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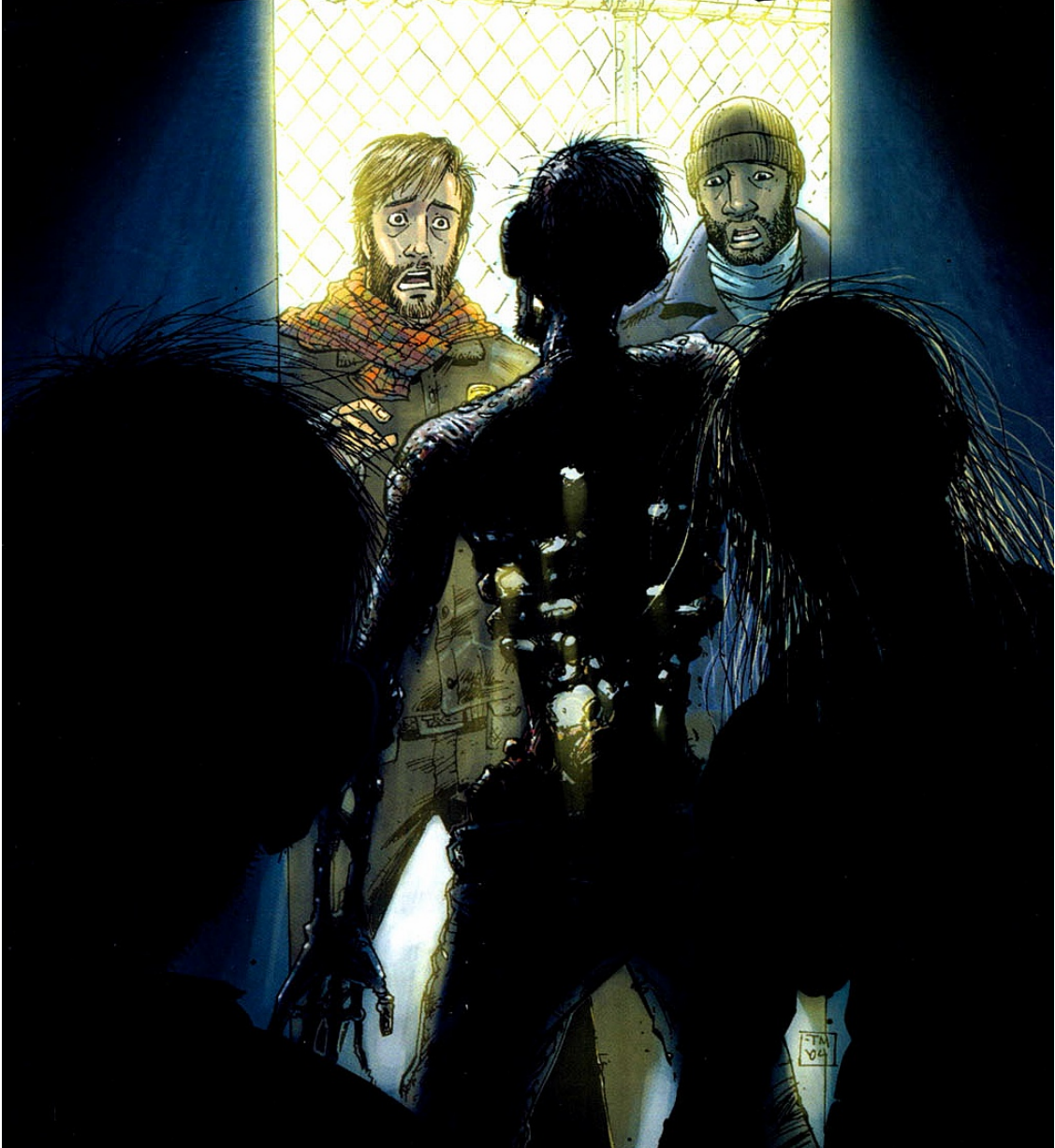
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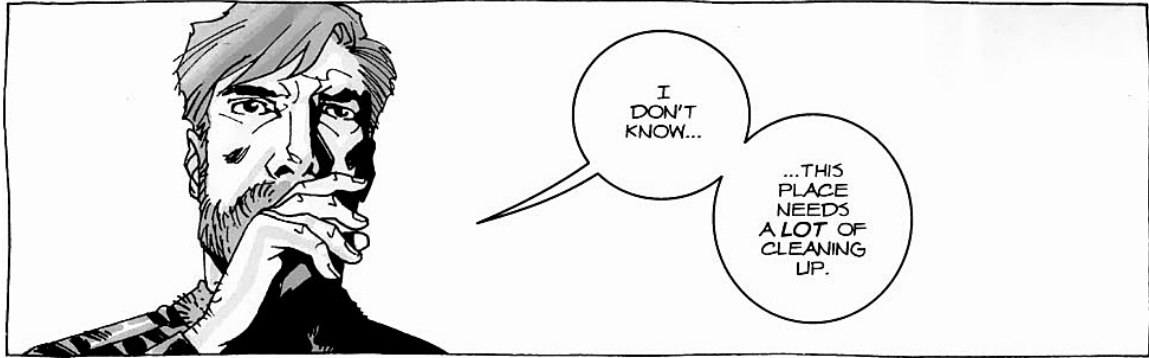
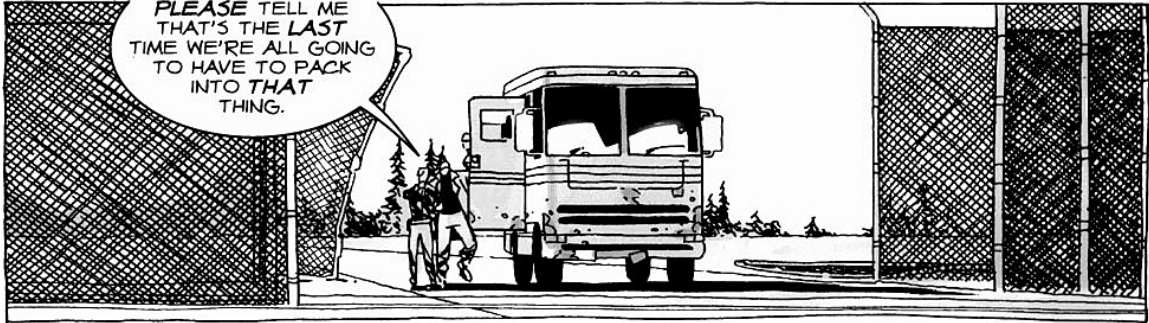
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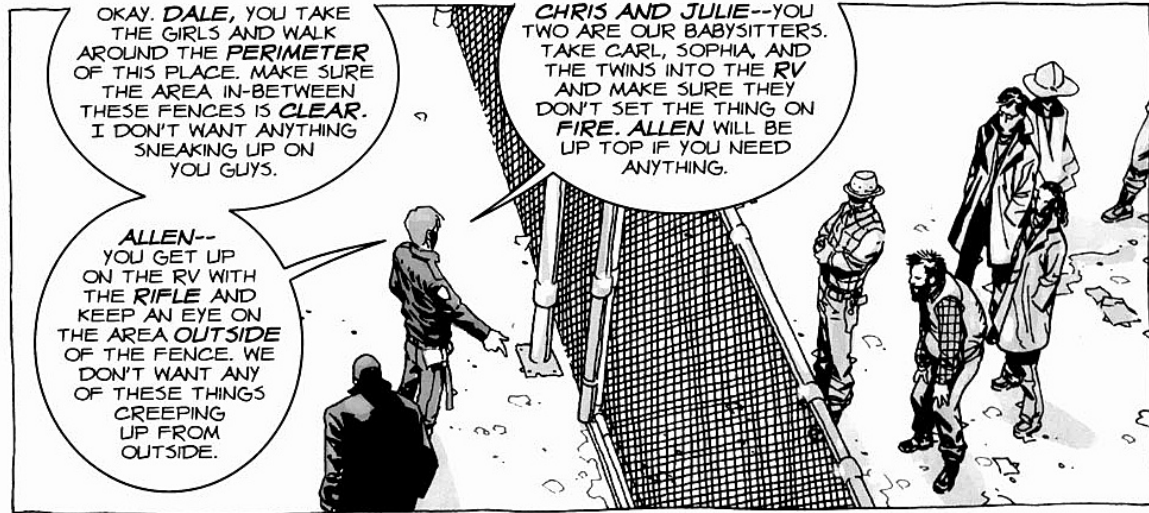






