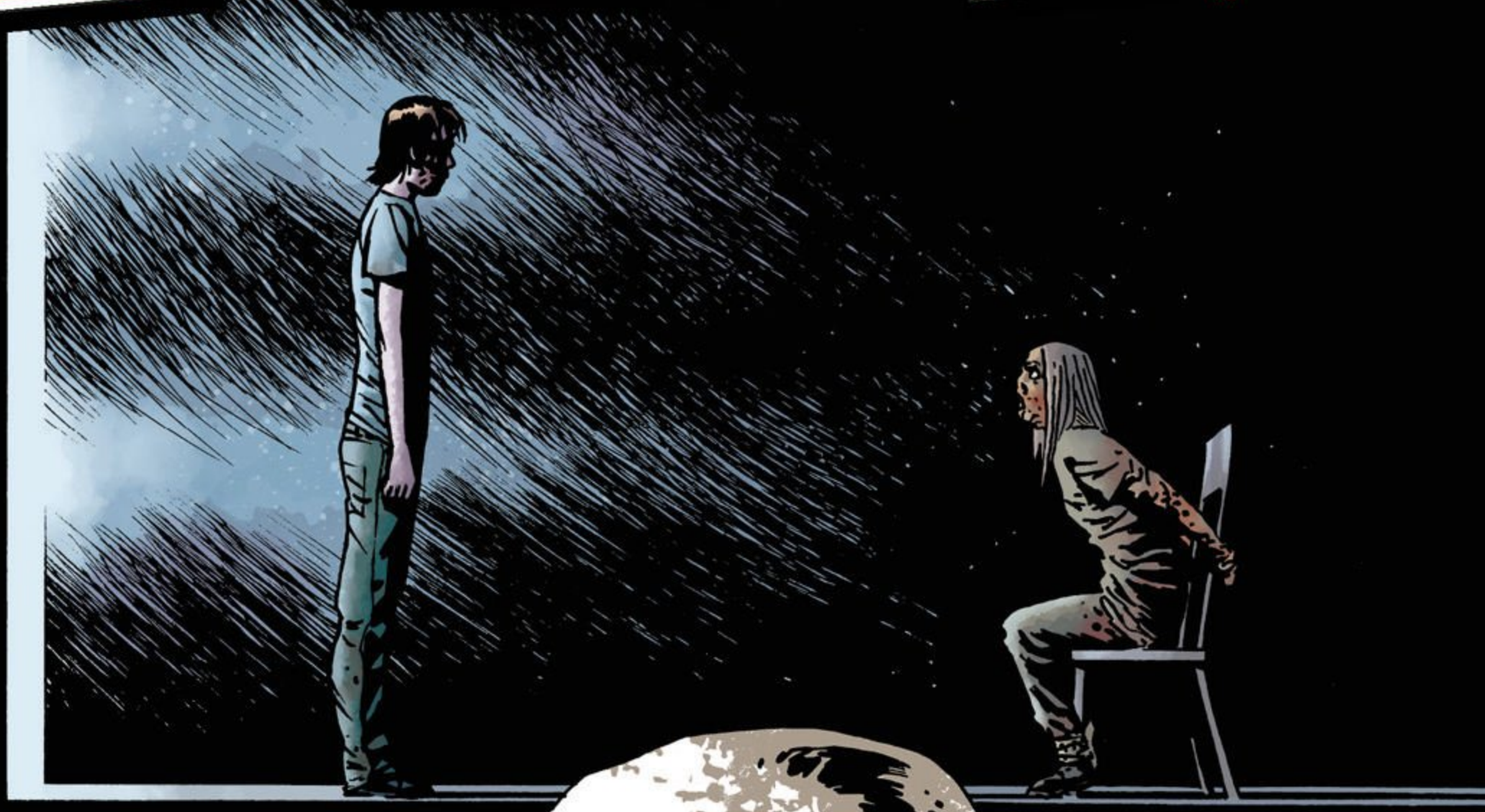
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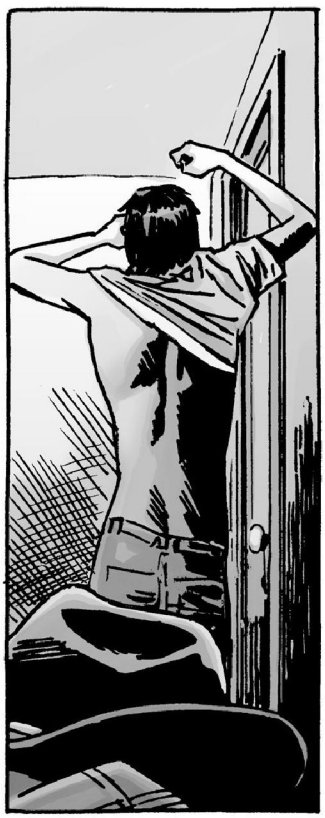
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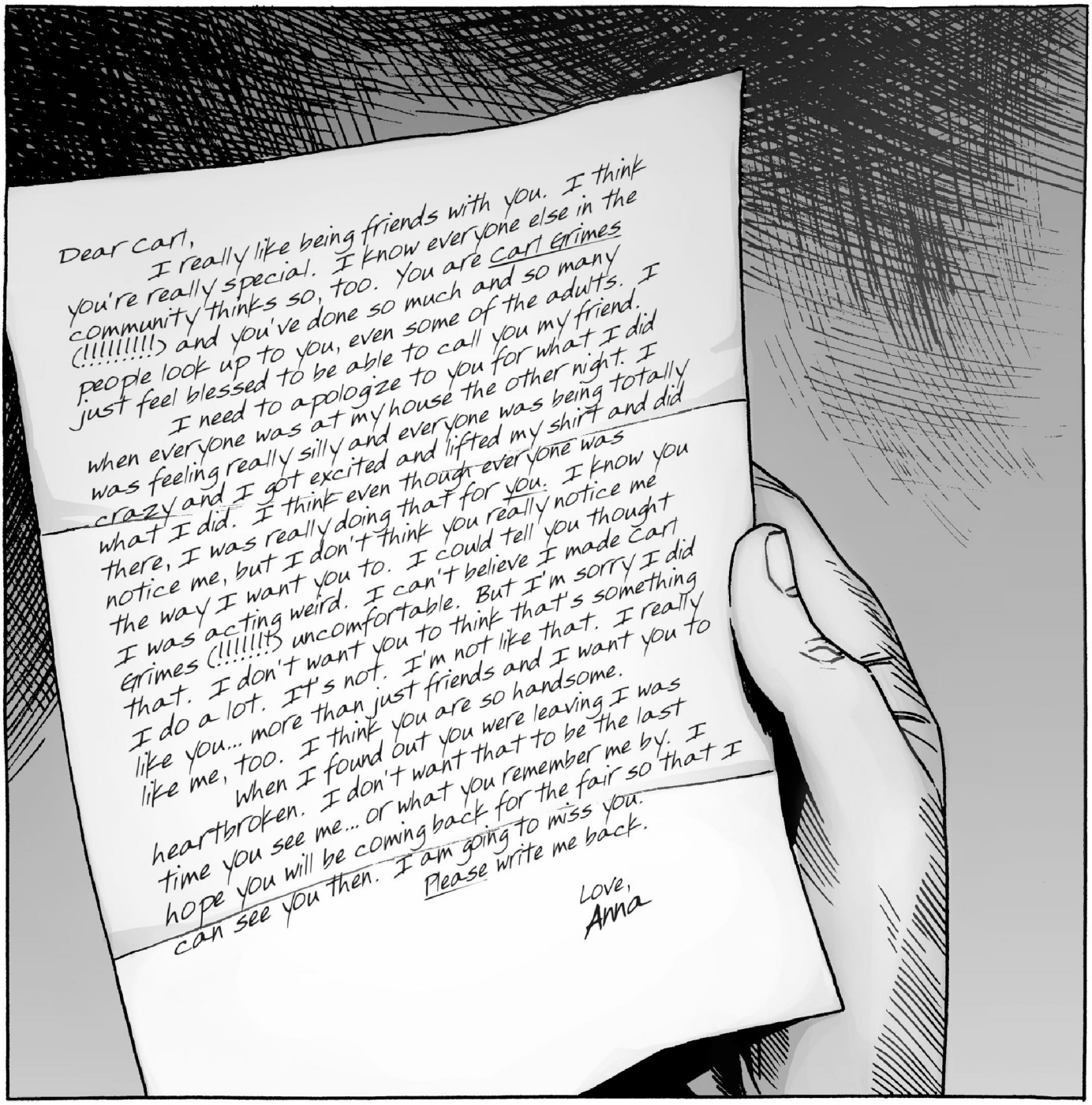




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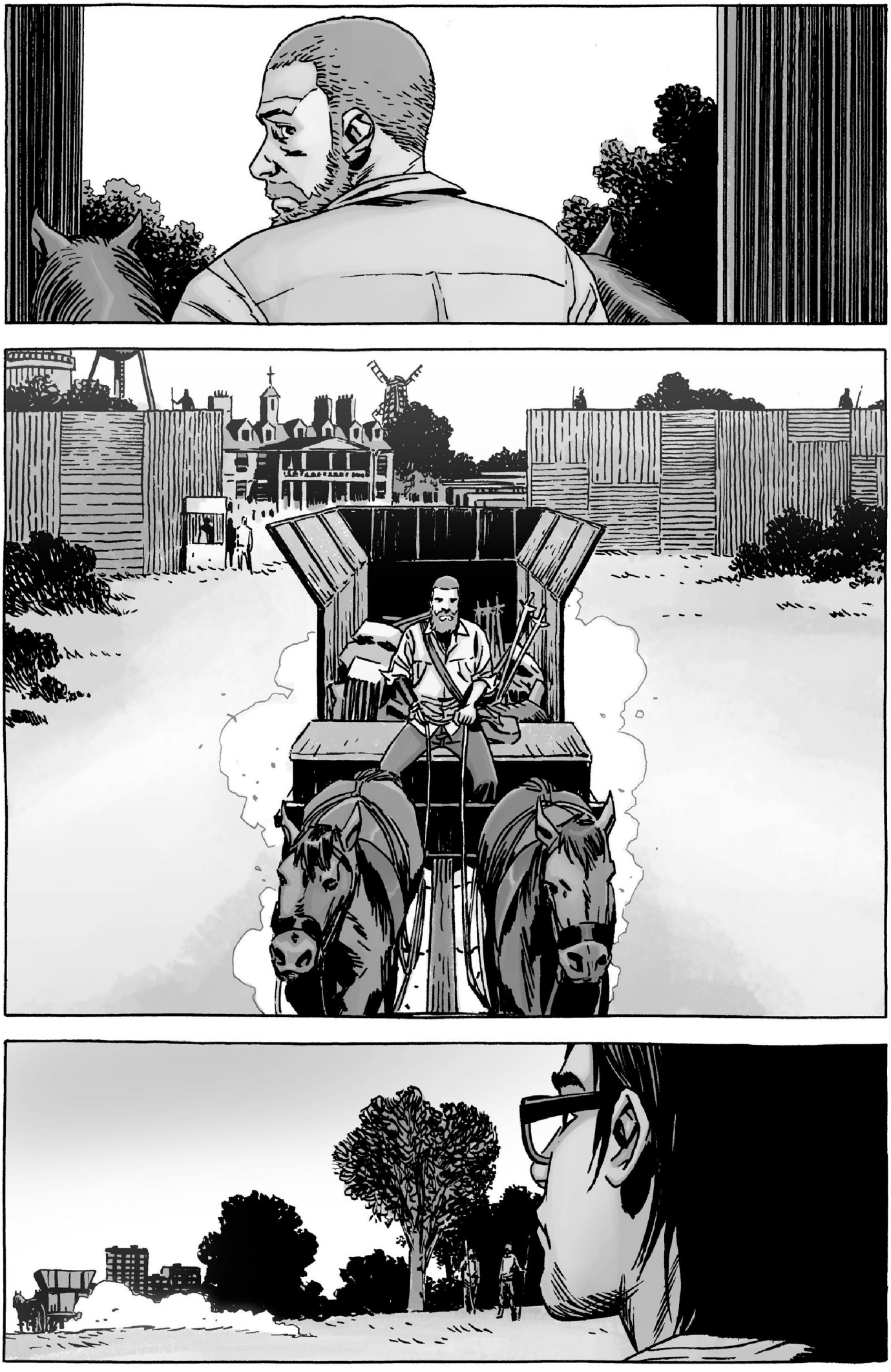
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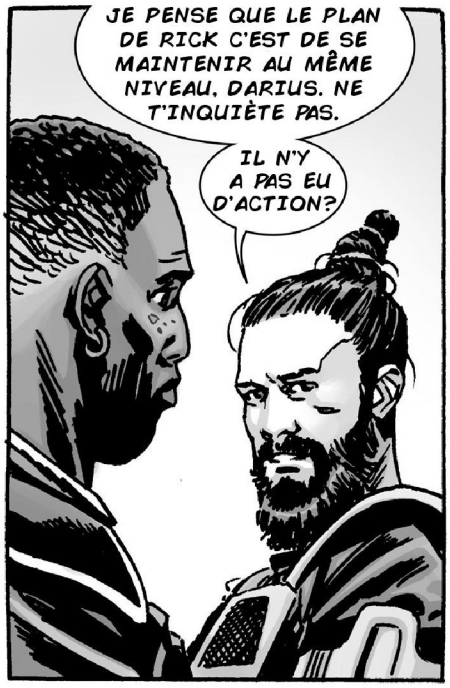


