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THE WALKING DEAD

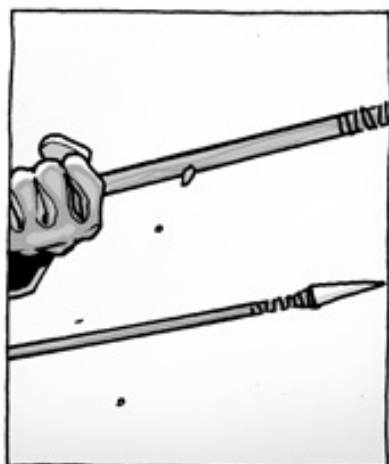
A LARGER WORLD

CONCLUSION



KIRKMAN • ADLARD • RATHBURN









WHAT ABOUT HIM?
HE'S GOING TO
TURN, Y'KNOW...
COULD HAPPEN
SOON.

WE HAVE
A PROCESS.
WE'LL TAKE
CARE OF
IT.



SO WHAT
NOW? IS
RICK IN
TROUBLE?

NO, OF COURSE
NOT. PEOPLE
JUST... THIS KIND
OF THING DOESN'T
USUALLY HAPPEN
HERE.



WHO IS NEGAN?
WHERE WOULD
HE BE KEEPING
CRYSTAL? I
ASSUME SHE WAS
ONE OF YOUR
GROUP AND THIS
GUY IS HOLDING
HER HOSTAGE.




IF NEGAN HAS
CRYSTAL SHE'S
ALREADY DEAD.
THERE'S NOTHING
WE CAN DO
FOR HER.

THERE'S A
LOT YOU
DON'T KNOW,
I'LL... FILL
YOU IN.



BUT
NOT
HERE.





ALMOST AS SOON AS THE WALLS WERE BUILT, NEGAN SHOWED UP. HE'S THE LEADER OF A REALLY NASTY GROUP OF PEOPLE HE CALLS THE SAVIORS.

HE MET WITH GREGORY, MADE A LOT OF DEMANDS AND EVEN MORE THREATS.

GREGORY IS NOT EXACTLY GOOD AT... CONFRONTATION. I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO YOU, HE'S NOT THE LEADER I WOULD HAVE CHOSEN, BUT THE PEOPLE LIKE HIM.

HE STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE SAVIORS.

HALF OF **EVERYTHING**, OUR SUPPLIES, OUR CROPS, OUR LIVESTOCK, BELONG TO THE SAVIORS... WE MAKE REGULAR DELIVERIES, AND THEY KEEP THE AREA RELATIVELY CLEAR OF THE DEAD.


THAT'S THE DEAL.

NEAR AS I CAN TELL, THEY'RE A ROAMING BAND OF MANIACS ON AN UNENDING KILLING SPREE... WORD IS THEY'VE KILLED THOUSANDS OF THE DEAD ALREADY.



NOBODY REALLY KNOWS...

I KNOW, IT'S SCREWED UP.



THAT'S PUTTING IT LIGHTLY. YOUR LEADER IS LETTING A GUY WHO MAY NOT EVEN BE A REAL THREAT TAKE YOUR SUPPLIES AND **TERRIFY** YOUR PEOPLE?

A GUY SHOWED UP, MADE SOME THREATS, AND NOW YOU GIVE HIM HALF OF **EVERYTHING**? HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THIS GROUP--THE SAVIORS?