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THE WALKING DEAD TEASES AT COMIC-CON 2014

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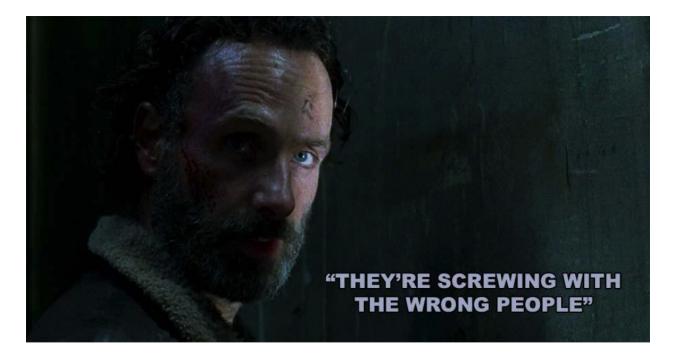
The cast and producers give Season 5 clues.



"They're screwing with the wrong people."

That's the last thing we heard from Rick in The Walking Dead's season 4 finale. After going through hell to get to Terminus, a fraction of the group finds out it's not the sanctuary they had hoped for, and at the end of the episode found themselves locked in a container, stripped of their weapons, awaiting their fate. But with "farmer Rick" left behind at the prison, a new found Rick emerged, and with that last line showed that he was ready for anything coming their way.

That's why the first trailer for next season shown over the weekend at this year's Comic-Con in San Diego created so much excitement among the fans at the conference and on the Internet, with it trending on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. The official season 5 trailer already has over six million views on YouTube.



Yes. Yes they are. (thewalkingdeadgirl.com)

What the Trailer Tells Us

- The group gets gassed.
- Cannibalism is confirmed. Well, 99% confirmed. The "confirmation" comes to us courtesy of a first person view from Rick's hazy eyes due to being gassed, who sees a body lying on a table with the sound of a bone saw.
- Carol, Tyreese and baby Judith are reunited with the rest of the group.
- With the promise of a cure in Washington, D.C. for the virus that turned the world upside down, the group is left with no choice but to join up with Gareth and his fellow Terminus inhabitants to travel to the nation's capital for those answers. And of course, Rick doesn't trust him. Naturally.

- There's a new character in the form of a priest, Father Gabriel Stokes who will be played by another The Wire alum, Seth Gilliam (he'll be joining two other Wire alums Lawrence Gilliard Jr. (Bob) and Chad Coleman (Tyreese). Apparently creator Robert Kirkman is a big fan).
- That would explain why the group ends up in what looks like a church.
- Last time we saw Beth she was being kidnapped. Wondering where she's been? She's in a prison of some sort (I know, another one), or a psychiatric asylum. So she was NOT on Terminus' menu.



Seth Gilliam as Father Gabriel Stokes on the set of "The Walking Dead". (twdenthusiasts.com)

"Very different group of people."

Of course they are. The group has been broken literally and emotionally, and they are once again out of the comforts of an enclosed space and out into the unknown, battling not only the zombies, but once again individuals who use the apocalypse as their own sinister playground. "This is a very dangerous, very different

group of people," creator and executive producer Kirkman said. The group has to, once again, maneuver in so many different ways to fight their way through this. And they should be able to. With Woodbury and the Governor experience under their belts they should be able to come out smelling like roses. But do they really have that mental fortitude to handle another governor-type situation? They'd have to...if they want to live. Rick seems up to the task.

Speaking of different, the addition of Gilliam as Father Gabriel is not a huge surprise to fans of The Walking Dead comics (there was speculation back in May as to what role he'd be playing after it was announced he'd be joining the show). In the comics, Father Gabriel, the pastor of a remote church, supposedly took refuge in his church during the epidemic, but it was revealed later that he turned away living survivors and cowardly listened inside as the survivors were killed and turned into zombies. Rick and the rest of the group take refuge in the church for a time while on their way to D.C.



The group has yet another enemy to fight. (trendytron.com)

Kirkman said season 5 will have places familiar to fans of the comics, but "new worlds" will be introduced to expand the landscape.

The Walking Dead will return on October 12 on AMC.



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