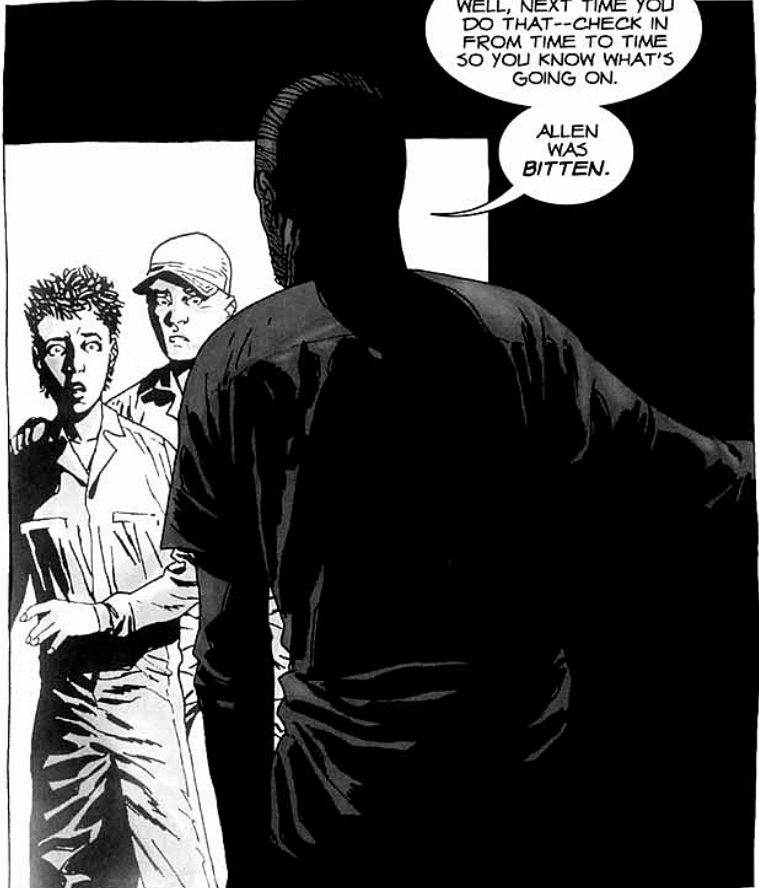
WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN ALL DAY?



WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING THIS CELLBLOCK. IT'S HUGE, Y'KNOW. I DON'T THINK HALF THE PEOPLE HERE KNOW WHAT'S IN THESE ROOMS SINCE THEY SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME OUTSIDE IN THE HOT SUN.

YOU GET USED TO HOW DARK IT IS IN HERE PRETTY QUICK AS LONG AS YOU DON'T LOOK OUT ANY WINDOWS.

WE WERE JUST GETTING THE LAY OF THE LAND.

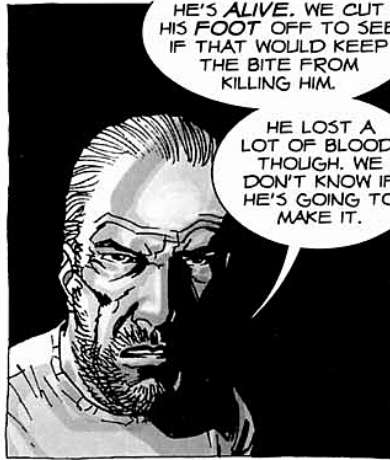


WELL, NEXT TIME YOU DO THAT--CHECK IN FROM TIME TO TIME SO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

ALLEN WAS BITTEN.



OH, GOD!
IS HE
OKAY?!



