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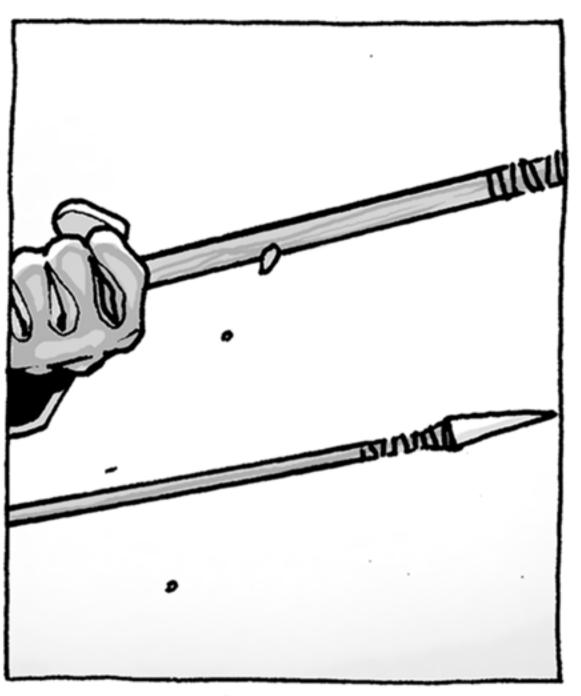






