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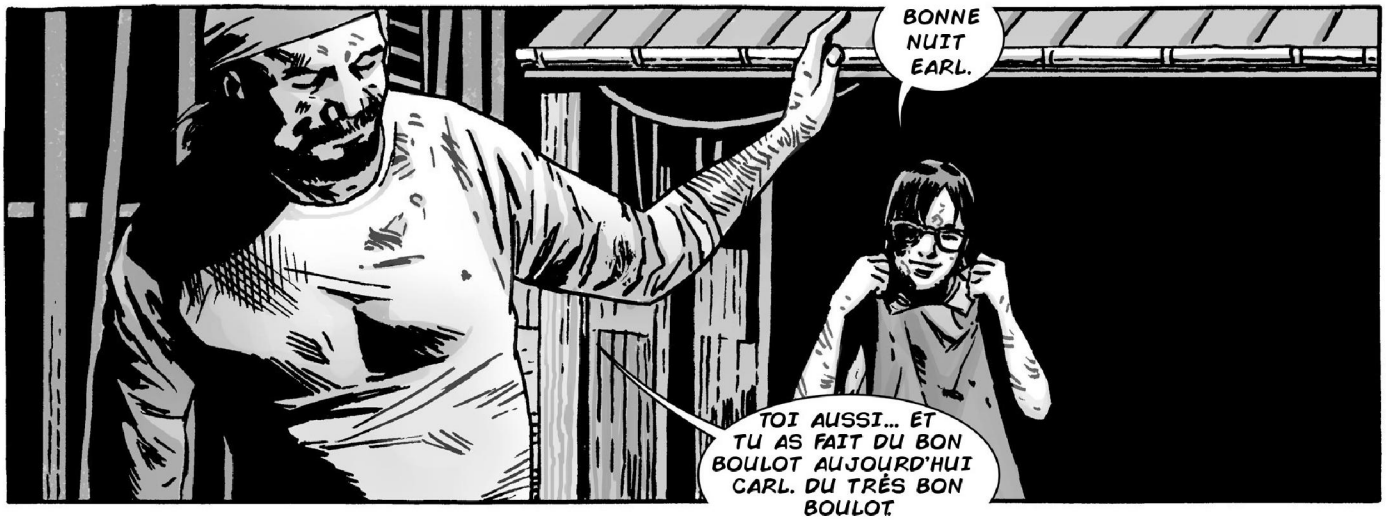


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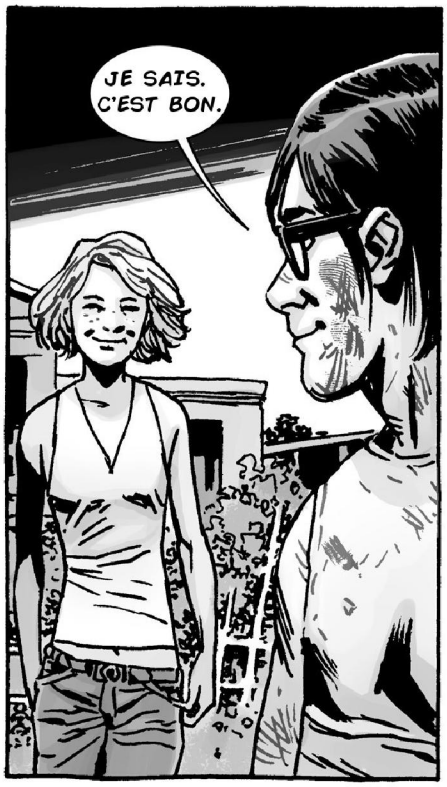
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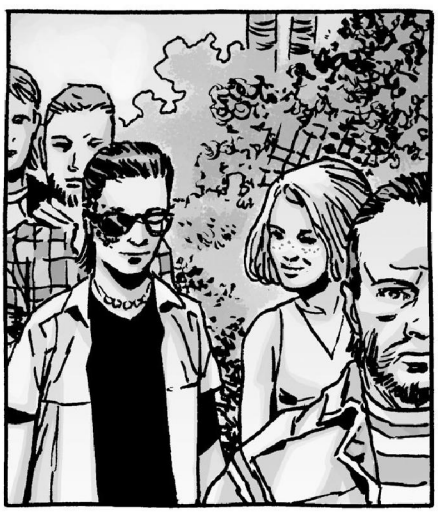


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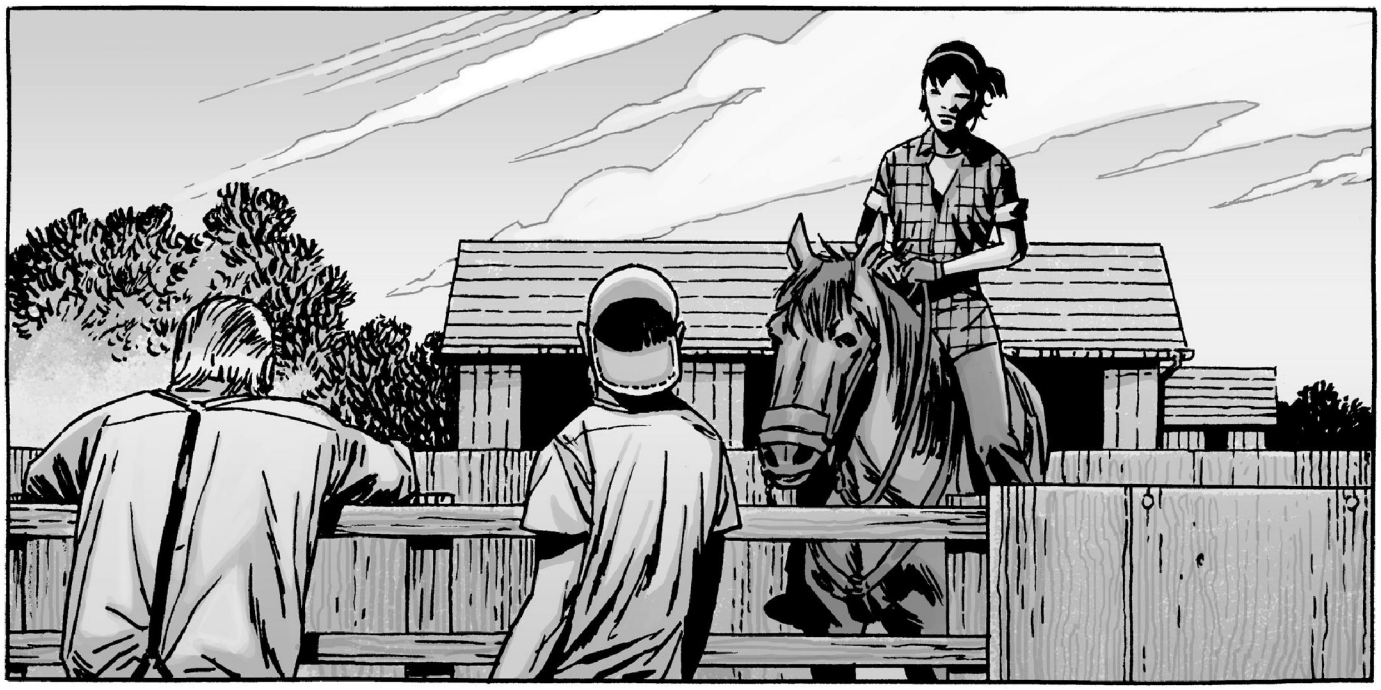








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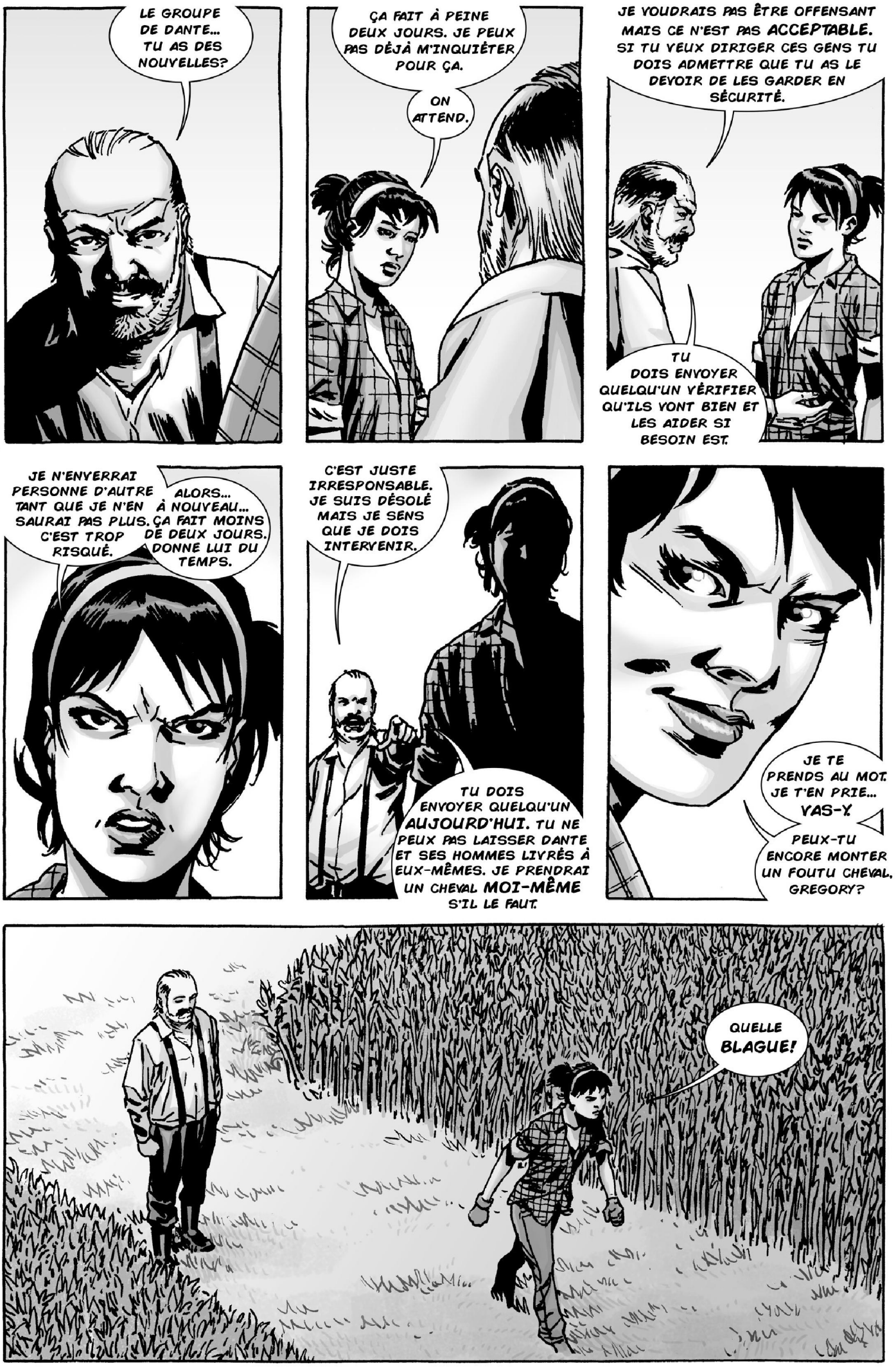




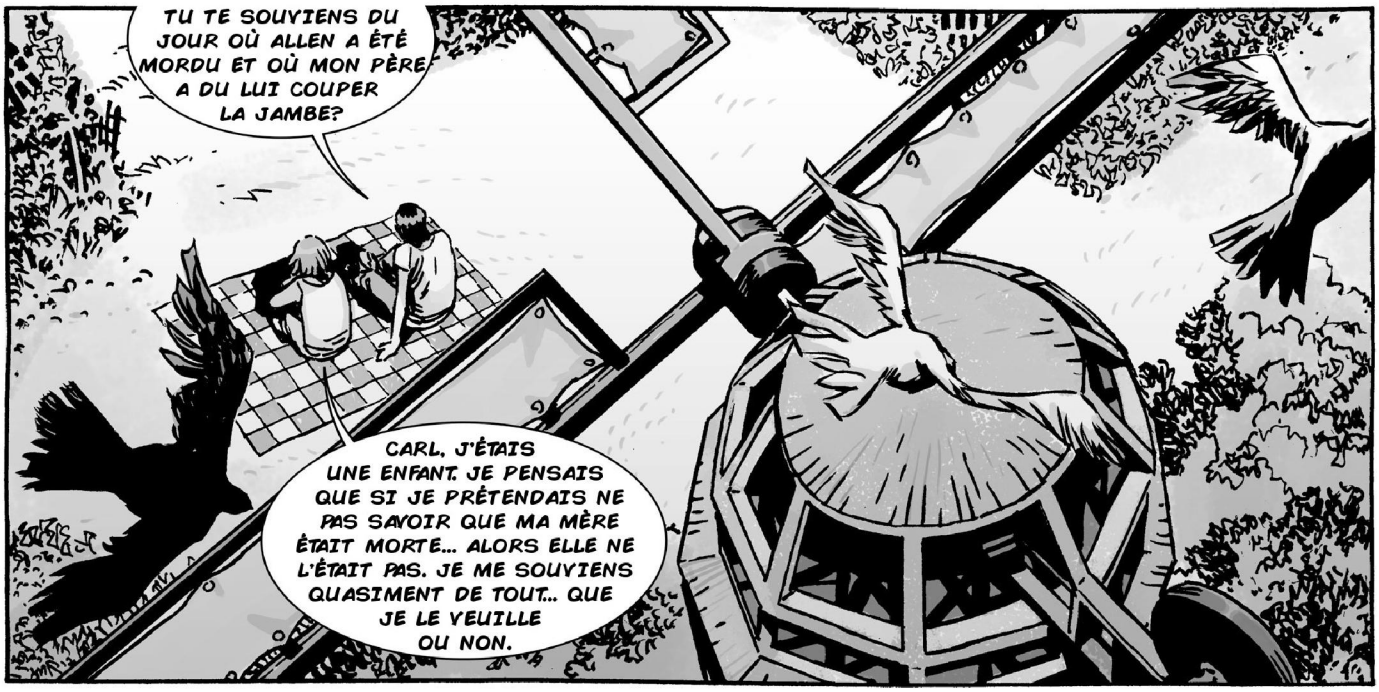




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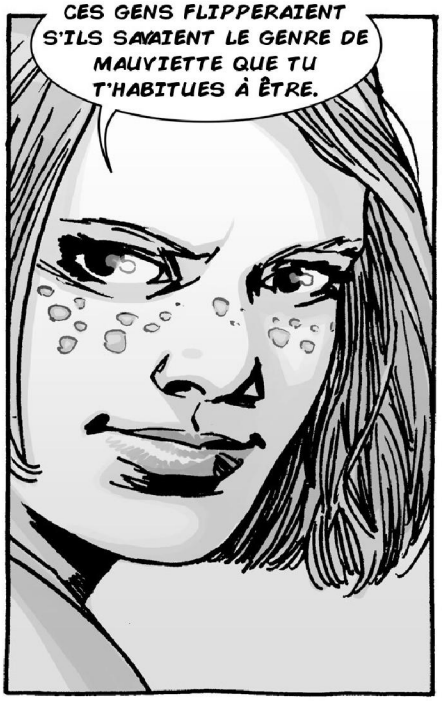