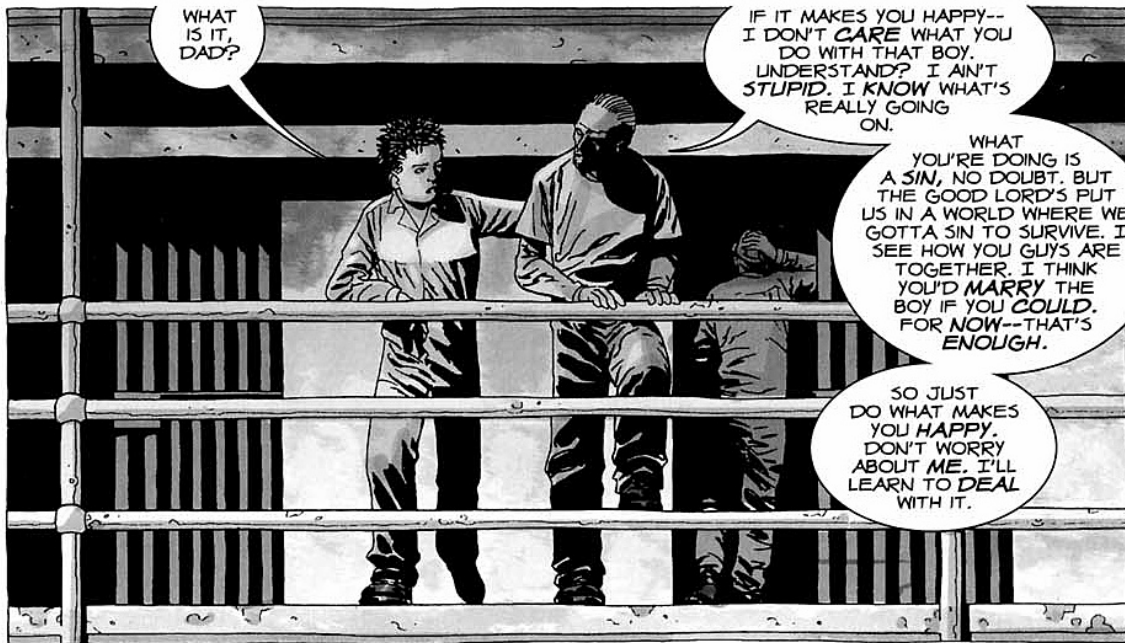
HE'S ALIVE. WE CUT
HIS FOOT OFF TO SEE
IF THAT WOULD KEEP
THE BITE FROM
KILLING HIM.

HE LOST A
LOT OF BLOOD,
THOUGH. WE
DON'T KNOW IF
HE'S GOING TO
MAKE IT.



SO JUST CHECK
IN FROM TIME TO
TIME, PLEASE.
FOR ME.

GOOD
NIGHT, GLENN.
MAGGIE,
C'MERE.



WHAT
IS IT,
DAD?

IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY--
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU
DO WITH THAT BOY.
UNDERSTAND? I AIN'T
STUPID. I KNOW WHAT'S
REALLY GOING
ON.

WHAT
YOU'RE DOING IS
A SIN, NO DOUBT. BUT
THE GOOD LORD'S PUT
US IN A WORLD WHERE WE
GOTTA SIN TO SURVIVE. I
SEE HOW YOU GUYS ARE
TOGETHER. I THINK
YOU'D MARRY THE
BOY IF YOU COULD.
FOR NOW--THAT'S
ENOUGH.

SO JUST
DO WHAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY.
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME. I'LL
LEARN TO DEAL
WITH IT.