OKAY. WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOCK IT--UFF--BUT I DOUBT ANY OF THESE THINGS WILL THINK TO SLIDE IT--OPEN--OR HAVE THE STRENGTH TO, REALLY.

I FEEL--LIMPH--SAFER ALREADY.



OKAY. DALE, YOU TAKE THE GIRLS AND WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THIS PLACE. MAKE SURE THE AREA IN-BETWEEN THESE FENCES IS CLEAR. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING SNEAKING UP ON YOU GUYS.

CHRIS AND JULIE--YOU TWO ARE OUR BABYSITTERS. TAKE CARL, SOPHIA, AND THE TWINS INTO THE RV AND MAKE SURE THEY DON'T SET THE THING ON FIRE. ALLEN WILL BE UP TOP IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

ALLEN-- YOU GET UP ON THE RV WITH THE RIFLE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE. WE DON'T WANT ANY OF THESE THINGS CREEPING UP FROM OUTSIDE.



THESE THINGS ARE SPREAD OUT ENOUGH THAT I THINK TYREESE AND I CAN HANDLE THEM ON OUR OWN.

HOLD ON, RICK. I SHOULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE WITH YOU GUYS. I'M THE BEST SHOT IN THE GROUP, IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.

WE'RE ALL TIRED, AND HALF-STARVED. I THINK DALE, CAROL, AND LORI CAN SWEEP THE FENCES JUST FINE WITHOUT ME, AND I THINK I COULD BE OF USE IN THERE.

I CAN'T ARGUE WITH YOU.



















I DON'T LIKE THIS, MAN. THERE'S WAY TOO MANY OF THEM.