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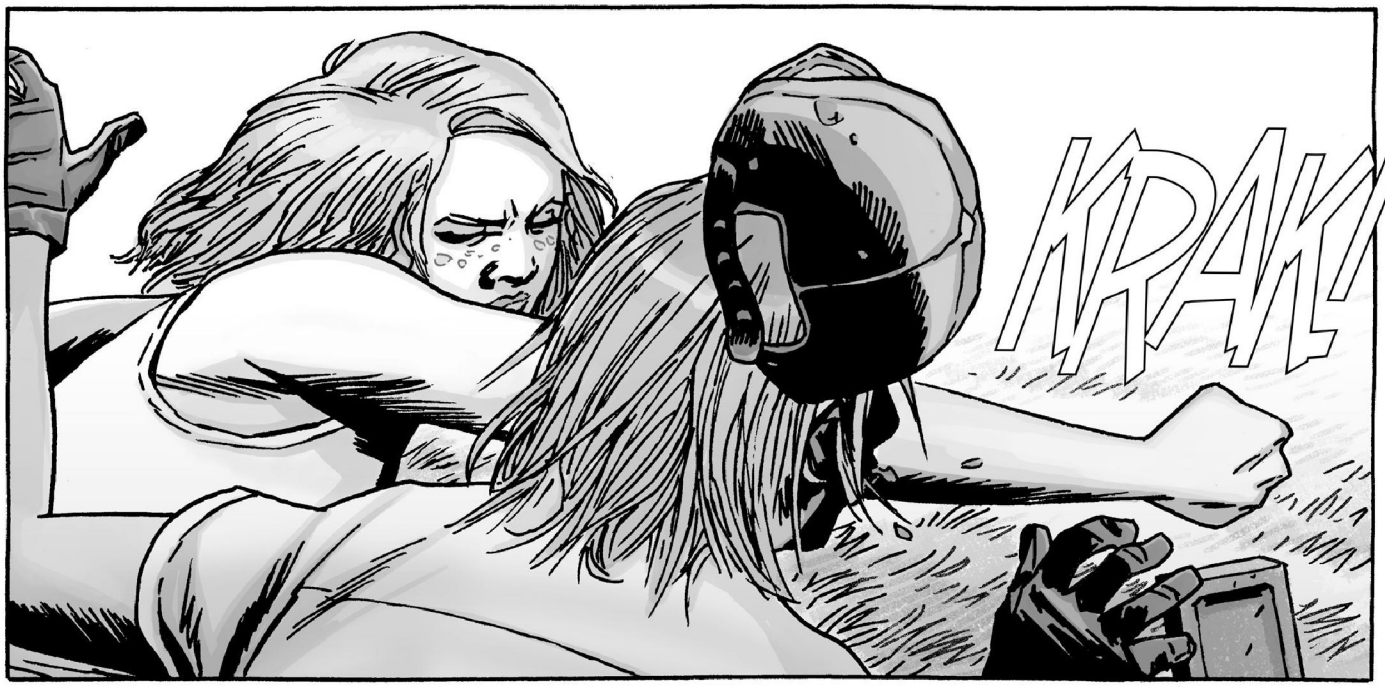




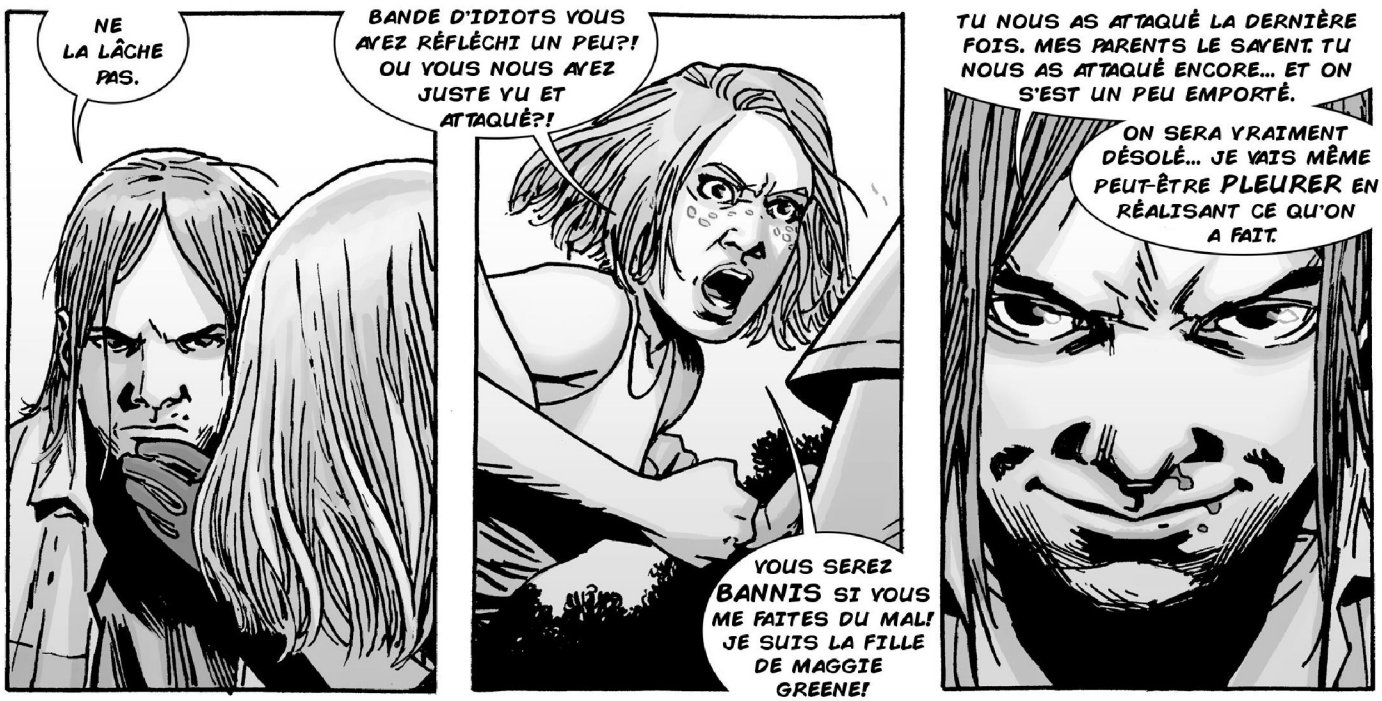




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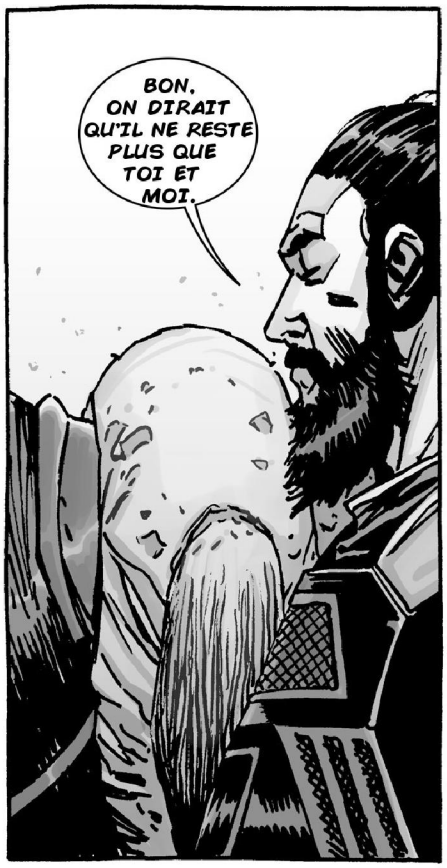


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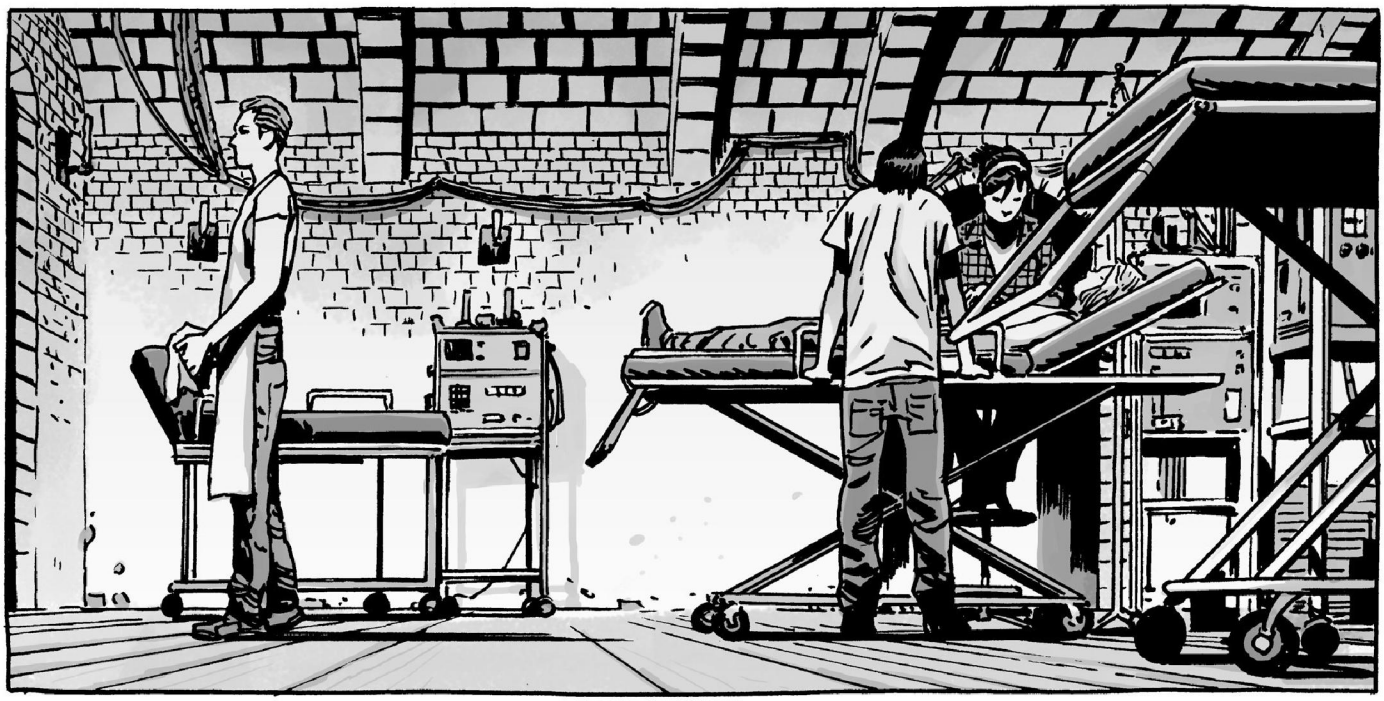
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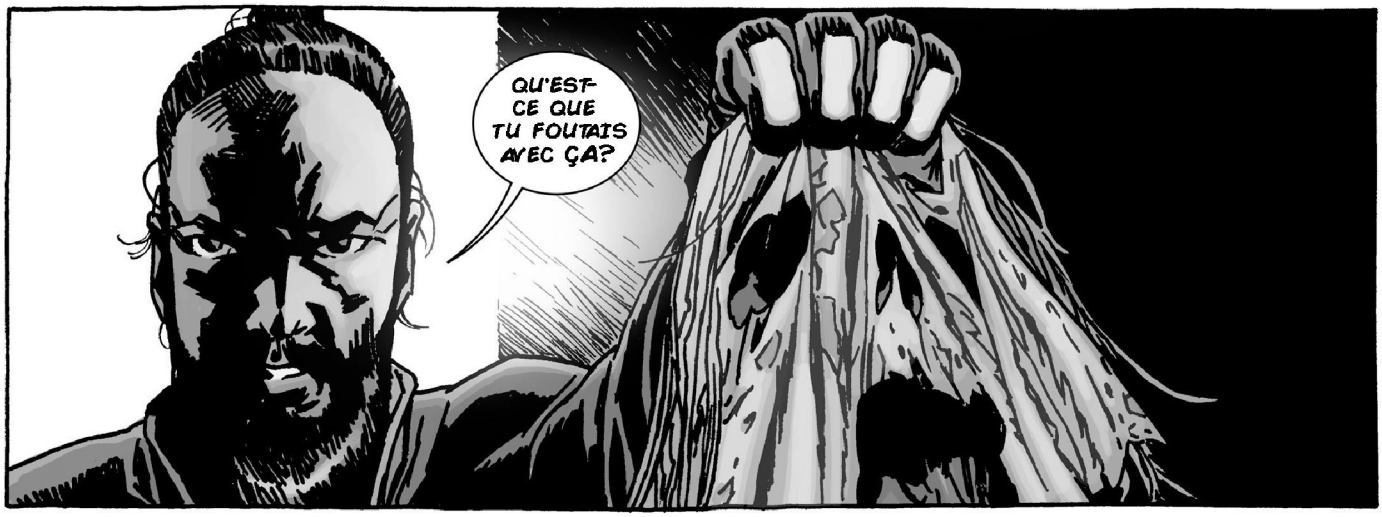