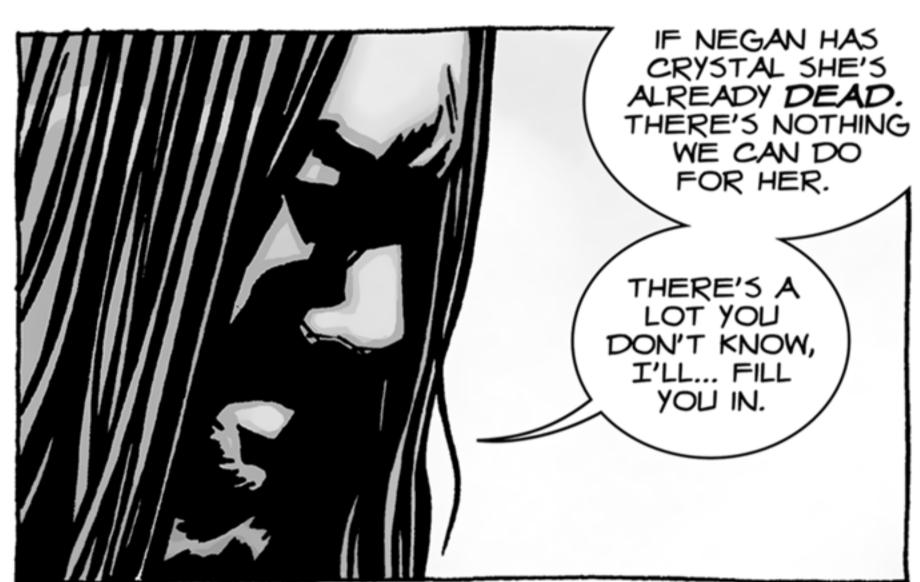














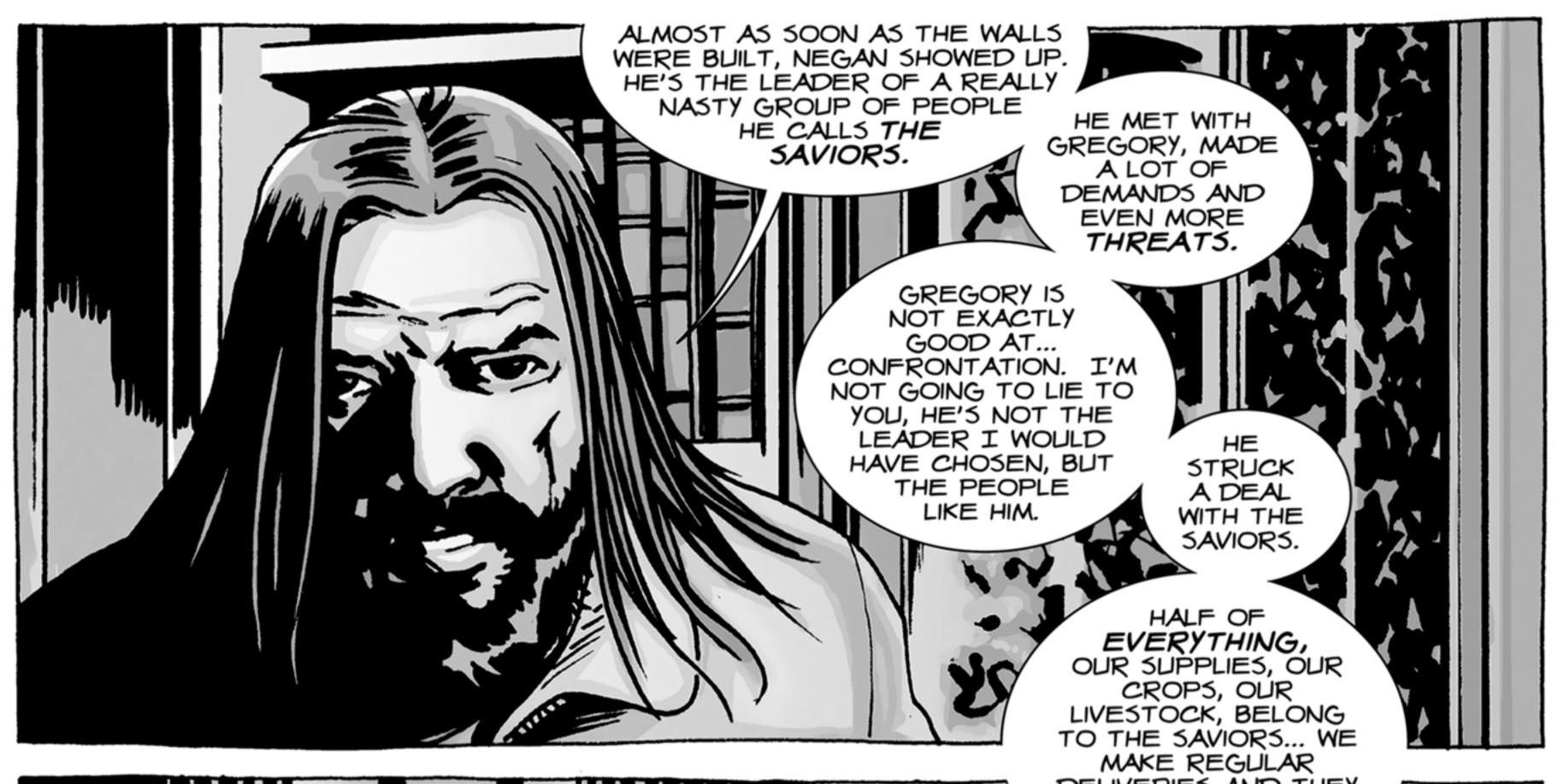










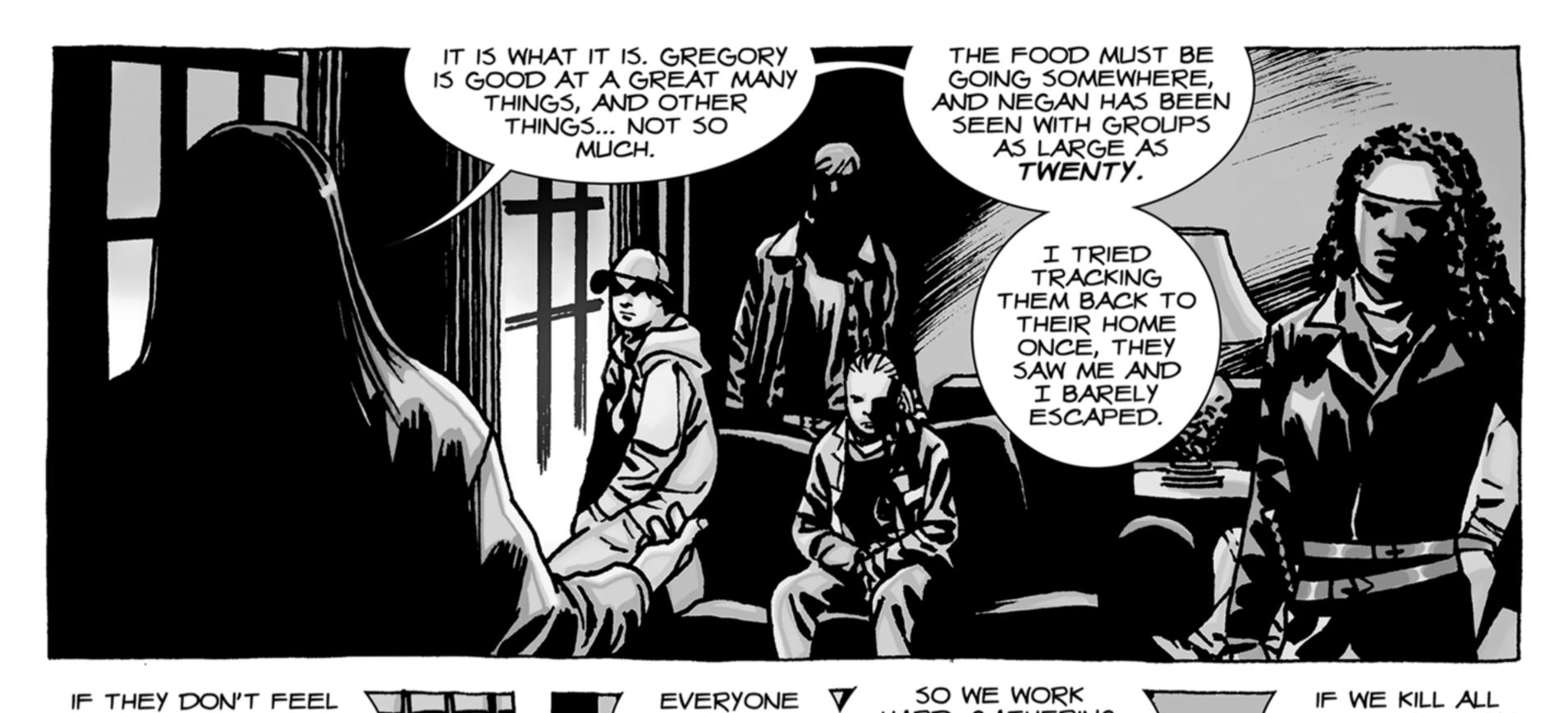












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THINGS TO HAND





HERE IS

TOO SCARED



THESE BAD GUYS,

WILL YOU START

GIVING US HALF









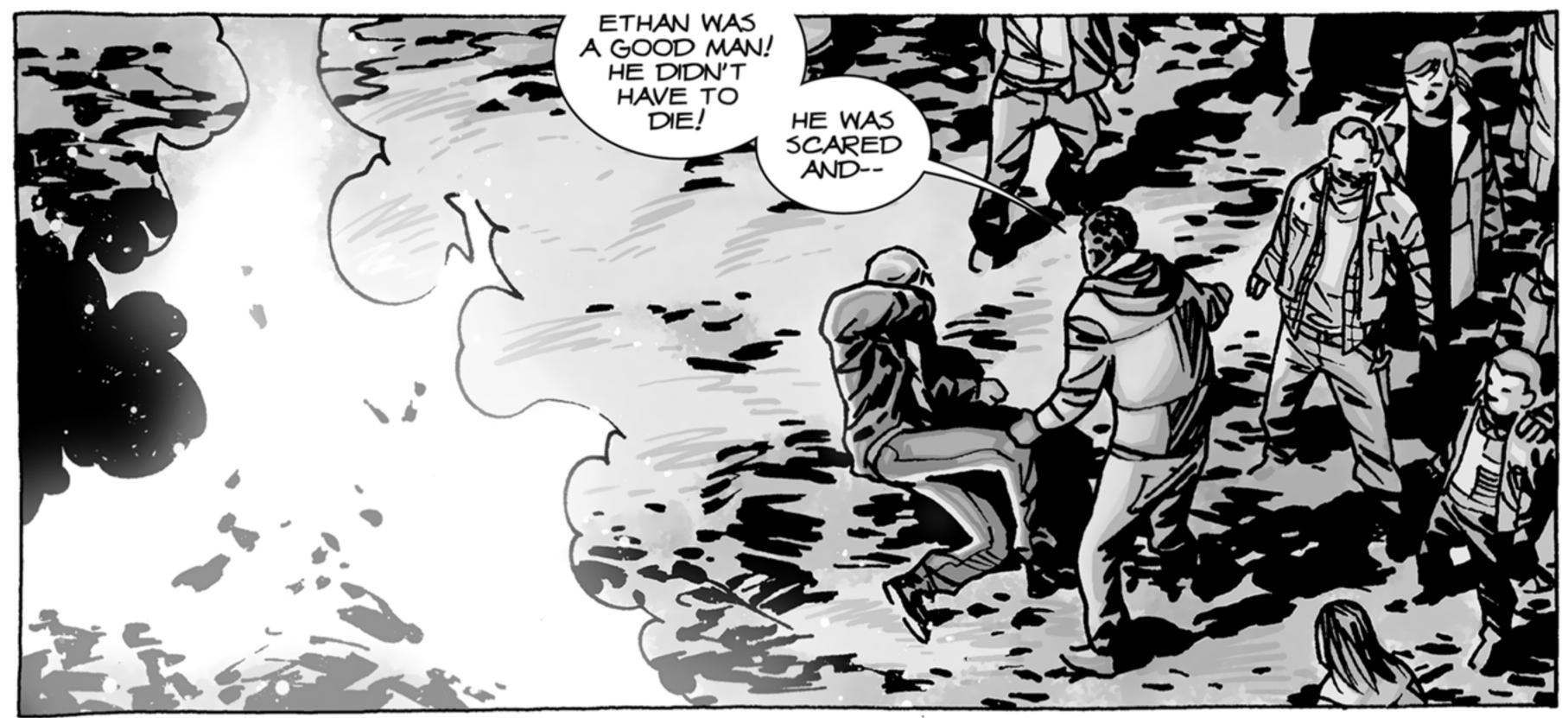


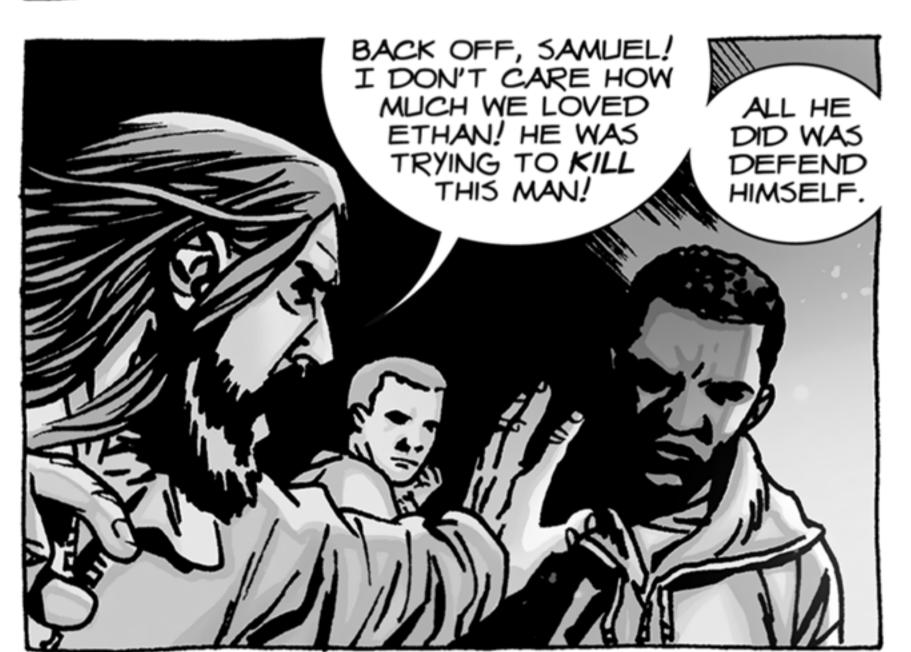


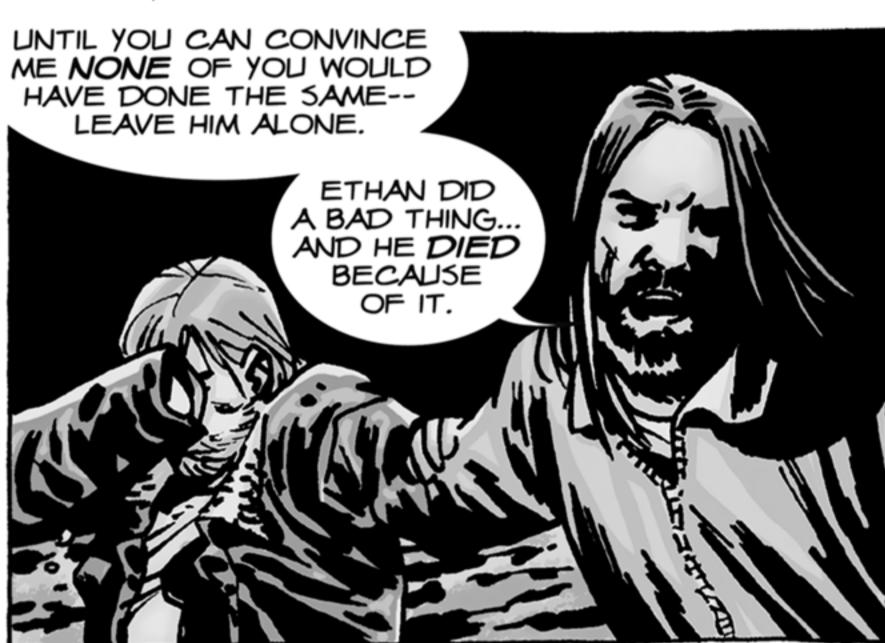






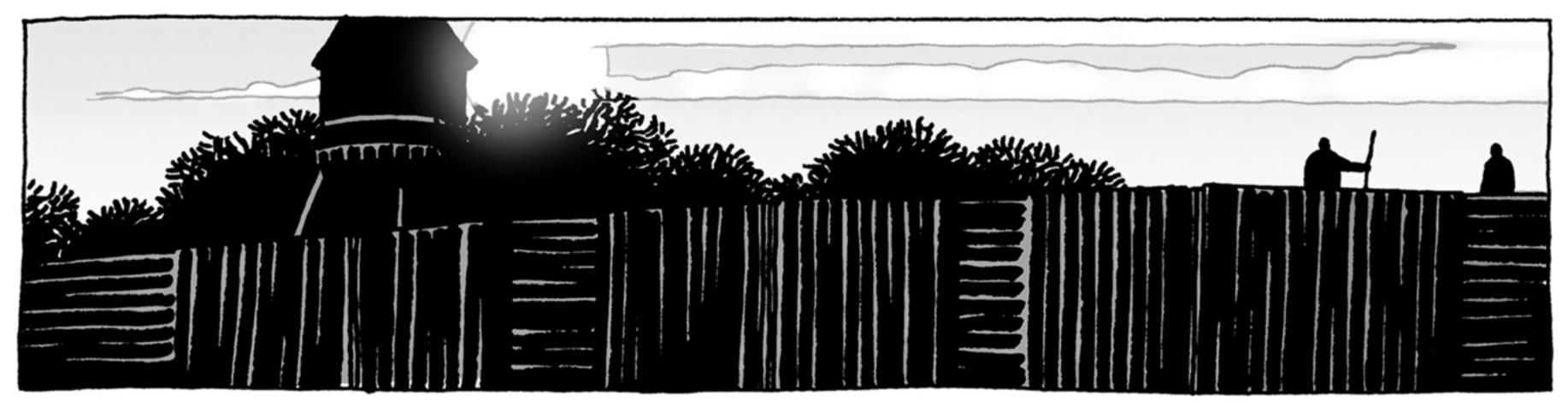






















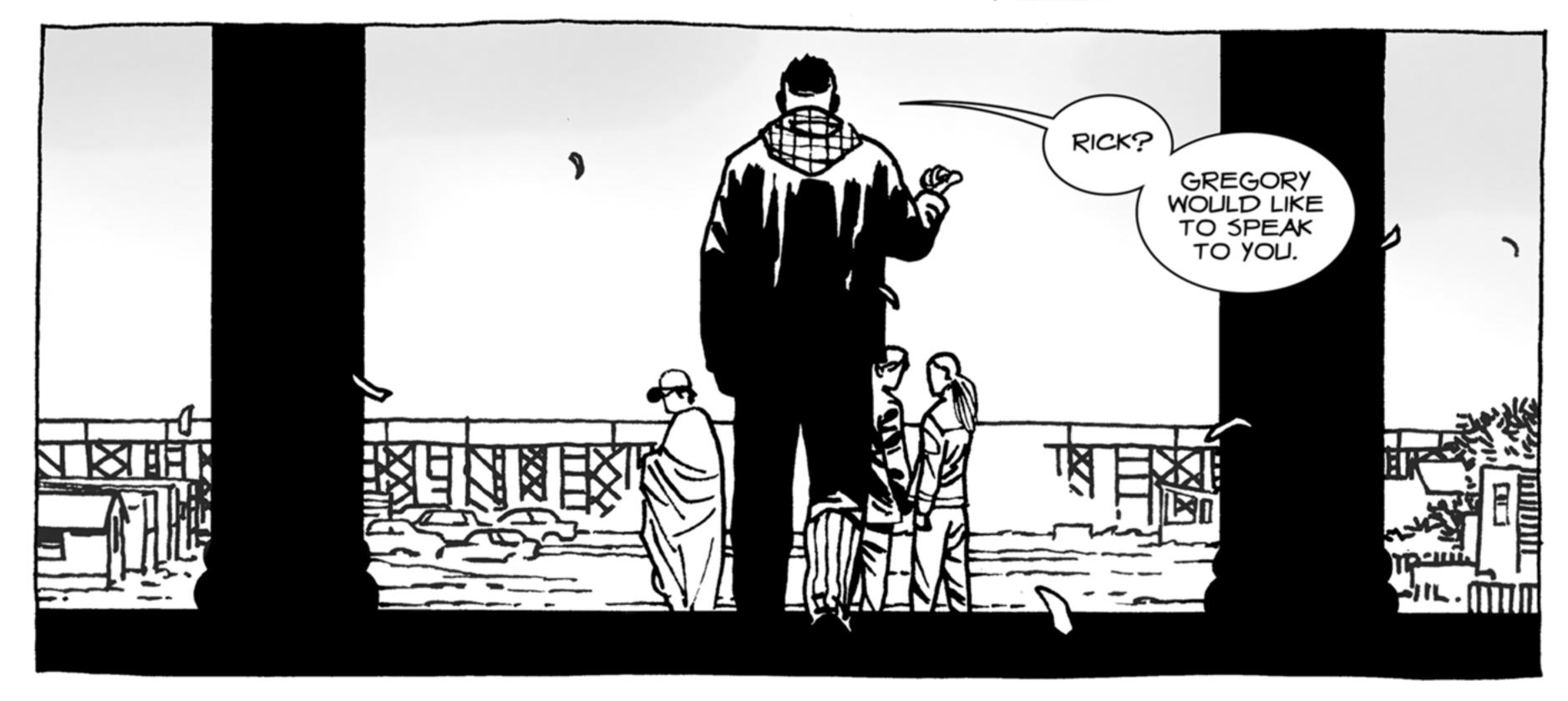








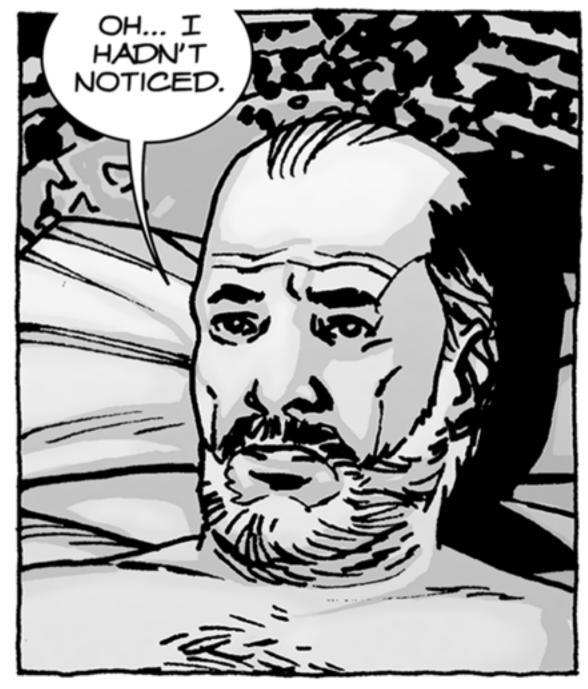




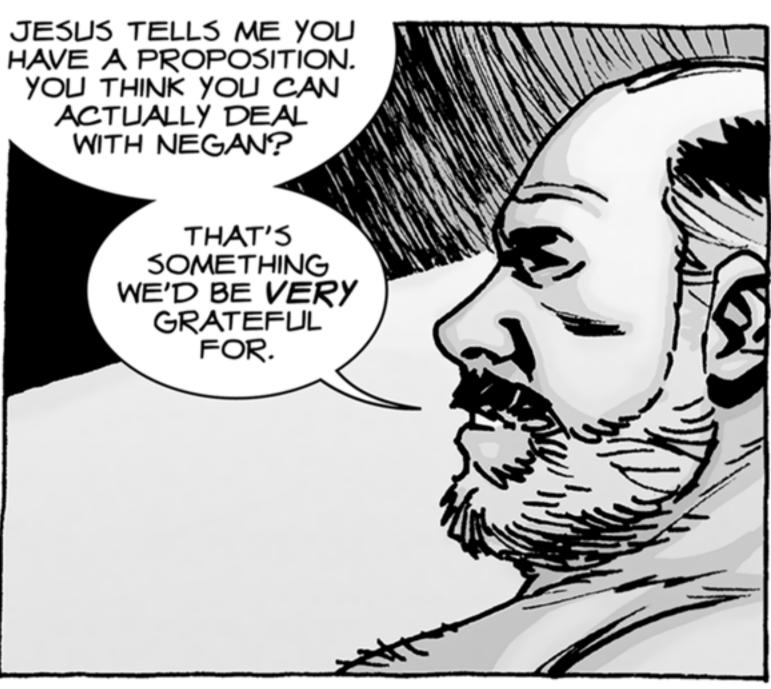


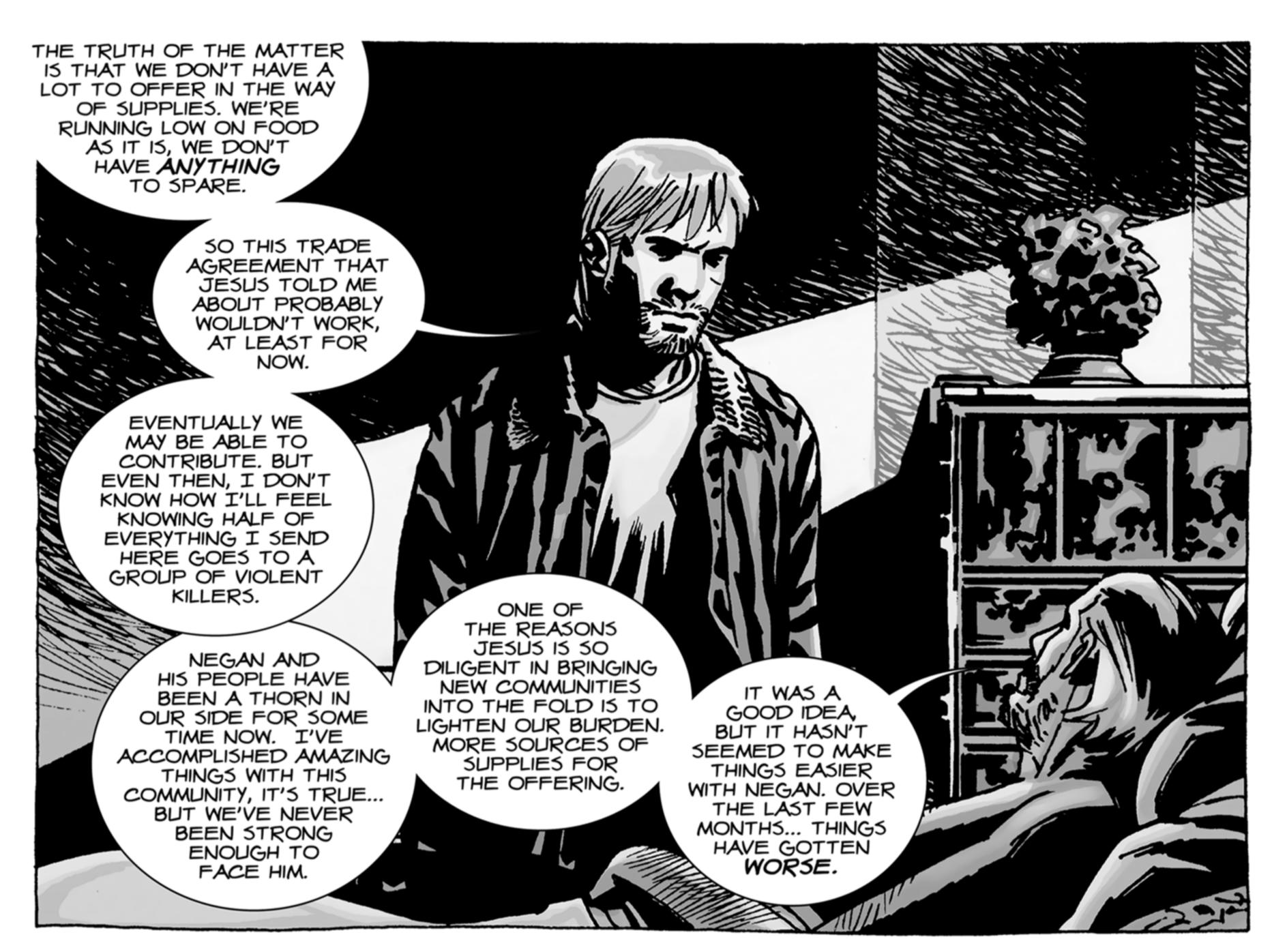






























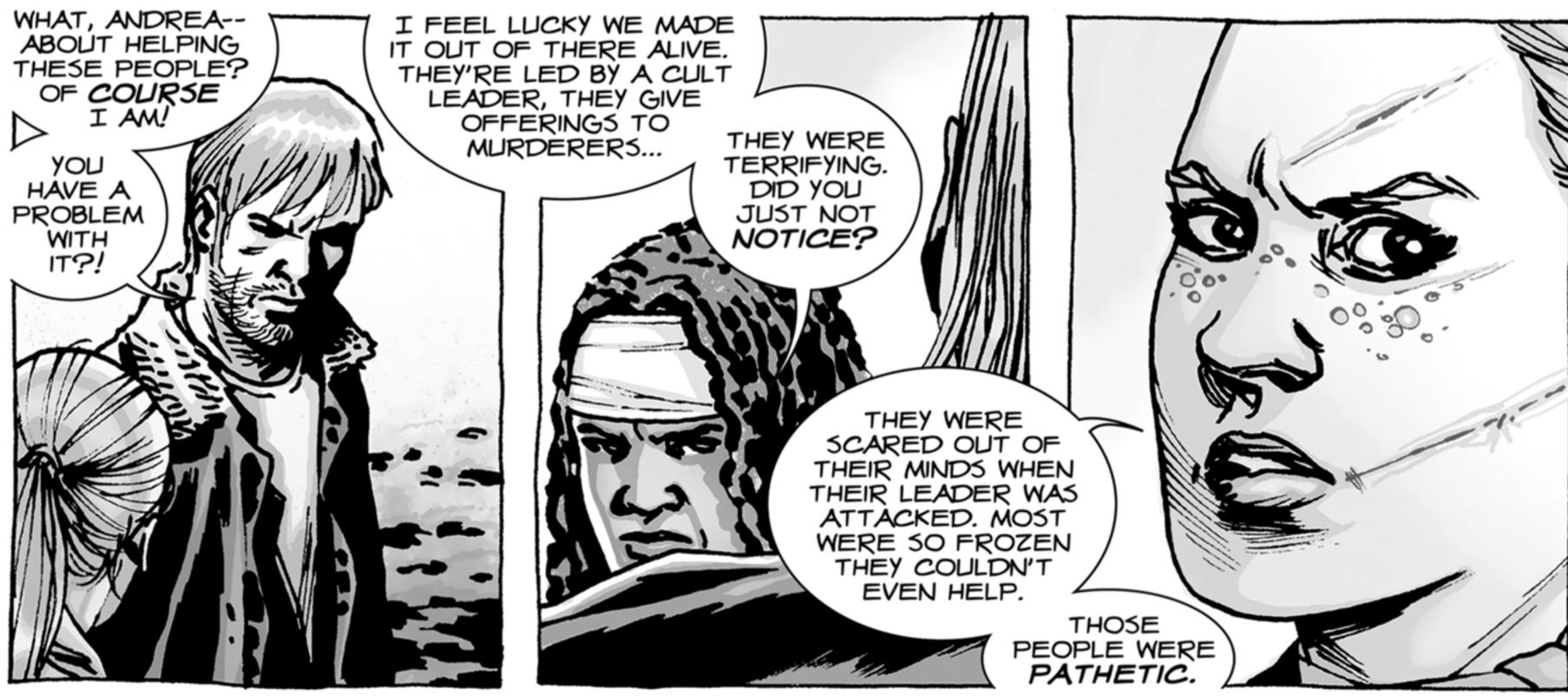






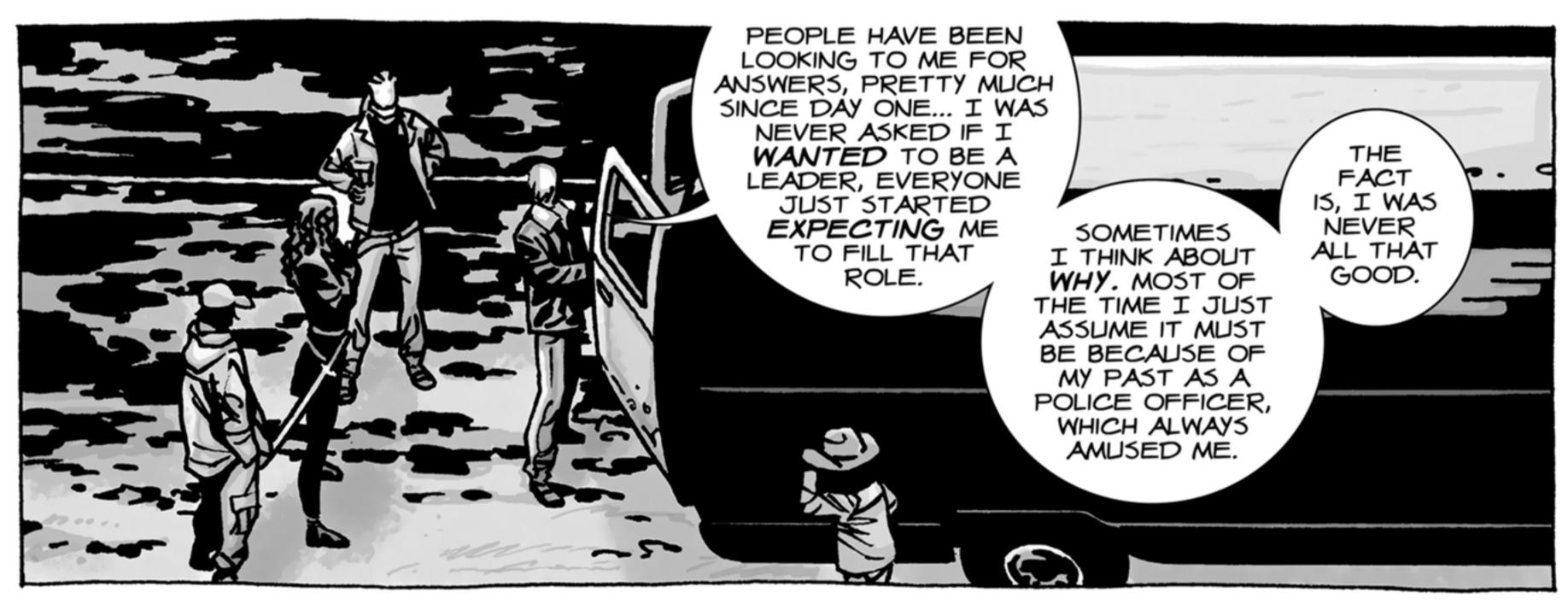


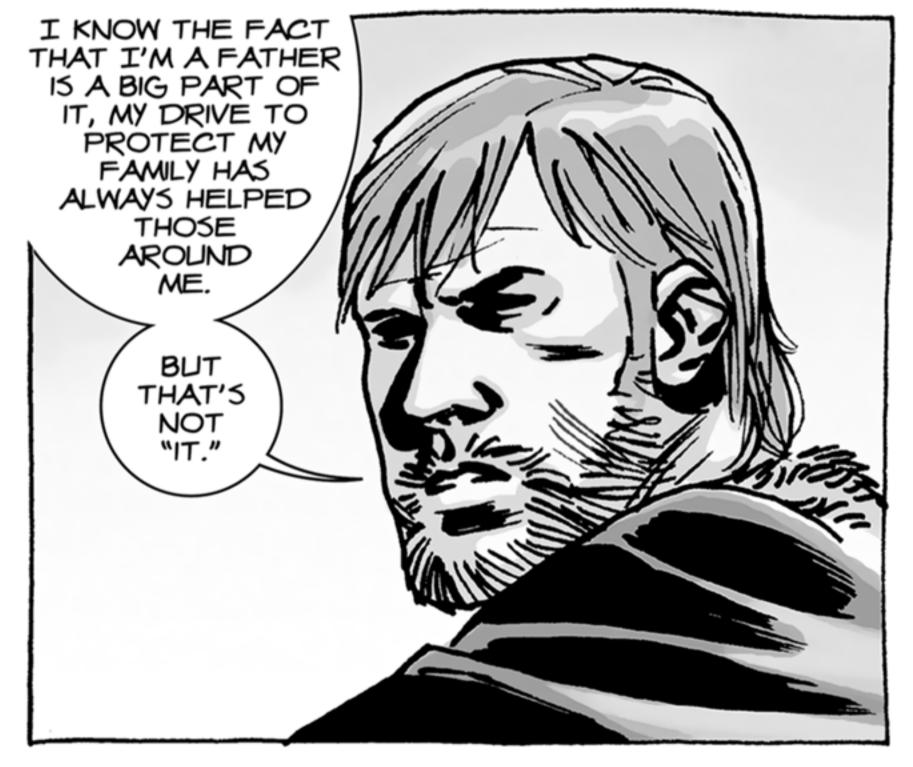


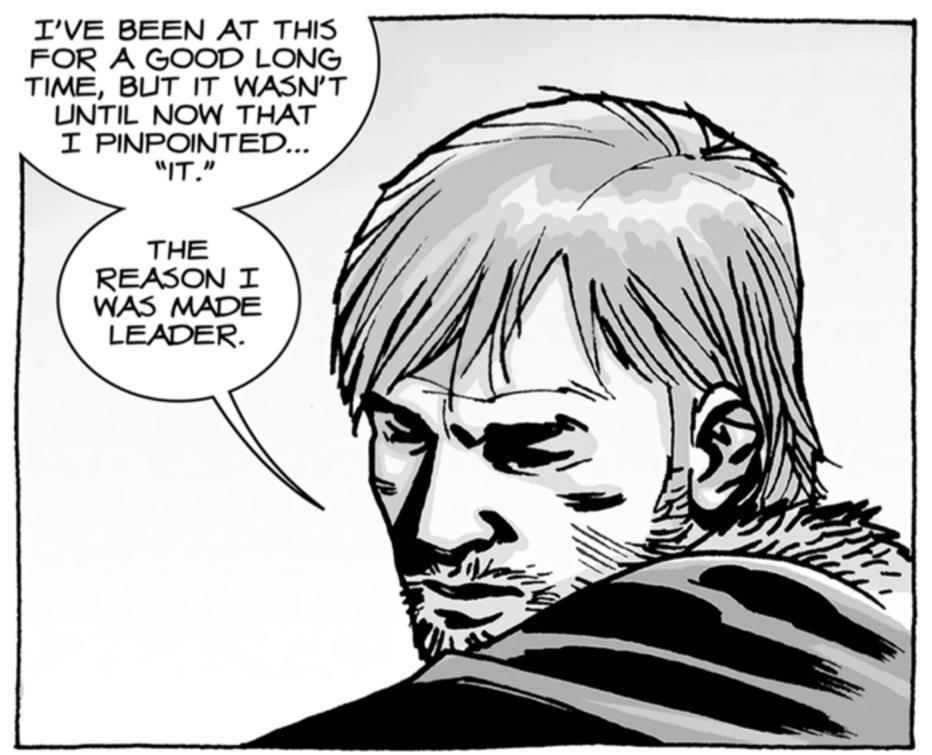
