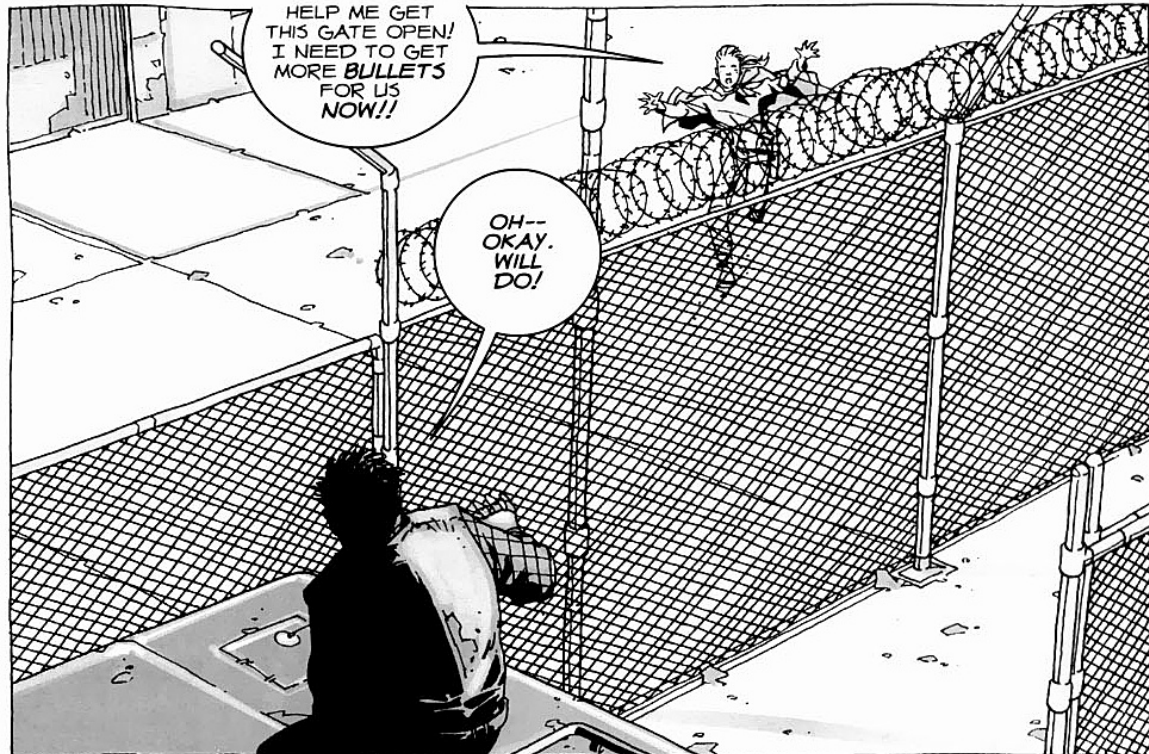
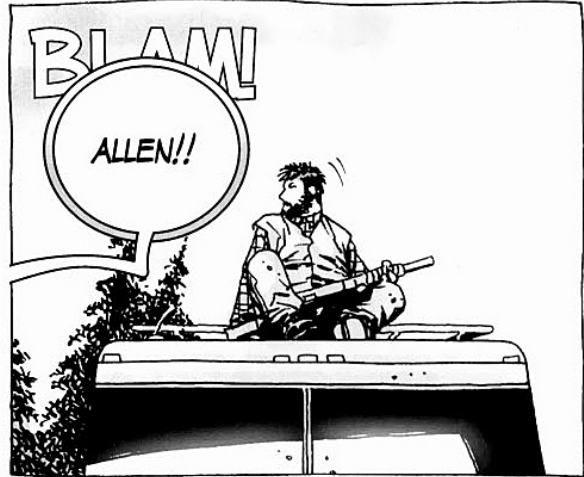
IT AN'T THAT BAD. WE CAN ALWAYS RUN AWAY. JUST STAY CALM...

...AND PRAY ANDREA COMES BACK WITH MORE BULLETS SOON.

BLAM!















HOW BAD IS IT?

PRETTY BAD.



THESE ARE ALL THE CLIPS THAT ARE LOADED--AND A TON OF LOOSE BULLETS. IF YOU GUYS MOW THROUGH THESE CLIPS YOU'LL HAVE TO LOAD UP NEW ONES IN A HURRY.

I'LL LEAVE THAT HONOR TO TYREESE. HE'S ALMOST USELESS WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT HAMMER OF HIS.



THANKS!

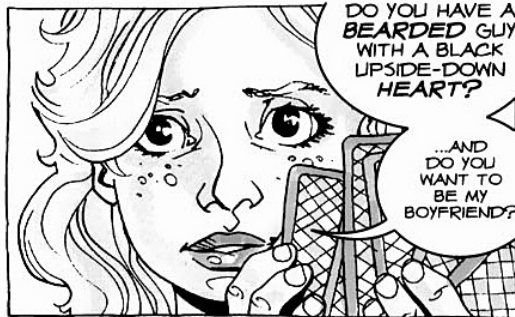


WHAT WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THEM THAT CHRIS WAS BEING MEAN.

YOU READY TO PLAY?

UH-HUH. YOU GO FIRST.



DO YOU HAVE A BEARDED GUY WITH A BLACK UPSIDE-DOWN HEART?

...AND DO YOU WANT TO BE MY BOYFRIEND?



NO WAY! GROSS! YOU'RE DISGUSTING!

GO FISH.







**BLAM!  
BLAM!**

DON'T WORRY--  
THEY'RE FINE.  
RICK KNOWS  
WHAT HE'S  
DOING.

...



I KNOW--IT'S  
JUST--EVEN  
AFTER ALL THIS  
TIME, I'M STILL  
NOT USED TO  
THE SOUND OF  
GUNFIRE.

BEFORE--YOU WOULD  
ALWAYS HEAR "LIVE LIFE  
LIKE EVERY DAY COULD  
BE YOUR LAST." AS IF  
THAT WOULD MAKE YOU  
LIVE LIFE TO ITS  
FULLEST AND MAKE  
YOU A HAPPIER  
PERSON.

I'M  
LIVING LIFE  
LIKE EVERY  
DAY COULD BE  
MY LAST--AND  
IT'S HORRIBLE.  
I'VE SEEN  
TOO MUCH  
DEATH.