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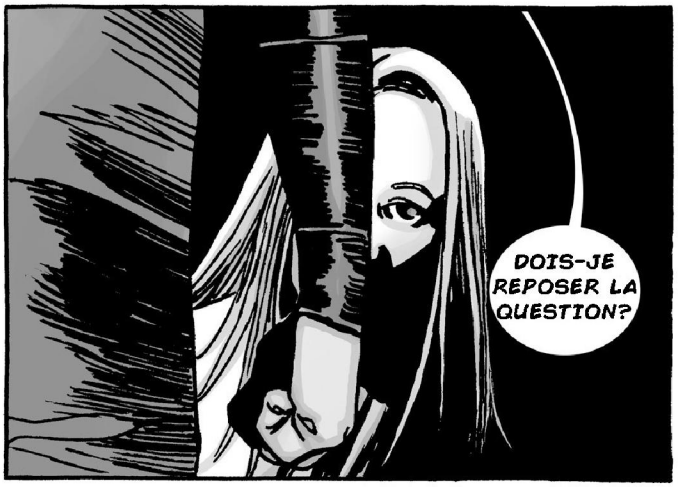
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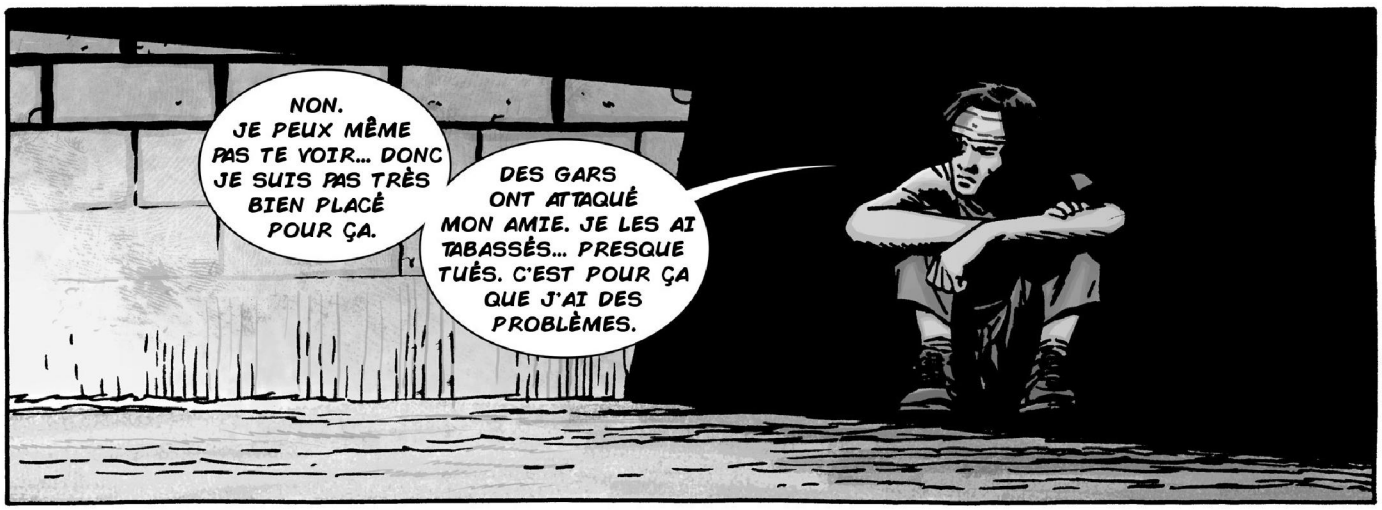


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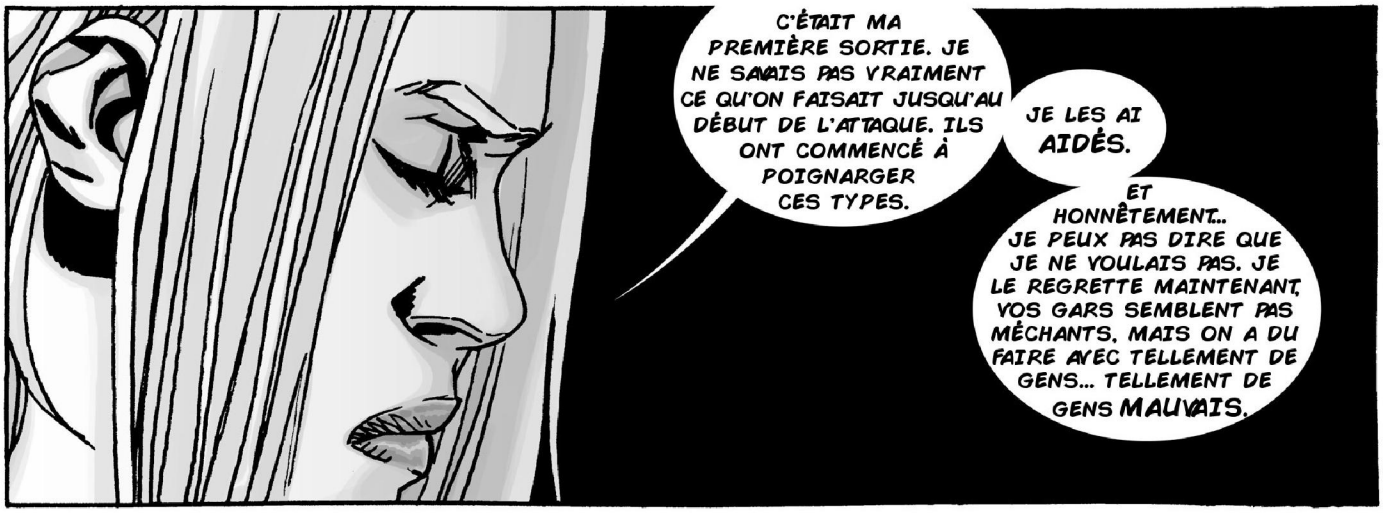




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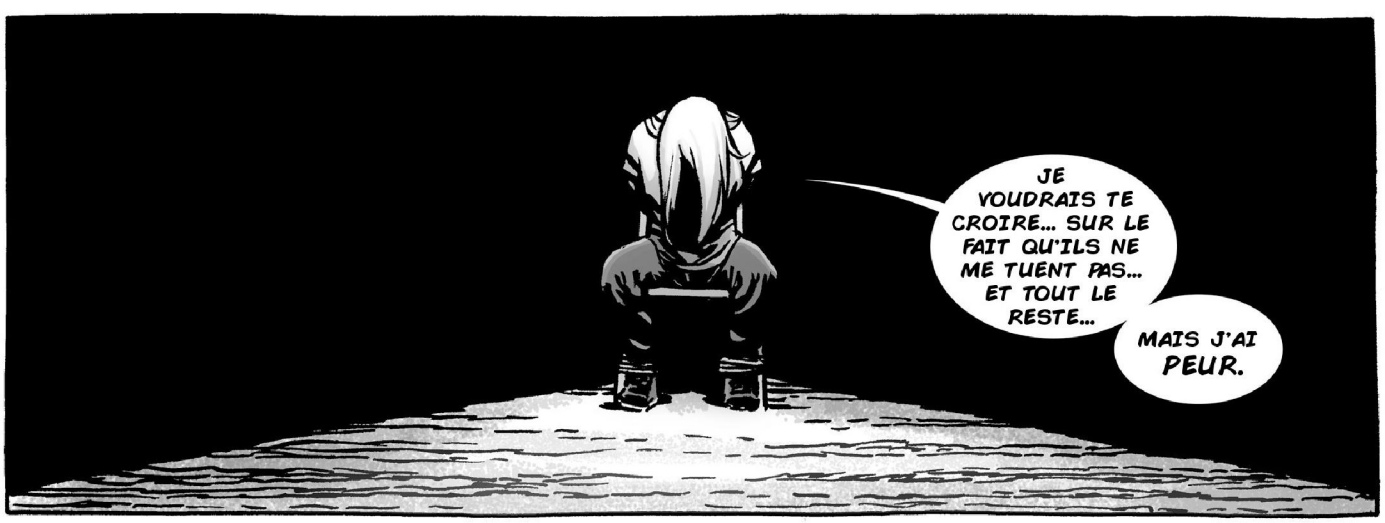












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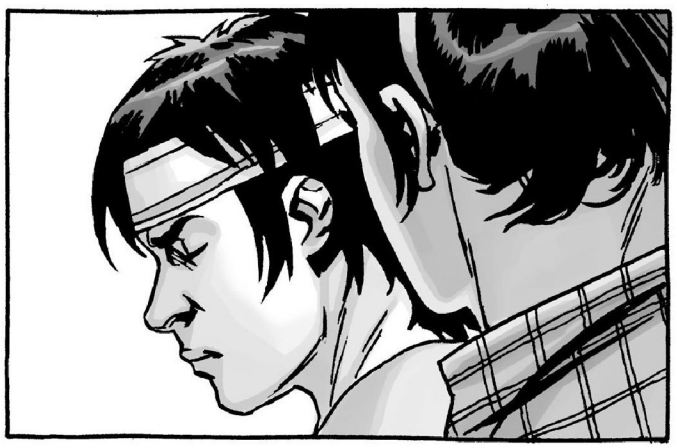
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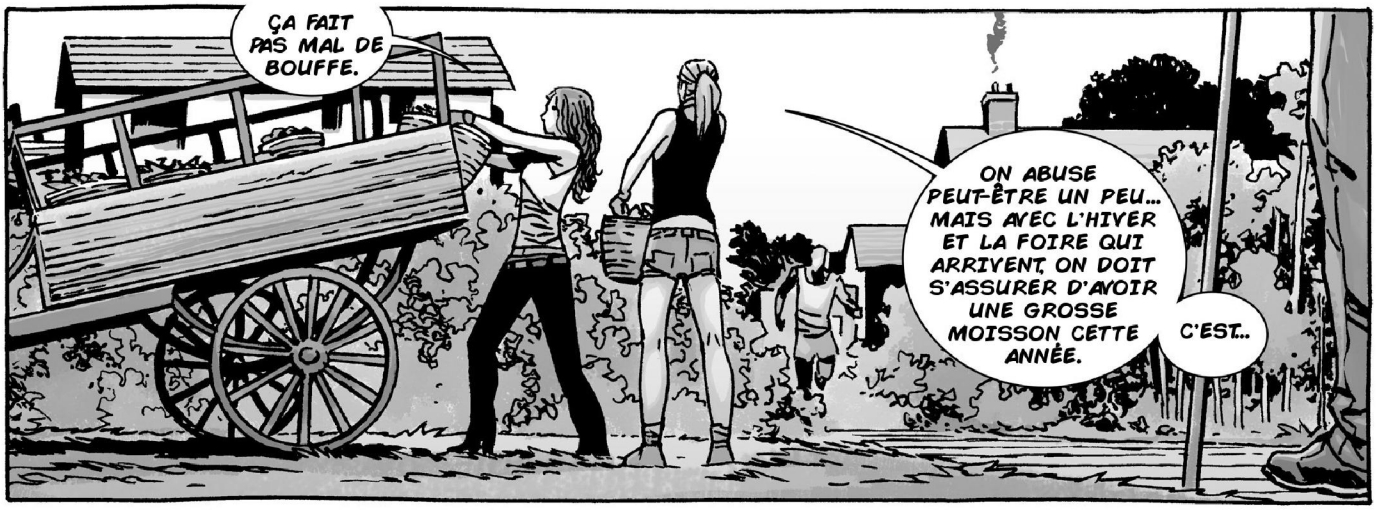








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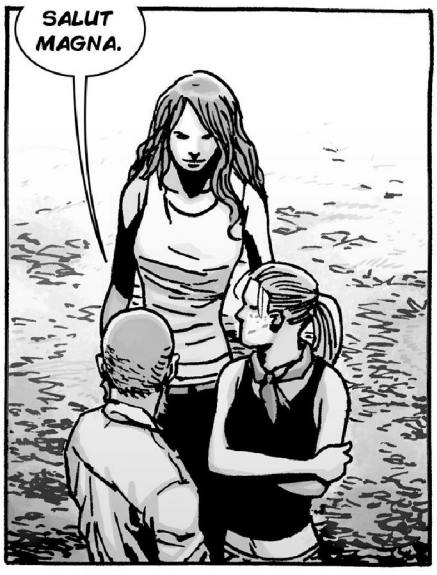