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Three weeks, Walkers!

This is Sina Grace here, completely exhausted by our break-neck pace leading up to the much-to-be-talked about issue 100. We'll be coming out every three weeks until then.

YOU'RE exhausted?! What do you even do? You're an editor! Think about all the hard work I do! I'm carrying this book... I'm slaving away to get these stories written... and Charlie... he's doing... a little bit... too.

That was me making a joke while pointing out that Charlie does all the work. It's absurd that we're able to go on a 3-week schedule like we have. Charlie--you're the best! Back to you, Sina!

Also, this will be a little late coming to you, but we got our numbers in for the season finale, and I know that everyone involved is so grateful to your dead-ication (ugh, a new low, even for me). The TV series received record-breaking numbers -- 9 million viewers! Take that, Zooey Deschanel!) Anyway, thanks!

Reader responses to issue 93 were varied, so let's diveright in.

Robert,

I feel like I...we...me and you, and all fans of TWD, have been here before. So Thumbs Down for running around in this Particular circle once again! No mention of Carl this issue. I was excited by one of the double-page-spreads, however! Just think: Rick, Andrea, Michonne, Abraham and company living in a big skyscraper! Oblivious to the Biters roaming the streets! Why, you could have them start repopulating the species again--maybe make or use some hang-gliders to go scout for food, etc!! Also, how many Biters/ Roamers/ TWDs can there be? And what happens when they run out of 'food'? Are these things you've thought about before maybe...or am I going around in circles, too? I notice most of Kirkmania stuff is original concept or solo super-hero