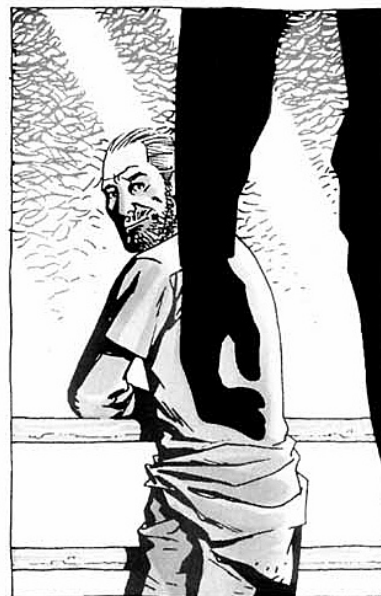


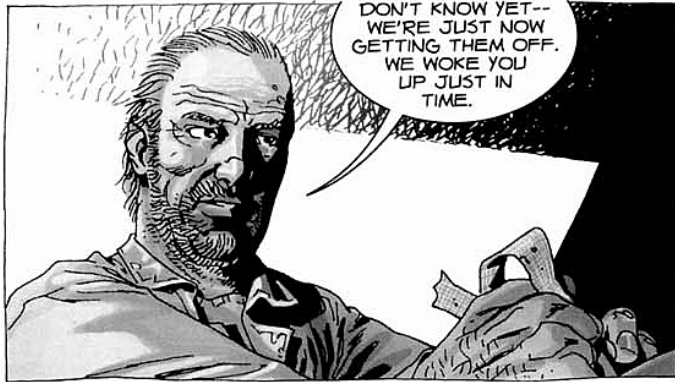
BUT PLEASE, DON'T
MAKE YOUR POOR
FATHER WORRY. I
GOT ENOUGH ON MY
MIND WITHOUT HAVING
TO WORRY IF YOU'RE
OFF GETTING
KILLED.



OKAY,
DADDY. I
LOVE
YOU.

GOODNIGHT,
MAGGIE.







WELL, THAT'S SEEMS TO BE AS GOOD AS IT GETS.

FOR NOW AT LEAST--IT COULD STILL BE HEALING, AND THE MORE YOU *USE* YOUR HAND THE BETTER IT COULD GET.

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD.



OH, REALLY?

TELL THAT TO THE LIVING DEAD OUT THERE.



POOR CHOICE OF WORDS.

JUST DON'T BE TOO UPSET OVER THE HAND-- LIKE I SAY, IT SHOULD GET BETTER, WITH TIME. I MEAN, I'M JUST GUESSING HERE-- I'M NO DOCTOR.



UNDERSTOOD. WELL, WITH PRACTICE I SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO FIRE A GUN.

WHAT MORE DO I NEED IN THIS DAY AND AGE?



HEY--GOOD MORNING, TYREESE.

WHERE ARE YOU--?

WHAT'S GOING ON?



I'M LOOKING FOR AN EMPTY CELL.



CAROL, IS SOMETHING--?

PLEASE, RICK--I DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP SOPHIA.



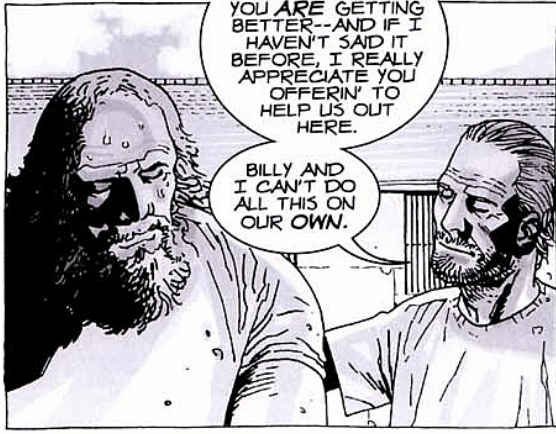


STOP PUSHING DOWN SO MUCH. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH DOWN--JUST FORWARD. LET THE DIRT PULL THE FLOW DOWN FOR YOU.

YOU'RE MAKING SO MUCH WORK FOR YOURSELF.



YEAH, BUT I'M GETTING BETTER, AREN'T I? I'M LEARNING. YOU FOLLOW ME?



YOU ARE GETTING BETTER--AND IF I HAVEN'T SAID IT BEFORE, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU OFFERIN' TO HELP US OUT HERE.

BILLY AND I CAN'T DO ALL THIS ON OUR OWN.



YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THEM? WATCHING YOU LIKE THEY DO--ALL DAY.

I TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT THEM AT ALL.





NOT ME--I THINK ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME. WHO THEY WERE--WHAT THEY DID BEFORE THEY DIED-- ALL KINDS OF STUFF.

I THINK ABOUT WHAT JOBS THEY HAD. OR IF THEY HAD ANY FAMILY, AND IF SO, WHERE THEY WENT OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. ARE ANY OF THEM FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE STUCK TOGETHER? ANY OF THEM OUT THERE KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE THEY DIED?