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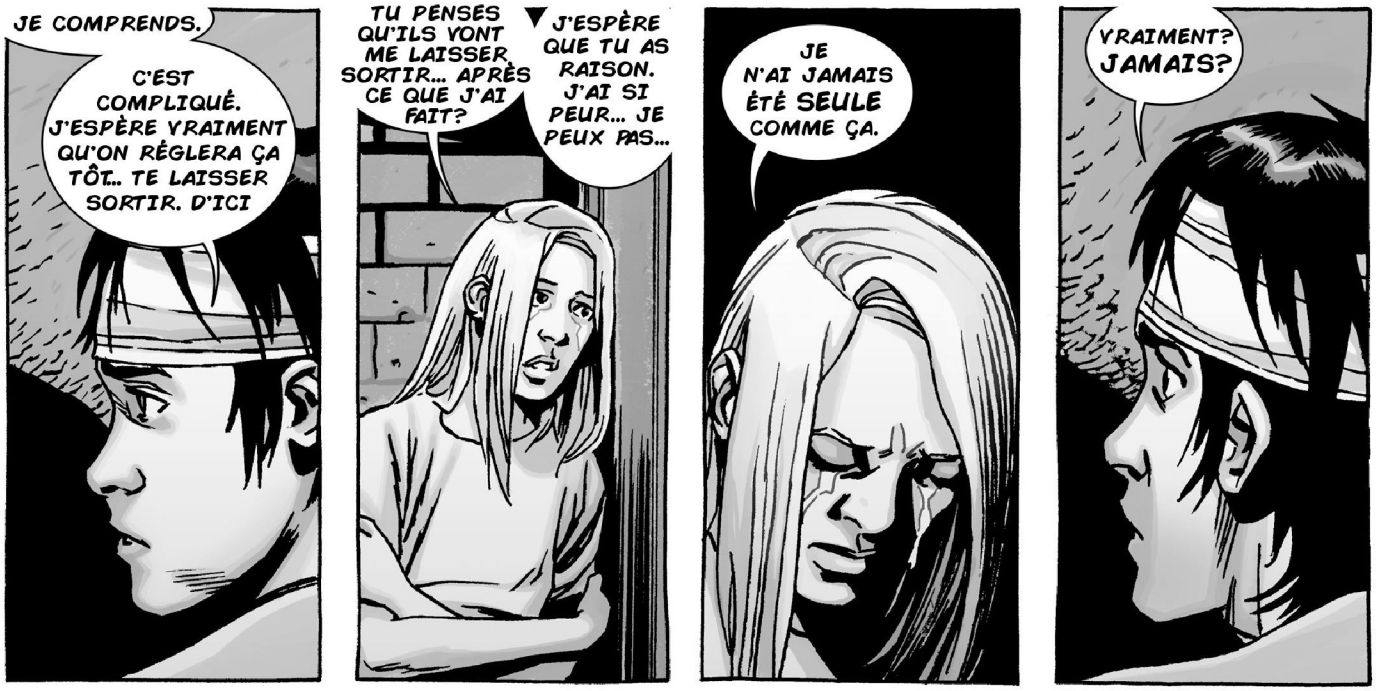




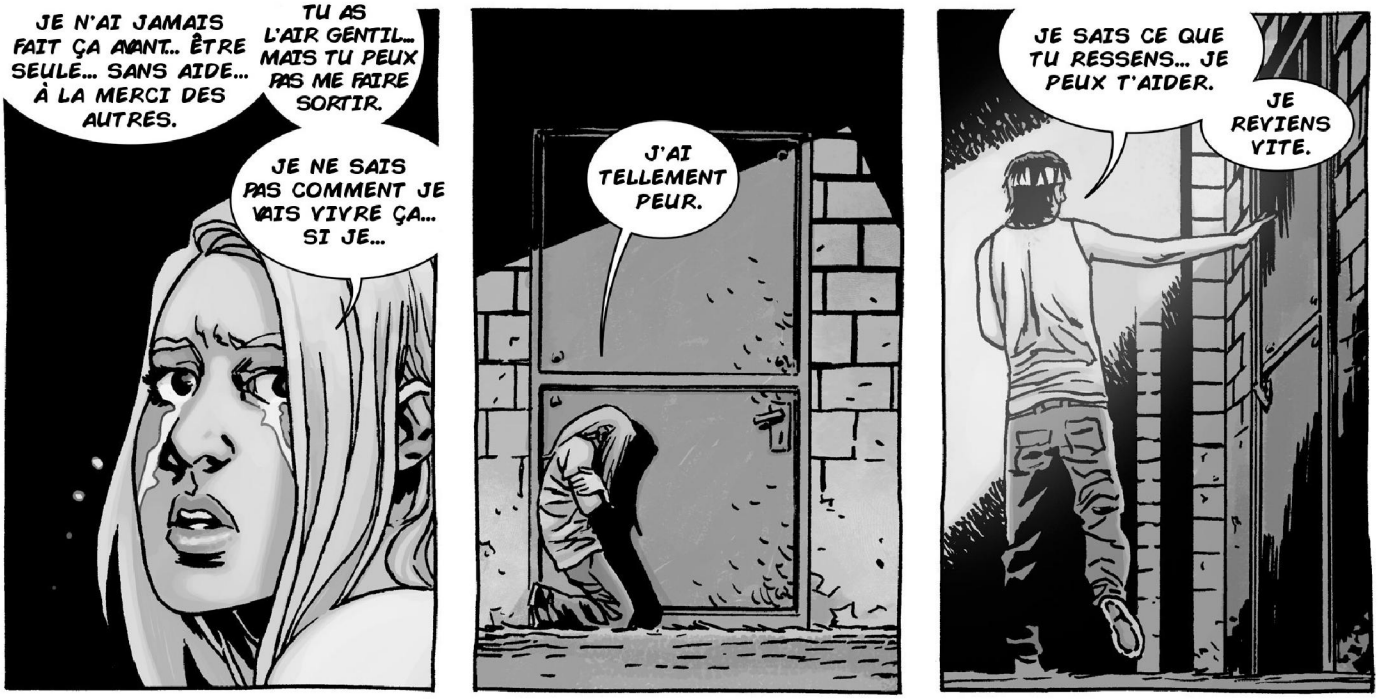




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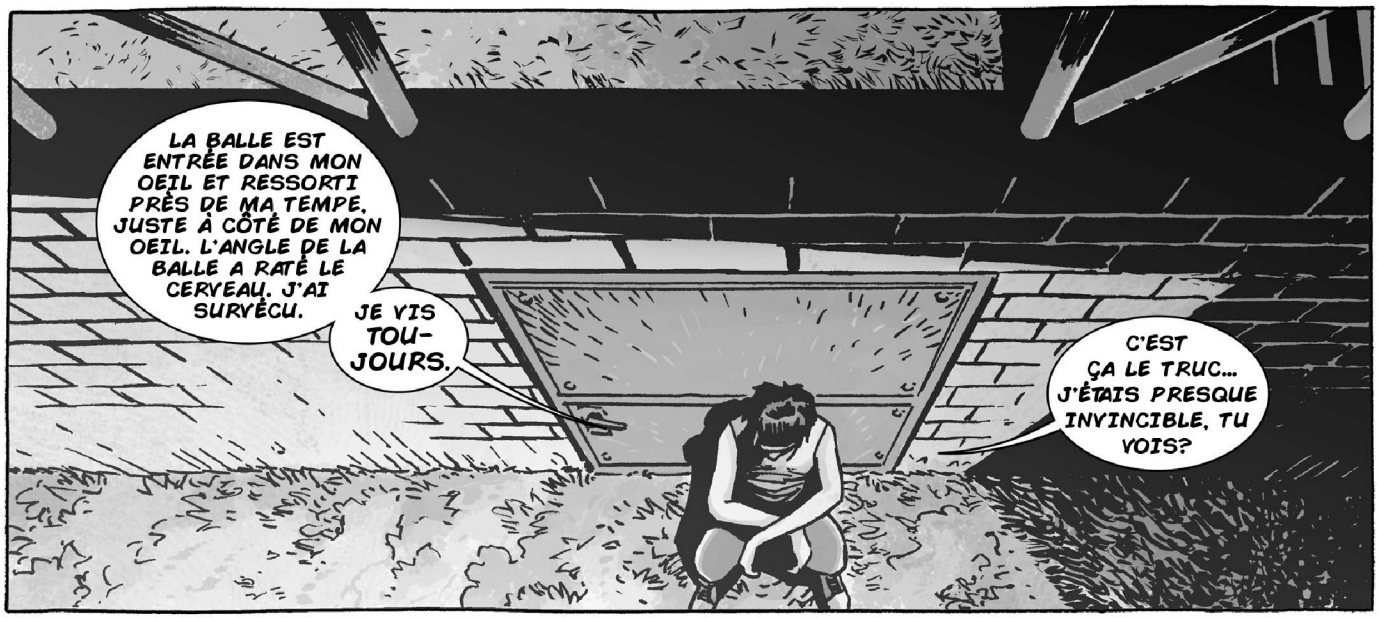






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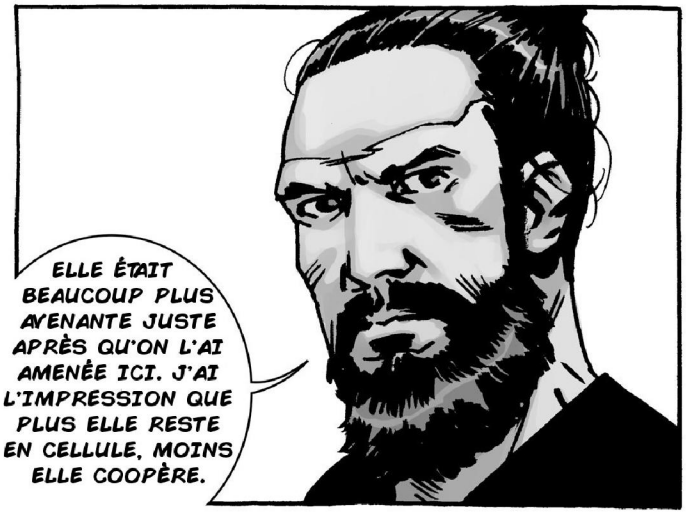


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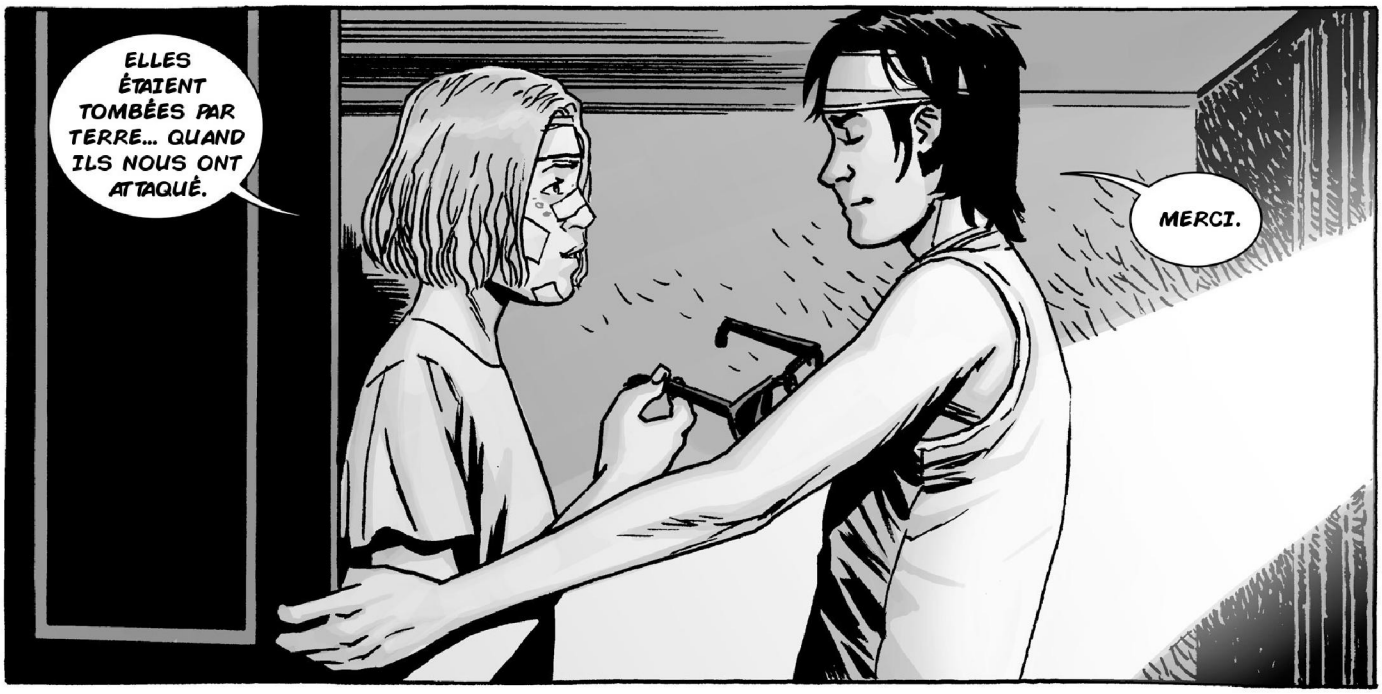