ANY ONE OF US  
COULD DIE AT  
ANY MINUTE. WE'VE  
SEEN IT HAPPEN  
TIME AND TIME  
AGAIN. WE'RE  
JUST NOT  
SAFE.

AND  
GOD HELP  
ME, I'M  
BRINGING  
ANOTHER  
CHILD INTO  
THIS  
WORLD.



LORI.  
PLEASE.



I'M GOING TO  
CHALK THIS UP TO  
MOOD SWINGS AND  
FLUNKY PREGNANT  
WOMAN HORMONES.  
STOP BEING SO  
BLEAK.

YOU'RE  
DEPRESSING  
ME.

I'VE ALMOST GOT  
THINGS BETTER NOW--  
TYREESE IS BETTER  
THAN MY HUSBAND  
EVER WAS. IF WE  
JUST HAD SOME  
MORE FOOD...



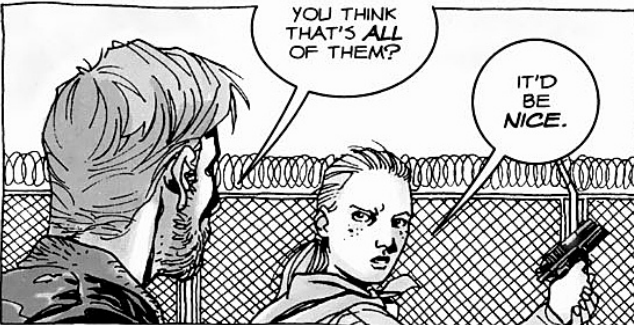
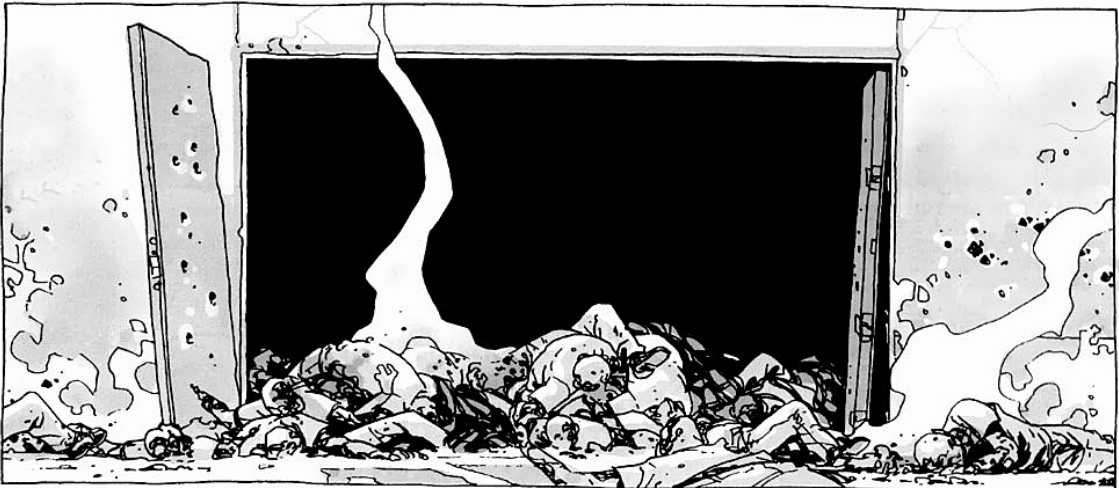
I MEAN,  
LOOK AROUND  
YOU. LOOK AT  
THIS PLACE. WE  
COULD HAVE IT  
ALL HERE. WE  
COULD  
REBUILD--MAKE  
A NEW  
LIFE.

YEAH--  
I THINK  
I'VE HEARD  
THAT LINE  
BEFORE.



LET'S  
JUST SAY  
I WON'T BE  
UNPACKING  
ANY TIME  
SOON.



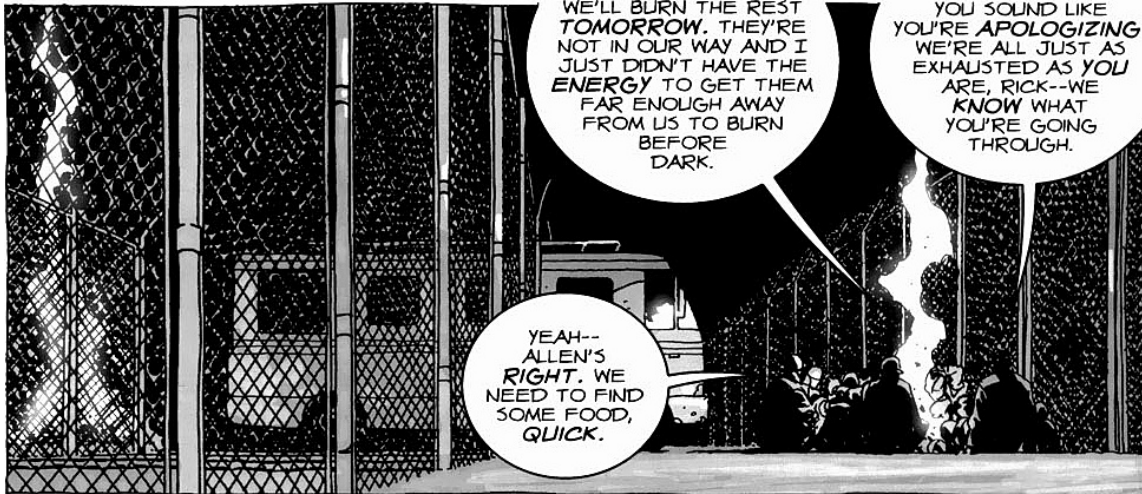












WE'LL BURN THE REST TOMORROW. THEY'RE NOT IN OUR WAY AND I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO GET THEM FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM US TO BURN BEFORE DARK.