I MEAN, THOSE THINGS ALL USED TO BE PEOPLE. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM HAD LIVES. YOU FOLLOW ME?



LIKE I SAID, I DON'T LIKE THINKING ABOUT IT.



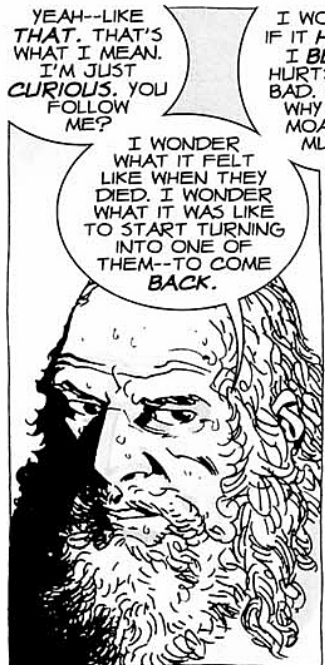
YOU DON'T WONDER ABOUT THAT? WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THEY WERE BEFORE THEY DIED AND DECIDED TO TRY AND EAT US.

I BET MOST OF THEM WERE GOOD PEOPLE, LIKE YOU OR ME-- OR WELL, YOU. I WAS NO BOY SCOUT.



YOU THINK ANY OF THEM WERE ASTRONAUTS OR SECRET AGENTS OR SHIT LIKE THAT? THAT'D BE PRETTY COOL.

LANGUAGE.



YEAH--LIKE THAT. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN. I'M JUST CURIOUS. YOU FOLLOW ME?

I WONDER WHAT IT FELT LIKE WHEN THEY DIED. I WONDER WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO START TURNING INTO ONE OF THEM--TO COME BACK.

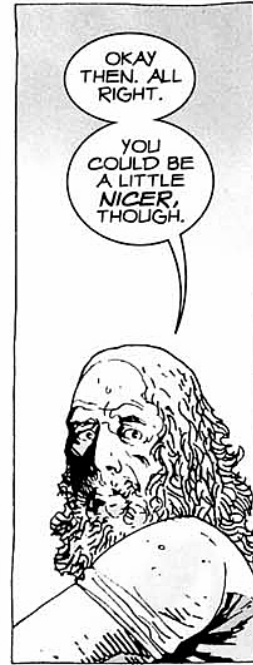


I WONDER IF IT HURTS. I BET IT HURTS REAL BAD. THAT'S WHY THEY MOAN SO MUCH.

YOU GOTTA ASK YOURSELVES THESE QUESTIONS. I MEAN, ODDS ARE WE'LL ALL BE LIKE THAT BEFORE LONG. ODDS ARE.



OKAY--ENOUGH ALREADY. LET'S GET SOME WORK DONE. IT'LL BE LUNCHTIME BEFORE WE KNOW IT.

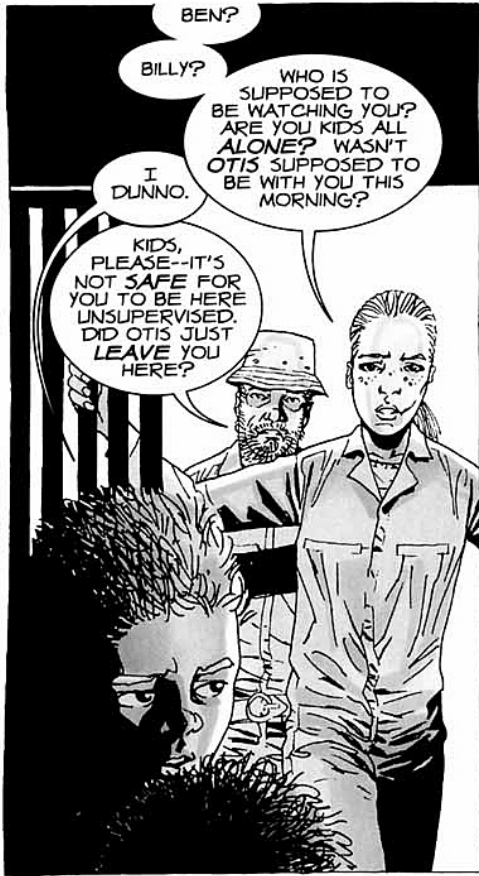


OKAY THEN. ALL RIGHT.