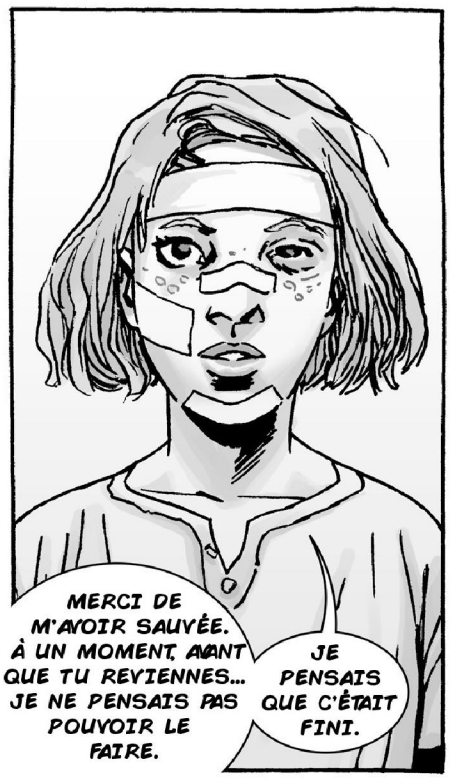




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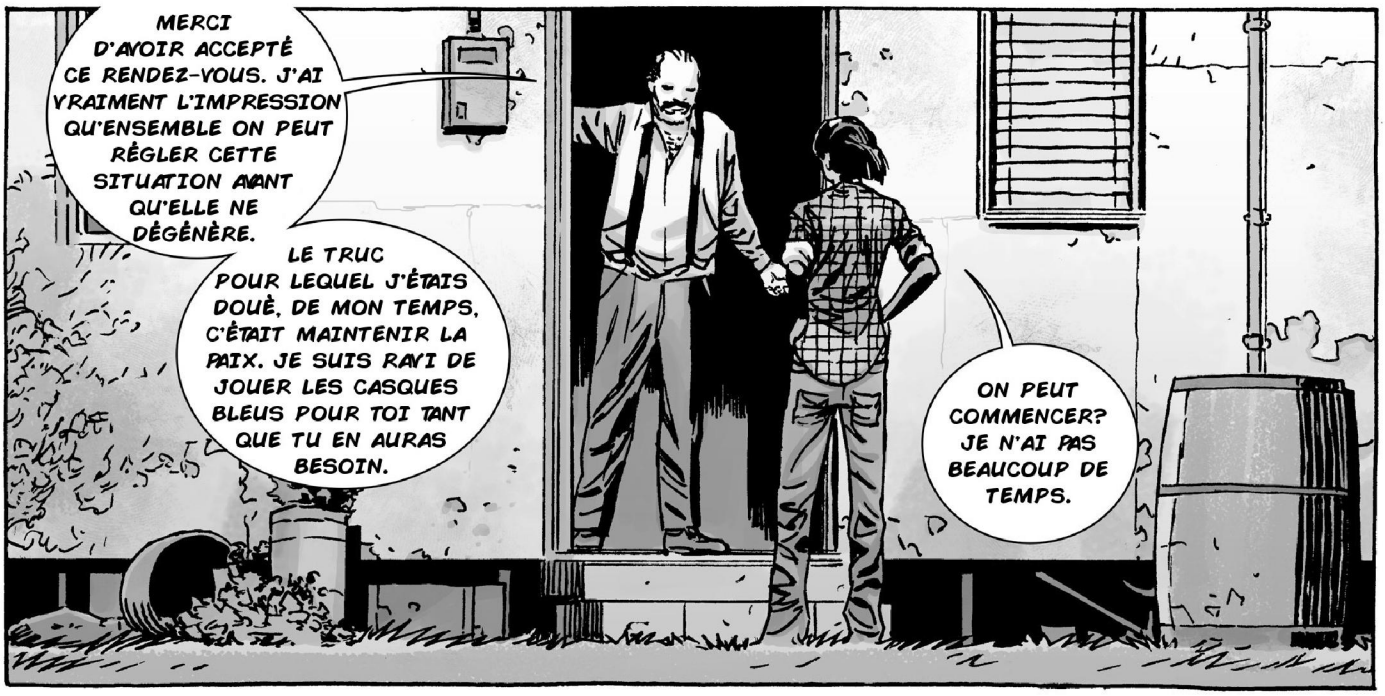
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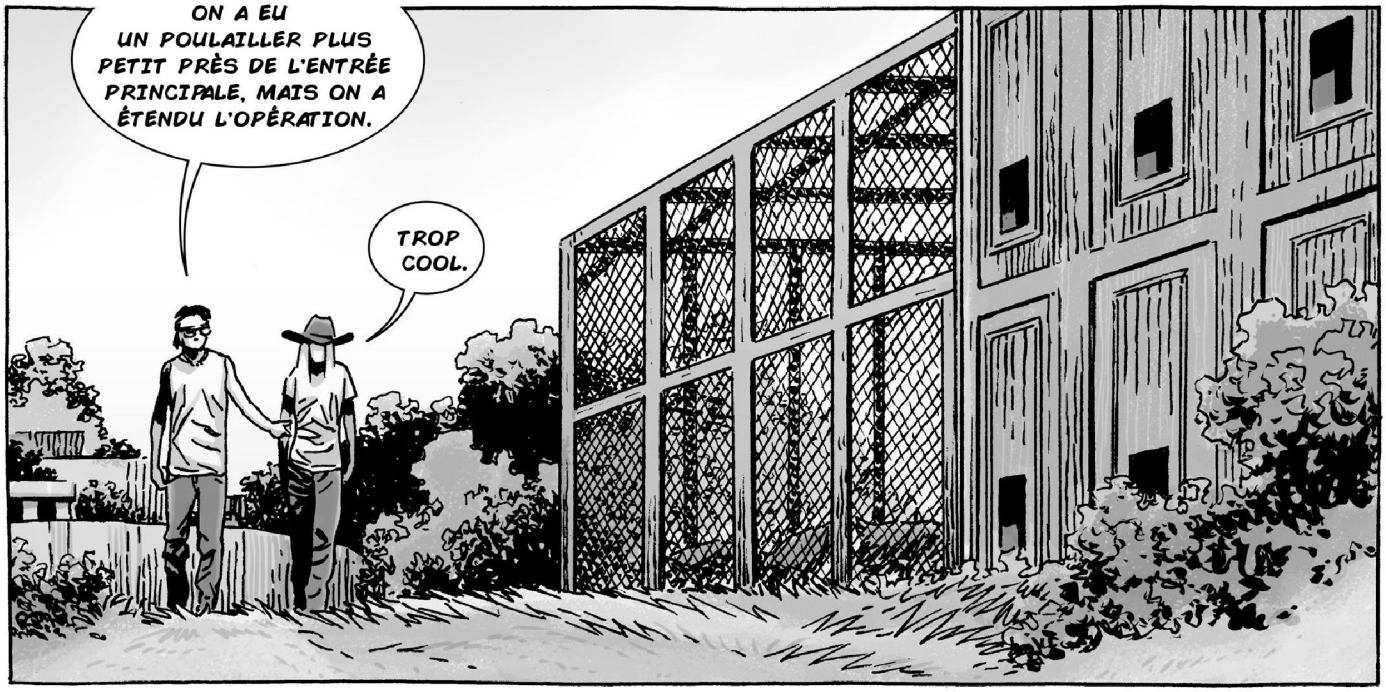
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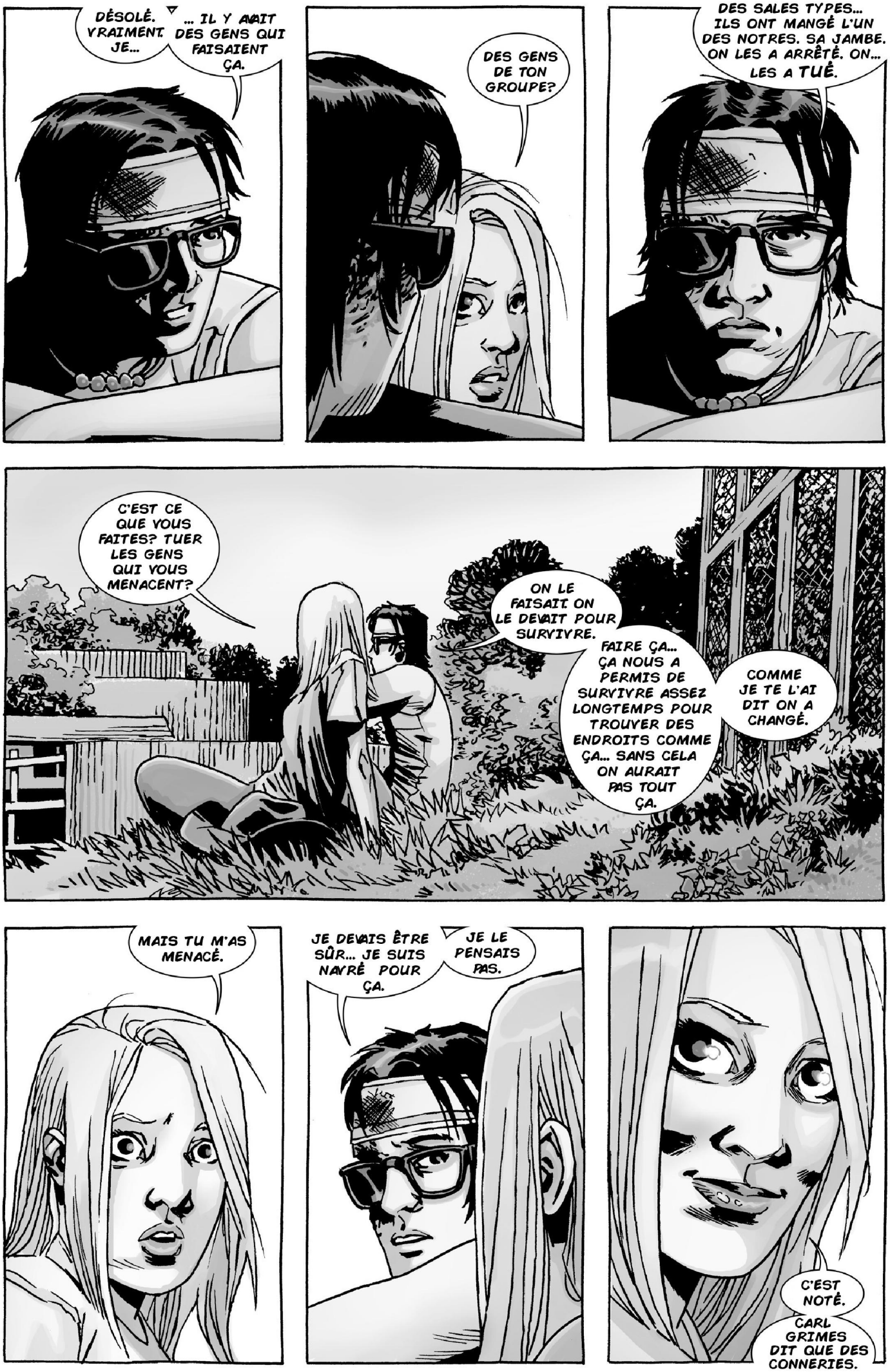