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE APOLOGIZING. WE'RE ALL JUST AS EXHAUSTED AS YOU ARE, RICK--WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.

YEAH-- ALLEN'S RIGHT. WE NEED TO FIND SOME FOOD, QUICK.

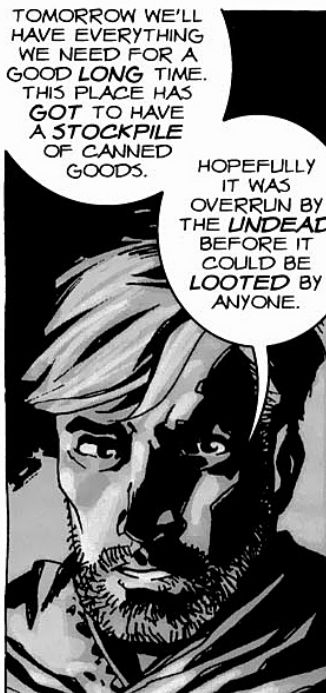


I'M HUNGRY, MOMMY. I WANT SOME FOOD.

I KNOW HONEY--I'M SORRY. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY.

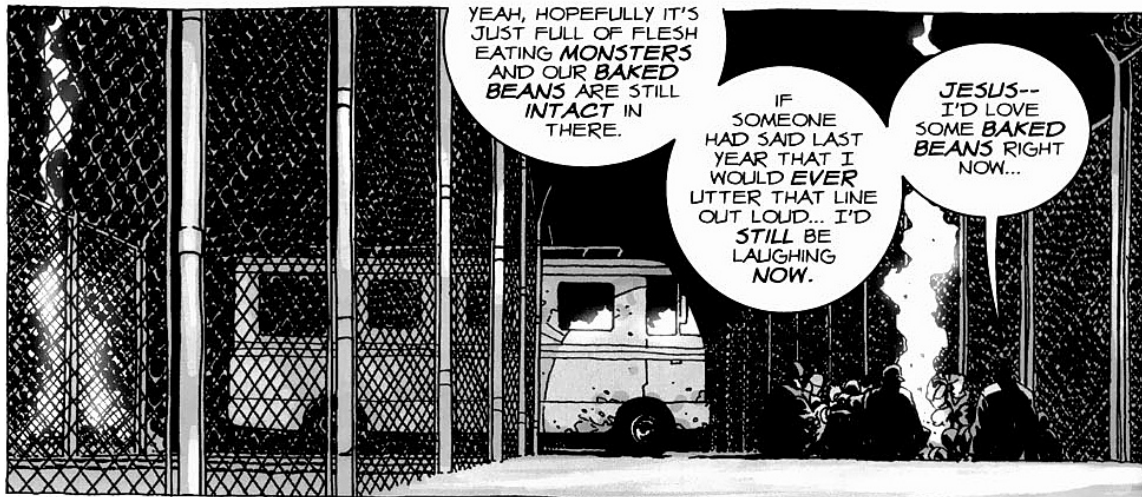


SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING IT UP.



TOMORROW WE'LL HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GOOD LONG TIME. THIS PLACE HAS GOT TO HAVE A STOCKPILE OF CANNED GOODS.

HOPEFULLY IT WAS OVERRUN BY THE UNDEAD BEFORE IT COULD BE LOOTED BY ANYONE.



YEAH, HOPEFULLY IT'S JUST FULL OF FLESH EATING MONSTERS AND OUR BAKED BEANS ARE STILL INTACT IN THERE.

IF SOMEONE HAD SAID LAST YEAR THAT I WOULD EVER LITTER THAT LINE OUT LOUD... I'D STILL BE LAUGHING NOW.

JESUS-- I'D LOVE SOME BAKED BEANS RIGHT NOW...





OH!  
THAT TIME  
ALREADY?



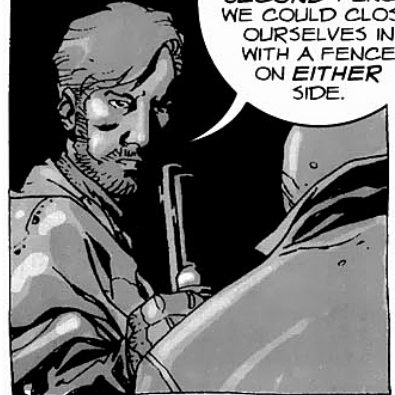
YEP.  
I'M TAKING  
OVER FOR YOU.  
YOU REGRETTING  
SLEEPING ON THIS  
SIDE OF THE  
FENCE JUST  
YET?

I  
KNOW  
I WILL IN  
ABOUT AN  
HOUR.

I'M STILL NOT SURE  
IT'S ANY SAFER ON  
THE OTHER SIDE. WE  
KILLED A LOT OF  
ZOMBIES IN THERE  
TODAY BUT THAT'S A  
BIG PLACE--I'M  
SURE THERE'S  
MORE.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED  
TO DO IF WE END UP STAYING  
HERE--FIX THESE GATES. IT'S NO  
GOOD TO HAVE THREE FENCES  
IF ONLY ONE OF THEM HAS  
A GATE WE CAN  
CLOSE.