YOU COULD BE A LITTLE NICER, THOUGH.



THAT'S NOT FAIR! YOU'RE CHEATING.



BEN?

BILLY?

WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING YOU? ARE YOU KIDS ALL ALONE? WASN'T OTIS SUPPOSED TO BE WITH YOU THIS MORNING?

I DUNNO.

KIDS, PLEASE--IT'S NOT SAFE FOR YOU TO BE HERE UNSUPERVISED. DID OTIS JUST LEAVE YOU HERE?



THE RED-HEADED MAN LEFT.



LEFT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, LEFT? HE JUST LEFT YOU?!

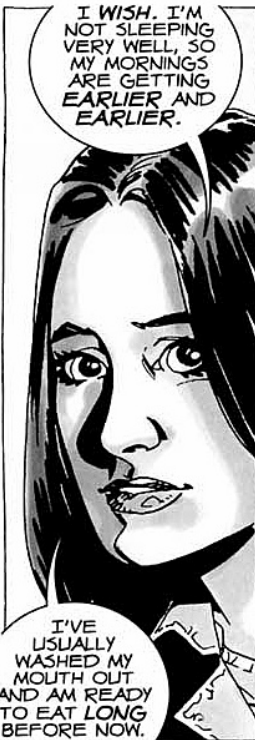
CALM DOWN, ANDREA--THE MAN PROBABLY JUST HAD TO TAKE A LEAK OR SOMETHING. HOW IS YOUR FATHER DOING?

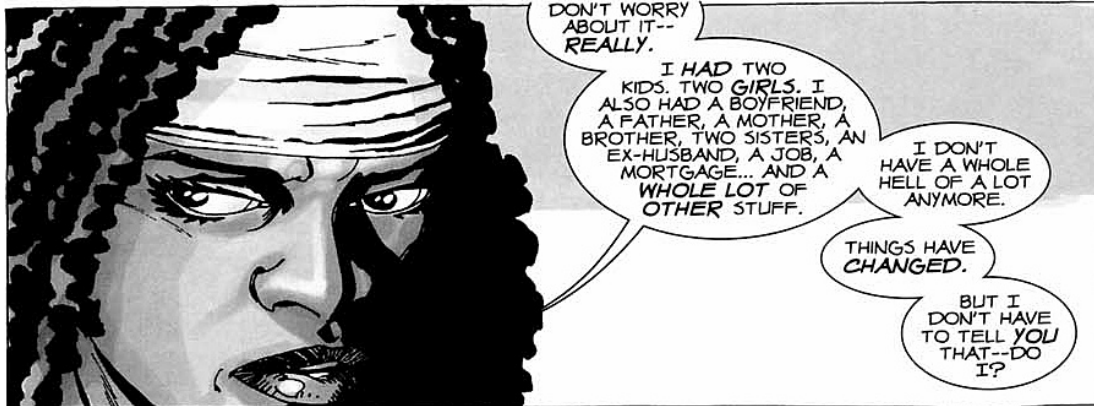


HE WANTS TO BE WITH MOMMY. HE SAID HE WILL BE SOON.



KIDS OKAY? I HAD TA TINKLE REAL QUICK LIKE.





IT SEEMS TYREESE AND CAROL HAVE BROKEN UP. I WAS GOING TO GO BACK OVER THERE AND GET SOPHIA SO YOU AND CAROL COULD TALK IN PRIVATE.

SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TAKING IT TOO WELL. BUT THESE DAYS, WHO CAN REALLY TELL NORMAL UPSET FROM EVEN MORE UPSET ON TOP OF THAT?

WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS YOU TWO HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE. MAYBE YOU CAN TALK TO HER ABOUT THIS MORE THAN SOMEONE ELSE COULD.

OH GOD-- I HAD NO IDEA SURE, LET'S GO OVER THERE RIGHT NOW.

I'M STILL EATING.

MICHONNE, IS THERE ANY WAY I COULD ASK YOU TO WATCH CARL WHILE WE--?

I WAS ACTUALLY ON MY WAY OUT. SORRY.

HEY GUYS, COULD YOU WATCH CARL FOR A MINUTE?

OF COURSE.

THANKS SO MUCH, GLENN.

HOW WORRIED ABOUT HER ARE YOU?

YOU TOLD ME HOW CAROL WAS WHEN SHE THOUGHT TYREESE WAS DEAD--WELL, SHE SEEMS WORSE THAN YOU DESCRIBED, NOW. WHICH DOESN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE.

SURE, I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE BEFORE, Y'KNOW.

WHEN WE GET IN HERE I'M GOING TO ASK SOPHIA TO COME WITH ME TO SEE CARL-- YOU JUST START TALKING.

RIGHT. SORRY.



OH,
GOD--!

CAROL!!





TYREESE,
I--

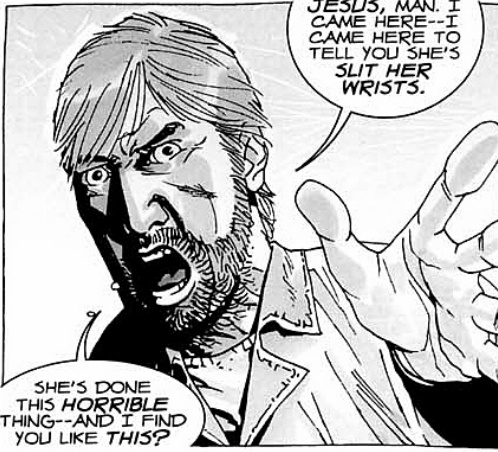


WHAT
THE
FU~~CK~~?!



RICK?!
WHAT?
WHAT IS
IT?

CAROL
AND I--
IT'S
OVER.



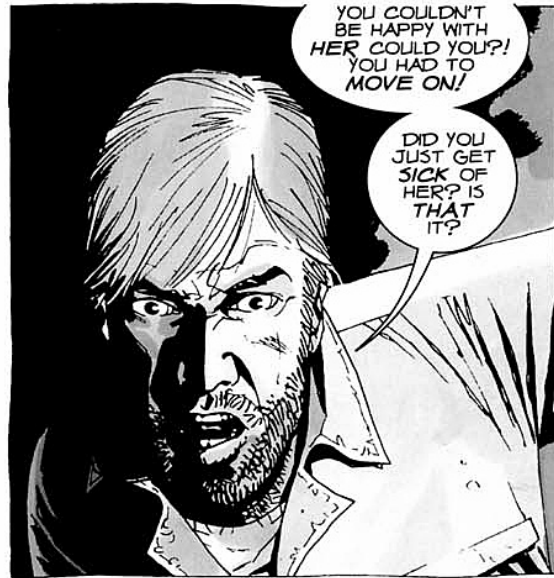
JESUS, MAN. I
CAME HERE-- I
CAME HERE TO
TELL YOU SHE'S
SLIT HER
WRISTS.

SHE'S DONE
THIS HORRIBLE
THING-- AND I FIND
YOU LIKE THIS?



OH,
MY GOD!
IS SHE
OKAY?!

OH, GOD--
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?