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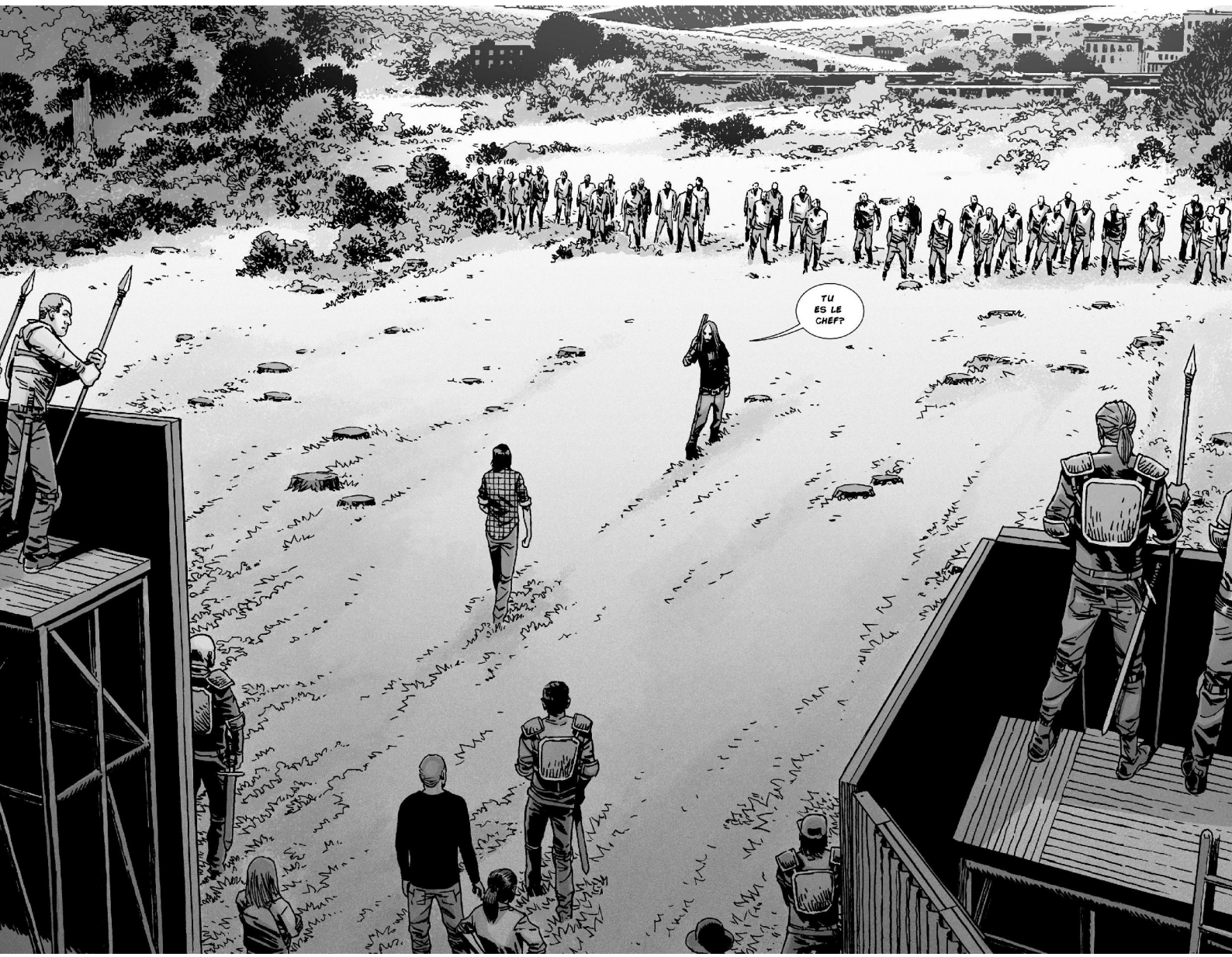
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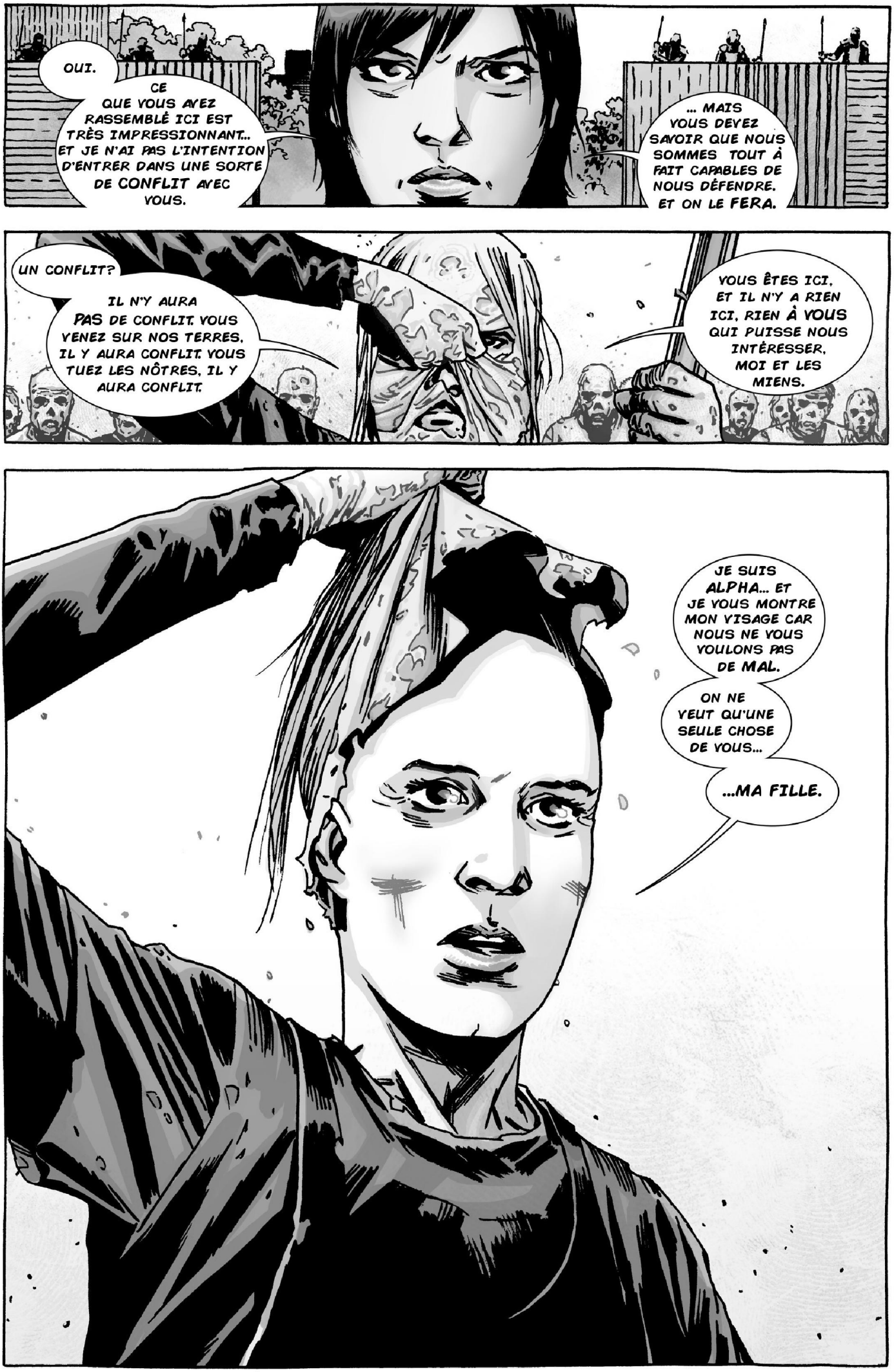
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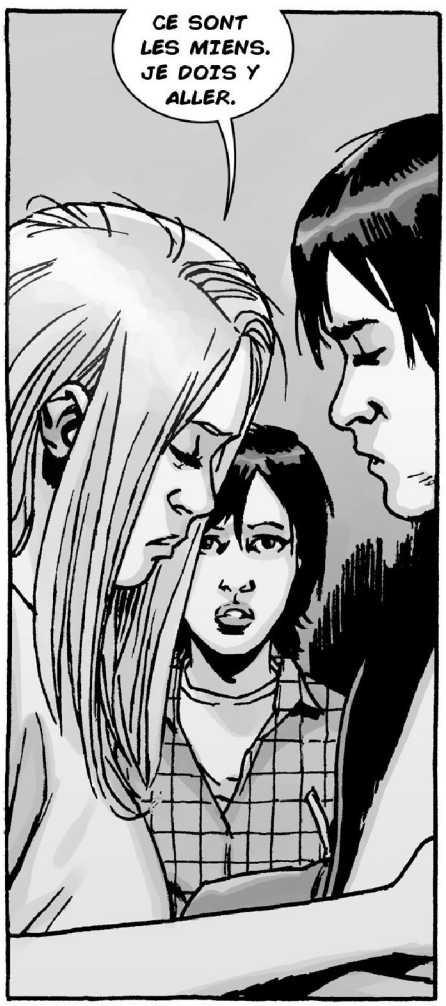




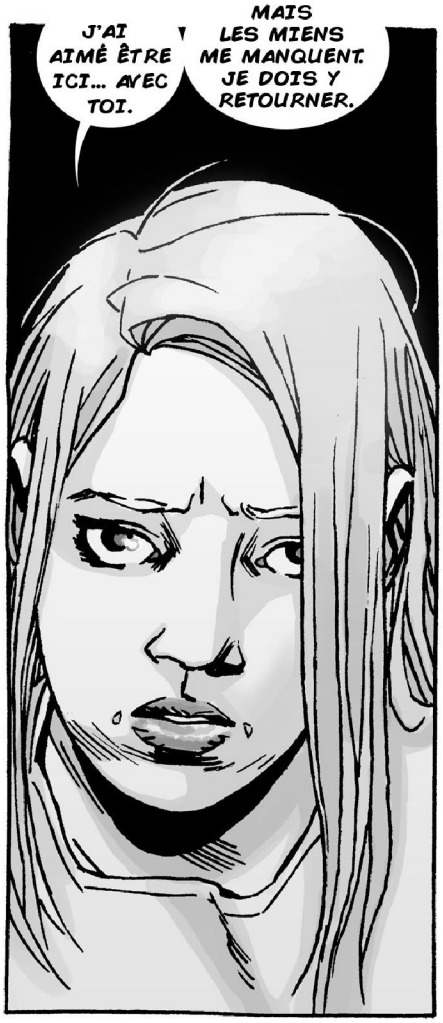


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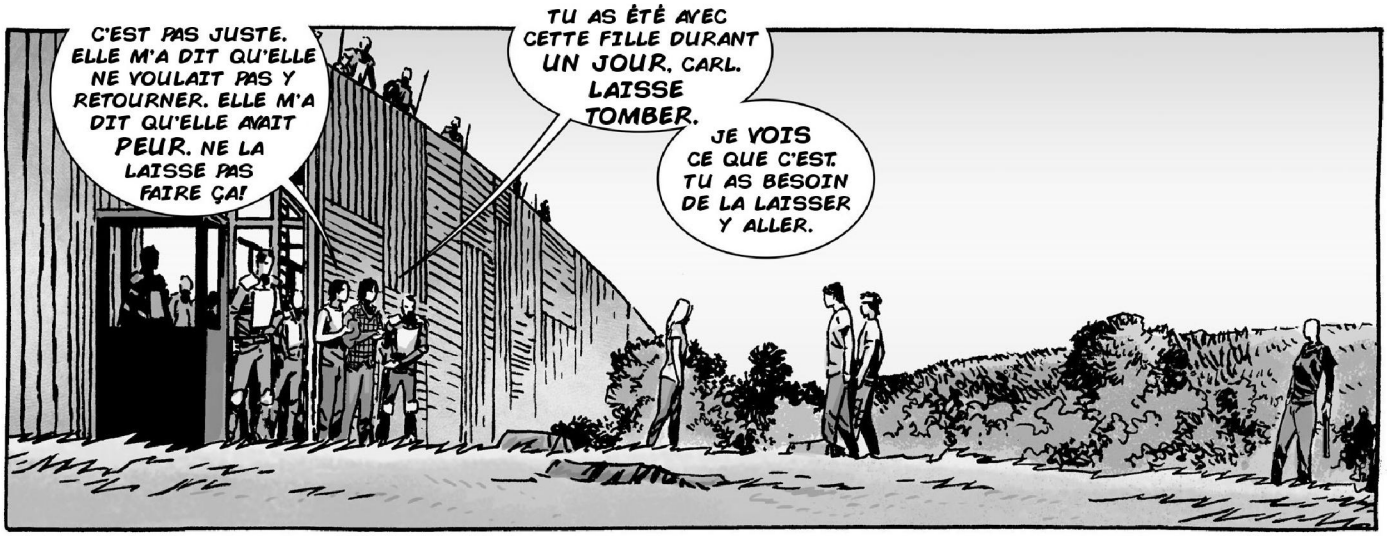




