

THE WALKING DEAD

EXT. THE WOODS NEAR THE GREENE FARM - DAY

Rick and Shane walk through the woods looking for Sophia, reminiscing about how life used to be.

SHANE

We shouldn't be talkin' about this stuff. That life, it's gone. And everyone in it. Sheila, MaryAnn, Mrs. Kelly. It's like were old folk-all the people in our stories are dead.

RICK

We can't just forget 'em.

SHANE

The hell we can't. It's hard enough to accept what's happened without diggin' up the past. I'll tell ya what it is-nostalgia. It's like a drug. It keeps ya from seeing things they way they are, that's a danger when ya got people depending on you.

RICK

You think I don't know that?

SHANE

I don't know. What are we doing? Ya got every able body at your disposal out scouring these woods for a little girl we both know is likely dead.

RICK

What, you think we should abandoned the search?

SHANE

It's not my cause.

RICK

I'm asking. I'm asking.

SHANE

Survival Rick. It means making hard decisions.

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SHANE (CONT'D)

You got this knack, you spread us thinner and thinner, I'm trying to save lives here and you're out-saving cats from trees.

RICK

Is that what you think Sophia is, a cat in a tree?

SHANE

Don't do that man, don't twist my words. How many times we get called out to look for a missing child-you got 72 hours, 72 hours and after that your looking for a body. And that was before. You honestly think we're just gonna find Sophia alive?

RICK

Are you that sure we won't?

SHANE

We being completely honest?

RICK

I'm counting on you to be.

SHANE

It's math, man. Alive or not, Sophia, she only matters to the degree in which she don't drag the rest of us down.

Beat

SHANE (CONT'D)

I thought you wanted honest. If we just moved on, man, we'd be half way to Fort Benning and Carl wouldn't have gotten shot. You said so yourself, when we're out here we're risking lives. Your own son almost died. Man, Otis paid that bill, what the hell we still doing this for?

RICK

I had her in my hands, Shane, and she looked in my eyes and trusted me. I failed her. If I hadn't she wouldn't be out here. I think she's still alive and I'm not gonna right her off.

Shane notices a blue cloth nailed to a tree.

SHANE

That's blue. Andrea and T-dog.  
Looks like we wandered over in  
their grid.

Shane walks away from Rick.