OF  
COURSE, IF  
THE GATE WAS  
WORKING ON THIS  
SECOND FENCE  
WE COULD CLOSE  
OURSELVES IN  
WITH A FENCE  
ON EITHER  
SIDE.



RICK,  
IF WE DON'T  
END UP STAYING  
HERE, I'M  
SHOOTING MYSELF  
IN THE FACE. I'M  
NOT SPENDING  
ANOTHER  
NIGHT IN  
THIS RV.



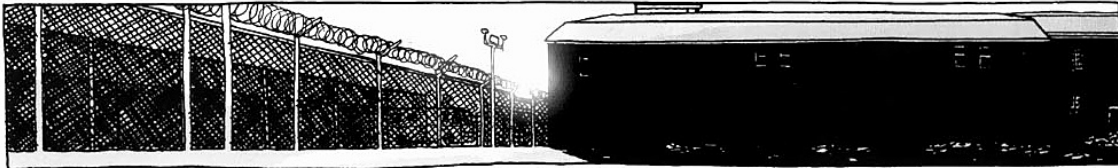
RELAX,  
RICK. I WAS  
JOKING.

MAN...  
YOU KNOW  
I DON'T  
HAVE ENOUGH  
SLEEP FOR  
THAT. CUT  
ME SOME  
SLACK.

I'LL  
SEE YOU  
IN THE  
MORNING.

GOOD-  
NIGHT,  
RICK.





GETTING AN EARLY START, HON'?

OH, GROSS. DON'T LOOK AT ME. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE WAS AWAKE.

I'M MORE HEAVING THAN ACTUALLY PUKING. I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO THROW UP.



WE WEREN'T. YOU JOGGING THROUGH THE RV TO COME OUT HERE AND VOMIT IS OUR NEW WAKE-UP CALL.



I KNOW, LORI. IF WE DON'T FIND FOOD IN THIS PRISON BY NOON I'M GOING TO GO OUT INTO THOSE WOODS AND HUNT UNTIL I FIND SOMETHING OR DIE OF STARVATION.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH WHEN I'M WIPING VOMIT OFF MY MOUTH.

SO I WOULDN'T BE OUT THERE MORE THAN A COUPLE HOURS.



YOU'VE NEVER BEEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.

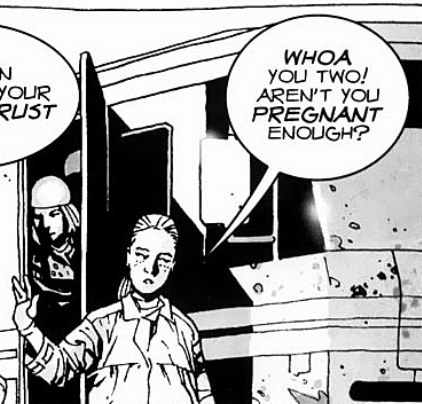
WHAT'D I JUST TELL YOU?



GIVE US A KISS!

NO--MY BREATH!

I'VE GOTTEN USED TO YOUR BREATH--TRUST ME.



WHOA YOU TWO! AREN'T YOU PREGNANT ENOUGH?







I'M WAY TOO PREGNANT. TRUST ME.

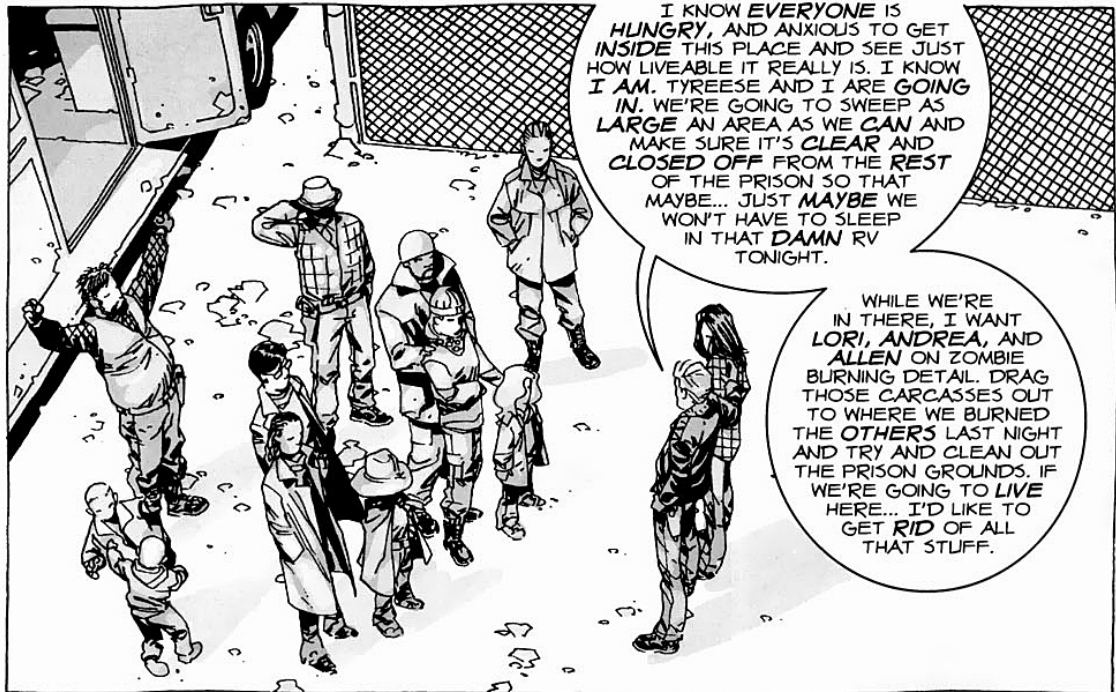


OH, STOP IT. YOU'RE BARELY EVEN SHOWING. SAVE THE COMPLAINING FOR WHEN YOU CAN'T STAND UP WITHOUT HELP.