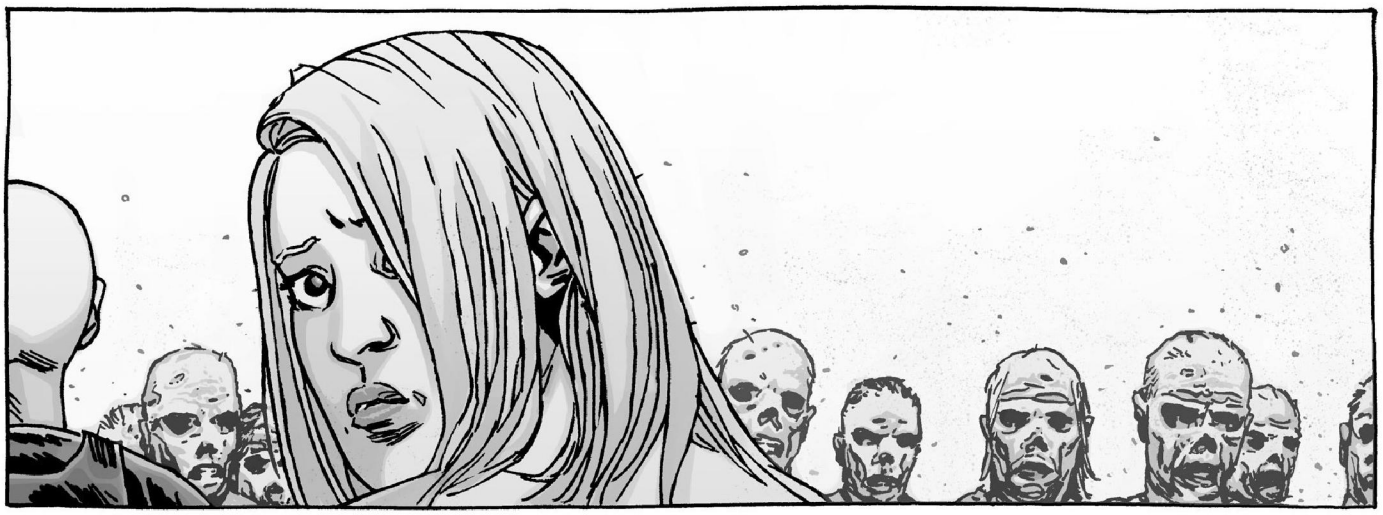


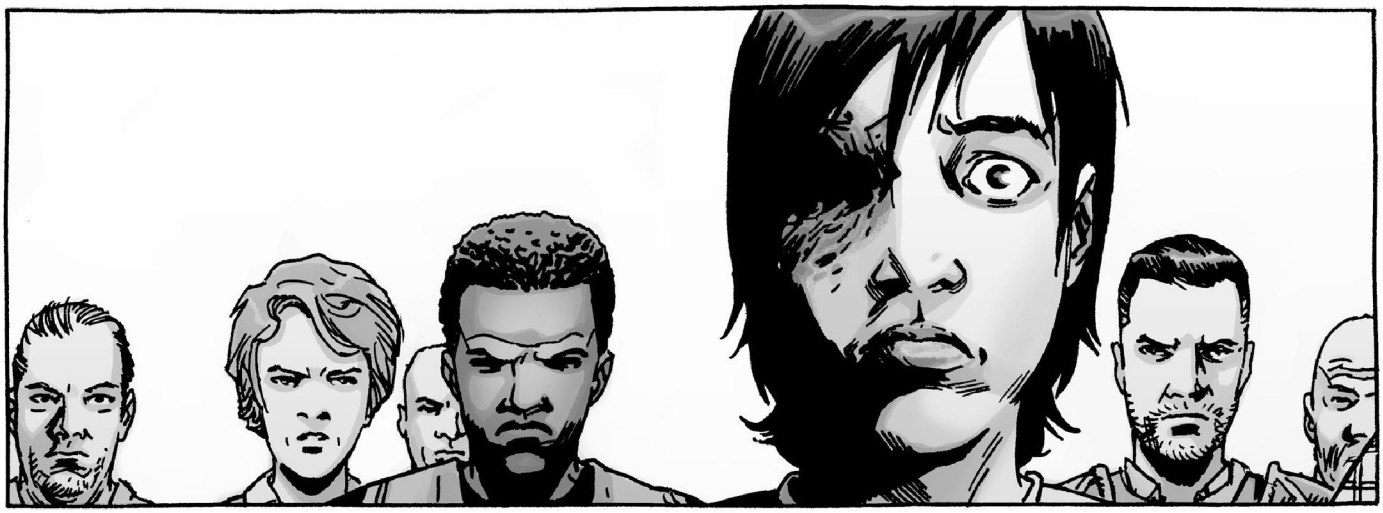


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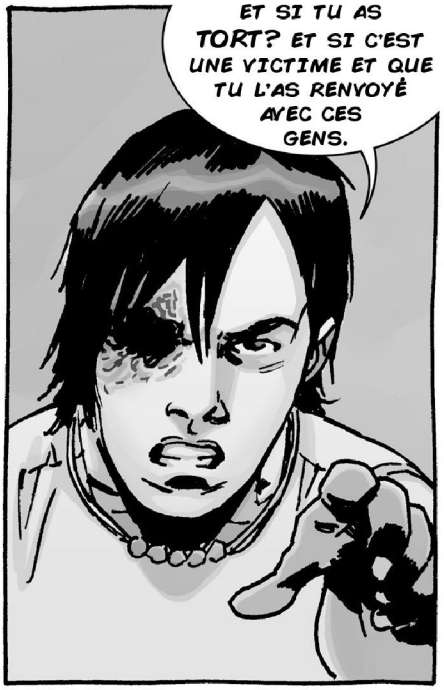
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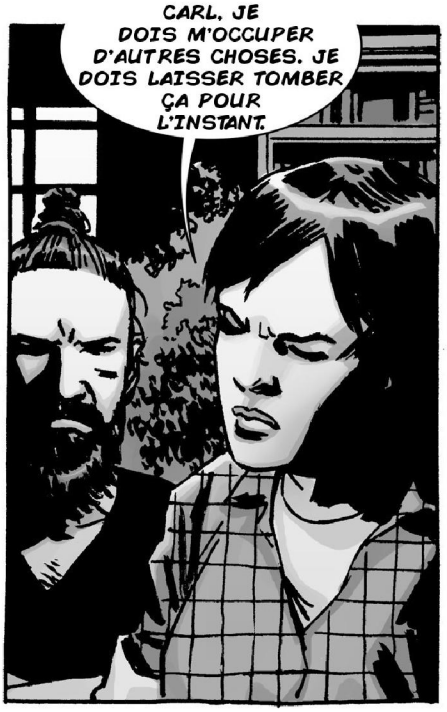














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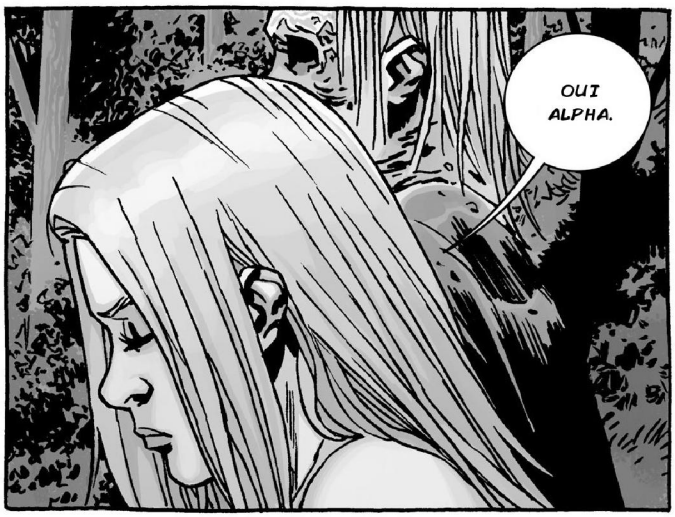


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LETTER HACKS

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Big issue. BIG issue. Alpha unmasked. Lydia freed. Carl on her trail. Gregory disgraced... yet again. The only thing left to answer now that we know the Whisperer leader isn't Michonne is... where's Michonne?

Heh... it has been a lot of issues without her, hasn't it? Keep reading, readers!

Hi Walking Dead crew again!

So this story may be just absolute coincidence, or not. So please don't take this the wrong way, but... my dad came home over the weekend with a kind of beer that he hadn't ever gotten before, and it was made by a Chicago based brewing company called "Revolution Brewing". The type of beer was called "Eugene Porter".

So my question for you Kirkman is, DID YOU GET THE NAME "EUGENE PORTER" FROM A BEER CAN? By the way, I am not kidding about this. Search it for yourself. And I even checked if the company got the name from TWD and that was false.

Other than that, just keep being awesome. You guys rock, and can't wait for February 9!

Thanks,
Gavin Zawacki
Wilmette, IL

Because we don't get enough beer-related mail... According to their website, Revolution opened in 2010. Our boy Eugene made his first appearance in 2008. So killing that rumor before it even starts. Actually, couldn't you just have Googled this yourself? You lazy bastard...

As one of the only people on the planet who's never drunk an entire beer in his life, I can promise I'm not taking any inspiration from any cans of the stuff.

Hey Robert and Sean!

I had a question about the nature of the Whisperers. In Issue 134 there are two zombies trying to eat Darius, are these zombies or Whisperers? How far do these people go to be like zombies? Do they eat humans as well, or at least act like they do or something? I know it could just be regular ol' zombies that they brought with them, but I just wanted to be sure.

Lydia gets pretty disgusted when Carl asks if they eat humans, so as far as we know, they don't.

They travel WITH zombies. So the zombies that were trying to eat Darius... were zombies.

Another question, when we see the Whisperers faces, their eyes are always shadowed in, while zombies are usually drawn with blank white eyes. So, my question is, if we see a zombie with blank white eyes, then does that confirm that they are just zombies? And if we don't see their eyes, then it could potentially be a zombie or a Whisperer? I just think it would be weird if humans wearing skin suits would be drawn with blank white eyes if they only pretending to be zombies.

Safe assumption, yes. But occasionally Rick regrows his missing hand, as well, so mistakes are sometimes made.

WHEN HAS THAT EVER HAPPENED?!

Whisperers will always look like people wearing zombie skin if we get a good look at them. Their faces were in shadow to hide the fact that they don't look like zombies if you get a close look.

Anyways, thanks for taking the time to read this, long time fan but first time writing in. :)

Stevie

Do it again!

So I'm reading 136 and Maggie has just let Carl out of the cell. How does Carl respond to this good news?

Not "great" or "thanks"

He says "Rad"...

Did Sean sneak some weed into the workplace and you guys just had a good time while you wrote this one panel?

"Rad" took my mind away from everything. It was a good issue though, despite that distraction.

But please, this isn't "Dude, Where's my car?", refrain from using "rad" ever again

A concerned fan,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

"Rad" isn't acceptable? Bogus.

This letter is pretty rad.

Just finished issue 136...unreal stuff here guys. I cannot figure out Lydia right now as I believe the 'whispers' that were hiding outside the camp said that she is strong. Does this mean that she is playing Carl? I think so. And something else that just got me so pumped was the mention of 'the leader' from the same whisperers. So excited to see who this is and what he/she is capable of. I have some ideas, keep up the great work guys, one of my favourite arcs so far.

Ryan

Now that it's been revealed that Lydia is Alpha's daughter, it's probably clear why she has the reputation for being strong. As for playing Carl?

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Man, does no one believe in young love anymore?

They seem to have a pretty rad relationship to me. But you never know with those two...

Dear Kirkman & Crew

I am addicted to the Walking Dead and after running to my comic book shop every month, every issue it kills me to have to wait so long. I got too Greedy with All Out War as two issues a month came out, and now I feel too spoiled. I am curious about two things.

Hey, this is the first of two issues this month! We'll spoil you from time to time just, yeah, don't get used to it.

Whoa! Two issues in one month! That's rad!

First thing is first. Magna and her gang. Obviously they are new characters and we still need an update on the people of Alexandria, Hilltop, Kingdom and Sanctuary, but I feel like you showed a new character which I am really intrigue by and just tossed her aside. Will Magna play a bigger role sooner then later?

Definitely.

Second Thing: Will we ever find out who the real Father of Rosita's child is? Or is it going to be left as a mystery on purpose? (At same time, I just want to say that Eugene is such an amazing character and I CAN'T wait to see where you guys take him as well).

It will probably be revealed eventually, but not soon.

Last Thing: I just want to say Kudos on the cover of Issue 136. It's honestly my favorite cover. No other cover has given me the creeps as much as this one has. As much as I love that fucking motherfucker Negan, The Whisperers give me this crazy fear which I haven't received in a long time with the Walking Dead.

Rad!

Keep up the good work guys. I hope that you guys keep doing your stuff....thangs....and don't get bitten by any Walkers.

Robert Habachi
Montreal, Quebec

We'll do our best to stay safe.

Hey there, you know that's the first time ever (!) I write for a comic (or a show or whatever). But I really had to write for TWD or sure I had to! Just finished #136 and well.. that's something interesting! The development on Carl's personality is impressive, I think as we don't see Rick every often now, that he is finally becoming the "new Rick", but god, he is still young and unpredictable I really hope he doesn't f*ck things up on the Hill top with his new f*cked up (girl)friend.. Maybe, he's becoming the new bad boy in town (we all know he had some talking with Negan) but well he really seems to care about trying to have a new "civilization". Really can't wait to know what he's up to with this whisperer girl. THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE PLEASE DON'T KILL MAGGIE! I really enjoy her character in the comics, (on the show she seems to be a bad ass from the beginning and that's awesome) but Maggie in the comic is far more interesting, what's she had been through and what she overcame! (Really like her coming up to Alexandria with her big guns on the #120) Really like Sophia too, and hope we'll see more of (master of the sniper) Andrea in the next issues! Soooo, thank you for the awesome female characters it's nice to have women to identify myself with (Oh I'd wish!)

Yeah, I'm done, sorry for my english,
Marjolaine from France

And now we have Alpha, who no doubt will eventually measure up to all the women you mentioned.

Here at TWD central, we think ladies are rad.

Dear Killman

Hi gang (British fan still getting over Glenn here) just writing to say loving the new fake walkers, or falkers, if you would. Love the fact that this is seen as insane, where as Rick coating himself in zombie guts was surviving. I feel it's like in the TV show with terminus the difference between the good and the bad is so fine. The lines aren't just blurred, there gone.

Question time

1.are we gonna get a shock killing soon?

I hope so.

Wouldn't it be a cool twist if no one else died in the comic ever again?

2.will we see Negan as the new saviour?

Of the community? Or will he rejoin the Saviors? Judging by the cover, Negan fans will be excited to get their hands on #141.

3.why is Charlie Adlard not king of England?

He's actually 138th in line to the throne. Cool, right?

Gary

In Issue #3, that hat went flying off of Rick's head.
In issue #4, he puts it on Carl.
Carl's had that hat for 132 goddamn issues.
I BETTER BE ABLE TO TRUST THIS LYDIA CHICK!

Ethan Tompkins
Williamsport, Pa

PS: Why does drinking always make me want to yell at you?

Maybe don't drink so much? Seems like an easy conclusion, right?

Rad.

You gave her Carl's hat!?! Are you nuts?? Lydia seems like a good kid but I don't trust her at all. I admit wearing walker skin is a brilliant tactic, but to do something like that i'm sure it takes a bit of sanity away. Not to mention the others outside said she was strong, for adults to call a kid strong they have to prove themselves first, what the hell has she done to earn that much confidence in the rest of her group? You're killing me with the suspence. Can't wait for the next issue, looks intense! See ya next month.

-Devin DiTomaso
Haverhill, Ma

Does anyone besides me trust Lydia? You guys are sooooo skeptical.

Yeah, sheesh. Try to be a little more rad, won't you?

See you in two weeks. Rick's on the cover, and there's also a boat. For all you folks that have written letters about why aren't there boats in this comic, next issue goes out to you!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Next issue is going to be pretty rad.

-Robert Kirkman

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KIRKMAN ADLARD GAUDIANO RATHBURN


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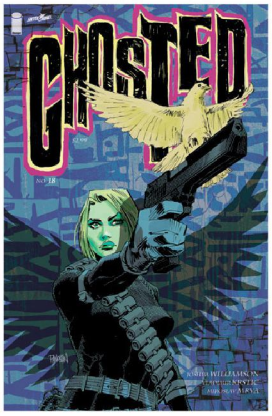

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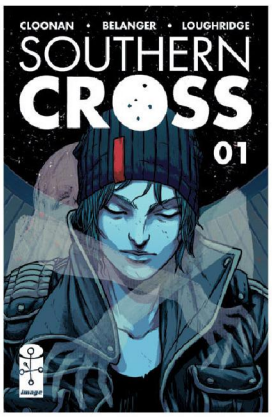

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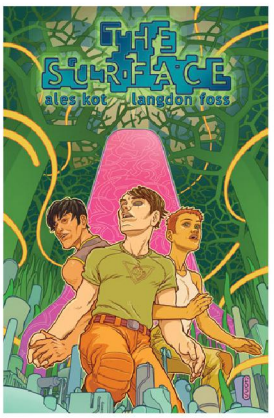




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