series'; what about a group?? Come up with a great name for a team and awaaaaaaay we go! Right? The world Is eagerly anticipating the newest Youngblood after all; not by you of course, none of yours worked at all...but then they weren't at Image, or recently, now were they? I'd honestly stop working with Jason Howard if I were you, no offense or nothing. It's just that Astounding Wolf-Man didn't last and...well, even I've stopped reading Super Dinosaur! He could write SD with someone else, of course. And pretty much all Skybound books feature male leads! Ever hear of Wonder Woman, Catwoman, Spider-Girl, Bomb Queen? Just trying to help out and offer a discerning opinion, as always.

Andrew J. Shaw

Thank you, as always, for your discerning opinion, and for giving us a great start to the letters column.

Have you not seen 28 Days Later, or played Parasite Eve? Skyscrapers are the #1 worst place to stay safe. Hang gliders, huh? There is a namby-pambier suggestion below.

As for your comments about Super Dinosaur... well, you all should read Super Dinosaur #10 for our comments on that! Andrew wrote to that title, too! #crosspromotion #bookmarket

I've missed you, Andrew... it's good to see you writing letters again. Whenever I start to get cocky after seeing ratings or how well Walking Dead is doing, I

just look in the mirror... but if that doesn't work, I read your letters. THANKS!

Dear Walking Dead,

Ok I'm loving it all right now. The book is doing good things & season 2 has been a high energy roller coaster (that's a good thing by the way). However I heard a rumor the other day involving the Great Michonne and I just wanted it cleared up. Say it ain't so that she will not be joining Rick & co. on the silver screen. I can't even begin to think what a colossal mistake that would be.

So please, if you're considering this dreadful possibility, don't deprive your viewing audience that will never appreciate the comic book format of such a bright & beautiful character. Here I'll help. When casting Michonne think the lovely actress Tracie Thoms. GENIUS!

Perry France Paris, KY Sent from my iPhone

Yeah, this makes me LOL.

Sorry fans, if you missed the news: MICHONNE'S BEEN CAST IN THE SHOW. If this issue is the first you're hearing of it, then you need to move out from under that rock and give Danai Gurira a warm welcome to the cast! And watch more Treme!

TWD Team,

Holy Cow. How embarrassed was I when I saw that my letter about Rick and Andrea making kissy-face was published in the issue that introduced the guy who may or may not completely change TWD forever? I mean, there I was obsessing over a kiss, and Robert's about to throw us the biggest curve ball since Carl got shot.