DON'T WORRY, I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF COMPLAINING LEFT WHEN THE TIME COMES.

OKAY, LISTEN UP, PEOPLE!



I KNOW EVERYONE IS HUNGRY, AND ANXIOUS TO GET INSIDE THIS PLACE AND SEE JUST HOW LIVEABLE IT REALLY IS. I KNOW I AM. TYREESE AND I ARE GOING IN. WE'RE GOING TO SWEEP AS LARGE AN AREA AS WE CAN AND MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR AND CLOSED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE PRISON SO THAT MAYBE... JUST MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO SLEEP IN THAT DAMN RV TONIGHT.

WHILE WE'RE IN THERE, I WANT LORI, ANDREA, AND ALLEN ON ZOMBIE BURNING DETAIL. DRAG THOSE CARCASSES OUT TO WHERE WE BURNED THE OTHERS LAST NIGHT AND TRY AND CLEAN OUT THE PRISON GROUNDS. IF WE'RE GOING TO LIVE HERE... I'D LIKE TO GET RID OF ALL THAT STUFF.

DALE. I WANT YOU TO BE AT THE GATE WITH A SHOTGUN, WATCHING THEM DRAG THE BODIES OUT. MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN THE CLEAR AT ALL TIMES. WE DON'T HAVE MANY SHELLS OR BULLETS LEFT--SO USE THEM SPARINGLY.

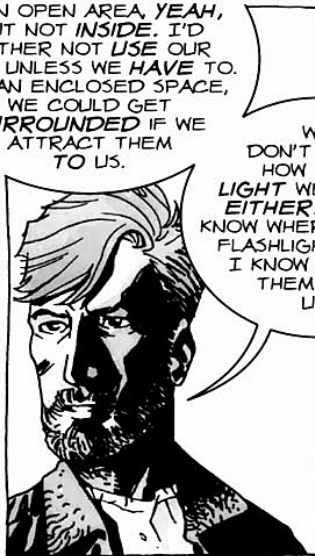
CHRIS AND JULIE... YOU'RE BABYSITTING IN THE RV AGAIN. I KNOW IT'S NOT VERY EXCITING BUT I NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU KIDS ARE SAFE. HOPEFULLY AFTER TODAY YOU WON'T NEED TO DO THIS ANY MORE.







I THOUGHT WE COVERED THIS YESTERDAY. I'M THE BEST SHOT HERE. I SHOULD BE INSIDE WITH YOU TWO.



IN AN OPEN AREA, YEAH, BUT NOT INSIDE. I'D RATHER NOT USE OUR GUNS UNLESS WE HAVE TO. IT'S AN ENCLOSED SPACE, WE COULD GET SURROUNDED IF WE ATTRACT THEM TO US.



I THINK I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE AT. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LIGHT WE'LL HAVE EITHER. DO YOU KNOW WHERE GLENN'S FLASHLIGHTS ARE? I KNOW HE LEFT THEM WITH US.



PLEASE BE CAREFUL IN THERE, RICK. I'M GOING TO BE WORRIED SICK OUT HERE.

RELAX, HON'. I'LL HAVE TYREESE TO PROTECT ME.



I GUESS NOW WOULD NOT BE THE BEST TIME TO ADMIT TO YOU THAT I'M AFRAID OF THE DARK.



FOUND THEM!

I'LL LET YOU HOLD BOTH FLASHLIGHTS IF YOU WANT.