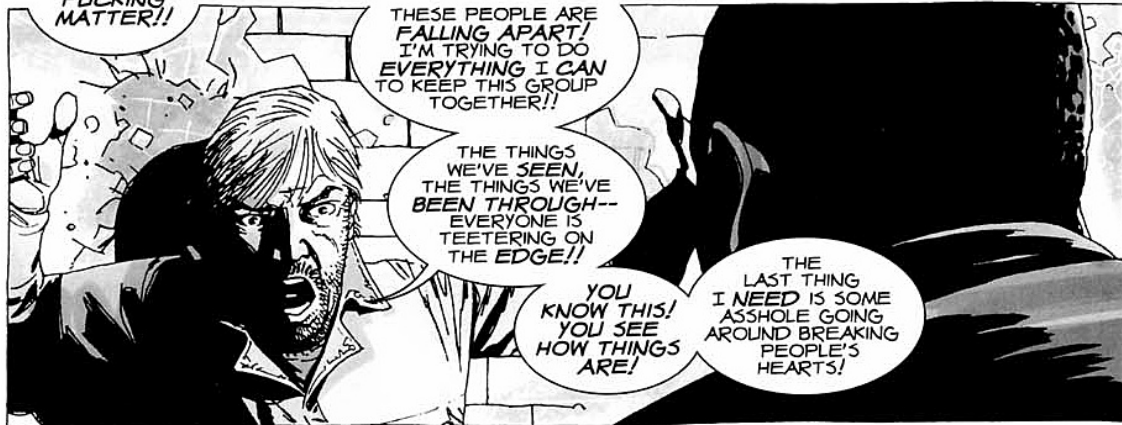
IT DOESN'T FUCKING MATTER!!

THESE PEOPLE ARE FALLING APART! I'M TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO KEEP THIS GROUP TOGETHER!!

THE THINGS WE'VE SEEN, THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN THROUGH-- EVERYONE IS TEETERING ON THE EDGE!!

YOU KNOW THIS! YOU SEE HOW THINGS ARE!

THE LAST THING I NEED IS SOME ASSHOLE GOING AROUND BREAKING PEOPLE'S HEARTS!



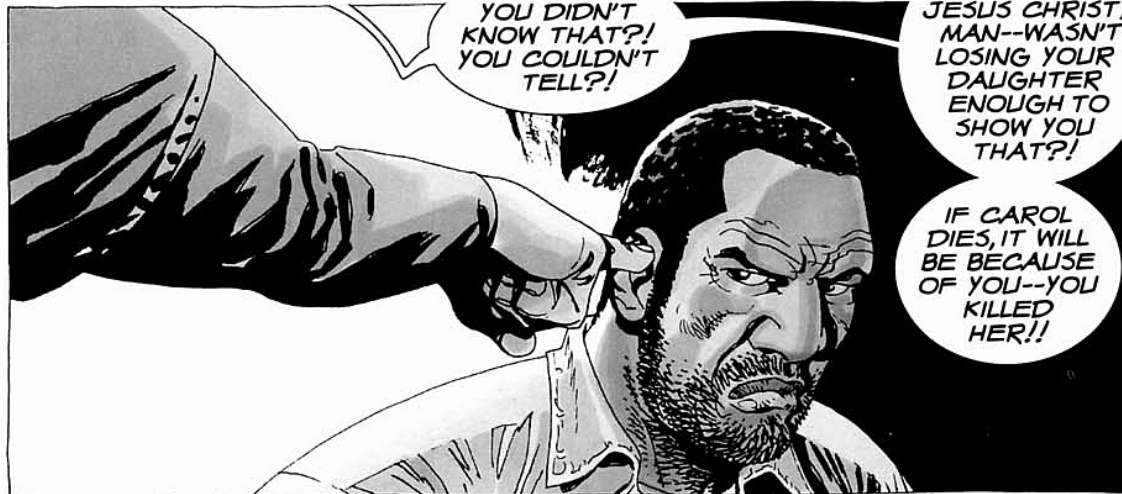
YOU THINK THIS ISN'T KILLING ME?!

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!!



LIKE HELL YOU DIDN'T! YOU SEE THESE PEOPLE. THEY'RE ALL READY TO DIE!

ALL THEY NEED IS AN EXCUSE!



YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?! YOU COULDN'T TELL?!

JESUS CHRIST, MAN--WASN'T LOSING YOUR DAUGHTER ENOUGH TO SHOW YOU THAT?!

IF CAROL DIES, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF YOU--YOU KILLED HER!!