### Yeah, smooth move there.

A word on kissy-face: It speaks highly of your comic that a 25-year-old guy whose favorite comics are invariably horror titles (I'm loving Haunt by the way) will write in about two characters "sharing an intimate moment." Robert has mentioned a few times that the book isn't about the zombies (or as Rick put it, that the survivors are "the walking dead."), but about how the survivors cope with living in a world which, by its brutality and violence, denies them much hope. Well, I hope I've absolved myself; I felt like a total fan-boy. On to business. Issue 93 is easily the best issue of TWD yet. What made it so good? I can't figure out if I think Rick is a mighty good leader or not. I mean, his caution is warranted (Need I mention the Governor? The would-be rapists on the way to DC? The cannibals?) Then again, what about the people in the current community? The original members were pretty swell folks for the most part. These other people could be on the level. Rick can be so cold now. He's changed so much, and I love it. I might hate him sometimes, but he's a dynamic character. I just wonder if he's become too sure that the world is as he sees it. Ever since the escape from the prison, he seems determined to believe that everyone out there wants to hurt him. It's a point of view that definitely makes sense given the state of the world, but I wonder if it's an attitude that might end up costing him his life instead of saving it.

Your loyal reader, Jesse Memphis, TN

Glad you dug this issue. We'll be seeing how the team's morality (and morale) plays out in coming

issues, and what living in a larger world is going to do to an already-hardened protagonist.

Hi Guys,

Just a thought.

How come Rick and the crew never use bikes? They are plentiful, easy to maintain, energy efficient, have no fuel requirements, can tow supplies, can be high speed, can go off road.

Seems like a massive resource going to waste. Cars won't last forever, or very long at all in fact, when the infrastructure around them has collapsed.

As I said, just a thought.

John

Issue one. Also: NAMBY PAMBY.

Additionally: the only time bicycles are acceptable in media is when youngsters have to get around town without driver's licenses or they've got an alien who manages to elevate them so high they end up resembling the Amblin Entertainment logo (that's an E.T. reference, y'all).

With the roads in the condition they're in and zombies all around--they're not that practical.

ps - I think it's overlooked in general in the genre because the zombie genre is predominantly American, and you guys love your cars!

We also love Mad Men, but you don't see us doing a scene where Rick wonders what it would be like if the apocalypse took place in Manhattan during the 60s.

### Another hit for the Bad Idea one-shot!

Issue #93 was my last issue as a reader. I don't know where this series went, but it's been too long of the same old thing: Threat of another group of humans raiding, some walkers killed, and moments of 'enlightenment' amongst characters when they have heart to heart conversations like it's the ending of 1980's Full House episodes. It seems all the imagination that fueled the series has completely disappeared, leaving only boring action moments and completely unrealistic banter.

Matt

Well, I wish you would have stuck around for this issue... which marks the end of the 16th volume, the eighth hardcover, the fourth deluxe omnibus, and the second compendium... maybe the moments of 'enlightenment' have come to a conclusion that's been years in the making.

Or maybe we would have still left you bored. Either way, thanks for sticking with the series this long, and I hope you mentioned that you wrote us to your local comic shop clerk, and they've told you that we published your ornery letter.

Also, at the very least--keep watching the show! Wakka wakka!

Hey Sina and Robert!!

You can't imagine how unbelievably stoked I am for Issue 96!!! I'm crossing my fingers that this new community doesn't turn out to be another Woodbury. Can either of you give any small hints about what's to come for the grand finale?

Well, you don't need hints any more... but I'll give you a hint for issue 100 before you ask:

# Epic violence.

Now, this is directed at Robert, and it's on the topic of the show: pleeeease tell me you're going to give T-Dog a story soon. He's been by far the most underutilized character. I mean, it was understandable that he didn't have much focus in the first season due to you guys having to cram a whole season's worth of material into only 6 episodes. But seeing as how Carol has been developed quite nicely this season (good job to the writing staff by the way), I was expecting him to be given the same treatment. He still basically acts like an extra though, a background presence. Sometimes I forget he's even there.

All you, RK.

sometimes characters drop back a little while we focus on others, but T-Dog is a great character and IronE Singleton is an amazing actor and I promise he'll be getting his moment to shine eventually. I love that guy.

Matt

P.S. I want you to promise you won't water down The Governor when he's eventually brought in....

### I promise.

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Hiiii!!!

OKay so I didn't plan on ever writing to you because it would end up being the most boring letter of OMG I LOVE YOU ETCETC\*insert fangirlshrillhere\* BUT. Then I saw this excruciatingly long letter about some dumbass (TJ RICHTER or soemthing. >:K) whining about the TV series all dramatic and I thought what the hell.

First and foremost, I LOVE that you didn't make the TV series identical to the comics. Not that I hate the comic \*I dooontt\* But when shit is regurgitated all I can do is compare and scrutinize or just get really bored (This happened with Harry Potter:() SECOND. Holy shit. Jon Bernthal is so badass (and yummy).

um..... where was I going again?

.... Anyway... You guys rock!!!! Im not just saying thisss you really reallyreally doooo. I've always loved zombie-anythings but before TWD came along zombie stuff was really meh and at a stalemate but then BAM TWD to the rescue. Woop! And when I say you guys I dont just mean you Kirkman (though you too rock) But Charlie, Cliff, Rus, even Sina. :D Btw, You're so cute in the letter hacks.

Cliff is the cutest of us all in real life.

True. He's adorable.

OH one more thing. My sister never believes me when I tell her the pages are always the same number. I count it every time! TELL HER (pretty please :) )

Hey sis- the pages are the same every time. We never deliver less than 22 a month, cool?

There have been a couple issues along the way where we've done MORE, there are a few 24 pages issues here and there... and, I think... one that's 26 pages.

- Leyla Feyzullahoglu

P.S Since everyone is asking I should too. :) I could be a zombie if youre interested in a 5'2" girl (no braces or glasses here woopwoop). But to be honest since i cut my hair short I kind of look like a prepubescent boy (that could work too righttt?)

PRO TIP: Just look up casting calls for extras in Atlanta... we have no power over that stuff!

... P.P.S Sorry I keep thinking of things after im done. Will there be any dogs in the series? OH and are walkers interested in animals? In the TV series they had that one eating a dear but I dont think ive seen it in the comics yet (unless my memory is fuzzy?) What if the animals ate the walkers? That would get rid of the issue:) yayyyy unless theres a side effect? I think rick and the crew need to experiment feeding people walkers if thats good then everyone wont have to worry about lack of food:)

First story arc, yup. No zombie animals, sorry.

P.P.P.S (does this even exist?) When is that Michonne T-shirt going to restock? That shits been sold out for weeks. make more please!!!

We got an even better one up at skybound.com! Go go go!

Okay, see you in three weeks! There's so much more madness to come now that we're beginning the SOMETHING TO FEAR arc!

Best,

-Sina Grace

Get to work, Charlie!! (As I type this... he's about to start issue 98, the man is insane!)

-Robert Kirkman