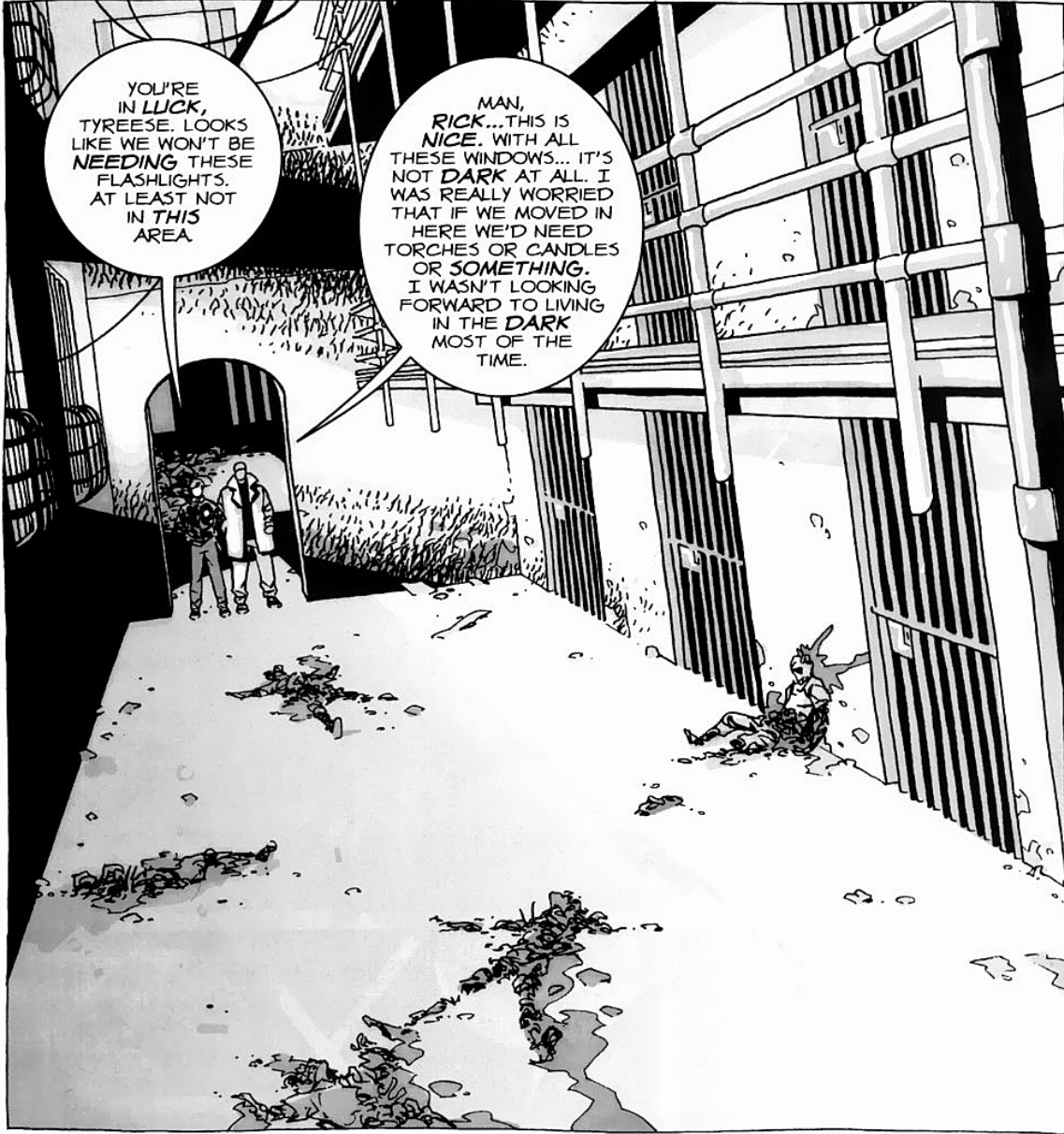
C'MON. LET'S DO THIS.



WE'LL BE BACK SOON. BE SAFE.

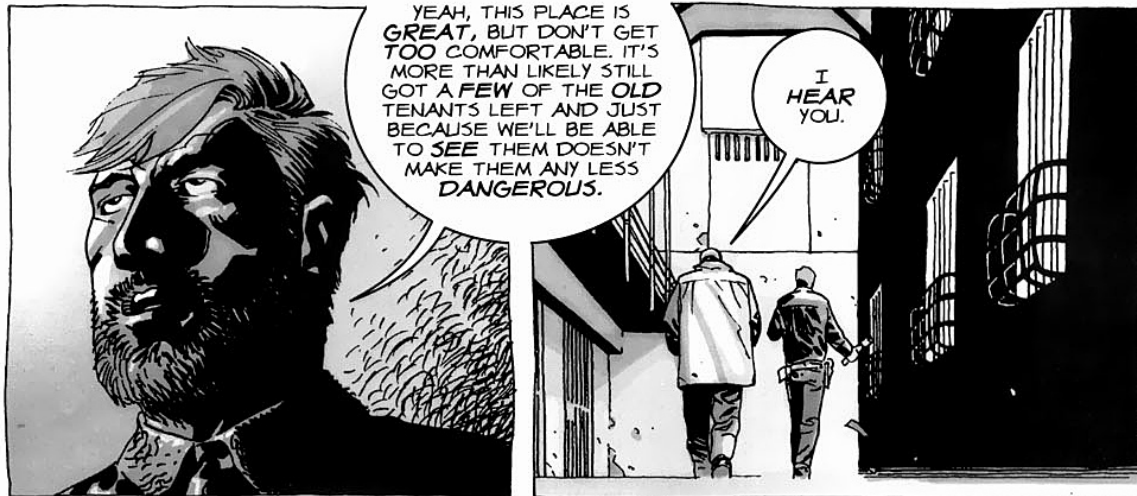
YOU TOO.





YOU'RE IN LUCK, TYREESE. LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE NEEDING THESE FLASHLIGHTS. AT LEAST NOT IN THIS AREA.

MAN, RICK... THIS IS NICE. WITH ALL THESE WINDOWS... IT'S NOT DARK AT ALL. I WAS REALLY WORRIED THAT IF WE MOVED IN HERE WE'D NEED TORCHES OR CANDLES OR SOMETHING. I WASN'T LOOKING FORWARD TO LIVING IN THE DARK MOST OF THE TIME.



YEAH, THIS PLACE IS GREAT, BUT DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE. IT'S MORE THAN LIKELY STILL GOT A FEW OF THE OLD TENANTS LEFT AND JUST BECAUSE WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THEM DOESN'T MAKE THEM ANY LESS DANGEROUS.

I HEAR YOU.





HLMGH.

GAH!



**TWACK!**



KINDA JUMPY  
THERE, EH? YOU  
NOT EXPECTING  
TO SEE ANY OF  
THESE THINGS  
IN HERE?

HEH.



OH EAT ME.  
I'LL BE MORE  
WORRIED ABOUT  
ME WHEN THE  
SIGHT OF THOSE  
THINGS DOESN'T  
STARTLE  
ME.



THAT DAY HAS  
COME AND  
GONE FOR ME  
LONG AGO, MY  
FRIEND.

LUCKY  
YOU. LIGHTS  
ON... IT'S  
GETTING  
PRETTY DARK  
BACK HERE.





