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The world we knew is gone. The world of commerce and frivolous necessity has been replaced by a world of survival and responsibility. An epidemic of apocalyptic proportions has swept the globe, causing the dead to rise and feed on the living. In a matter of months society has crumbled: no government, no grocery stores, no mail delivery, no cable TV. In a world ruled by the dead, the survivors are forced to finally start living. Lori's pregnancy has come to term, and the birth is near. After everything they've been through, nothing can prepare Rick and the other survivors for what they are about to experience. A major turning point in the series is reached. Reprint Edition

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Brightness says

Oh Carol, I'm so happy the tv series took you in an entirely different direction.

Fables&Wren says

WrensReads Review:

Oh my word, what a whiplash. The writing just plummeted AGAIN.

This is playing hard with my heart. Why are all the girls so stupid and/or just wanting to get it on? None of this makes plausible sense. The only thing I loved about the woman is that Lori gave no cares about nursing in front of her son because "it's natural" and that was beautiful.

Like, CAROL WAY TO MAKE US ALL LOOK BAD. Or should I say, way'da go writers for making all the women look bad and/or unrealistic?

Prove me wrong here....

Anyway, the group got comfortable, a baby was born and basically nothing dangerous was happening. Until someone (stupidly) died and they let their guard down.

Always be aware of your neighbor guys, come on!

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Raeleen Lemay says

well Carol is officially insane.....

Becky says

WHHHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAATTTTT???

Well that was definitely unexpected. I totally thought that dude was zombie-food. Huh. Welcome back to the story, guy! Let's see where this goes.

Anyway... I'm kinda glad to see one of the losses from this volume. Chickadee was getting on my damn nerves. If Bill Maher was living with these folks, he'd be all like, "NEW RULE: If you can't cope with life, GTFO." It took longer than I expected, but FINALLY. Toodles, stupid.

Otherwise, this one was a little slower than past volumes, except for The Night of The Nurse, in which all of the things happened. Then calm, hence the title, and then BOOOOOOOOM. Cliffhanger!

So... See you at the end of Volume 8 - which will definitely be the last one I read for a bit... seeing as how I don't actually have any more right now. *sigh*

Darren Hagan says

SPOILER HEAVY

Nothing particularly wrong with it, but it didn't keep me as gripped this time around. The group are really settled at the prison and then just when they feel safe and secure, the Governor turns up at the end shouting to his crew to kill them all for a nice little cliffhanger ending.

Lori finally gives birth to her daughter Judith, and it's actually nice to see her and Rick being happy for once. They always just seem to be pissed off at each other before this issue. I suppose that's married life ;)

I don't particularly like Dale's insecurities in this issue. He gets bit on the leg and they chop it off (basically like Hershel in the TV show), then he gets all worried about Andrea leaving him for Tyreese for no reason whatsoever. It just seemed random.

The other thing I didn't like as much was Carol's character. She has basically been on a downward spiral after she saw Michonne giving Tyreese head a few volumes ago. Then after a talk with Lori, she just goes and sleeps with Hershel's teenage son, then let's a zombie eat her. It just felt like they didn't know what to do with her character so they killed her off in a weird way. Maybe it's just me who feels that way.

I prefer it when they are walking around and it's constantly nail biting because they don't know when a zombie will pop up. Bring on the Governor to mess up their prison and throw a bit more excitement into it :P

Sarah says

[I am devastated that Carol died! I knew it was coming but I just really wish she didn't die because although she couldn't

Alejandro says

A disturbing calm.

This is the seventh volume of the softcover editions of "The Walking Dead", collecting the comic book issues from #37 to #42.

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Chapter Seven

THE CALM BEFORE

I just don't need to hear you say it. I can't hear you say it.

Rick's group is reunited again and they remained in the prison.

However, Woodbury's people is out there, preparing themselves for an invasion to the prison.

This is only the calm before...

...the storming arrival of the dwellers of Woodbury to the prison.

It's not a matter of "if" but a disturbing certainty of "when".

Rick's group is doing their best to keep on with their existence along with doing their best to be prepared for the unavoidable confrontation.

And certainly this is war, and sadly, in a war, there are casualties...

...and these will be high costly and too dearly casualties.

And Woodbury's people may be more prepared than anyone can imagine!

Dennis says

Nach reichlich Action und Gewaltexzessen in den letzten beiden Büchern wird hier nun wieder ein langsameres Tempo angeschlagen. Die Beziehungen zwischen den Figuren und ihre Ansichten zu der zombieverseuchten Welt rücken wieder in den Mittelpunkt. Meines Erachtens genau der richtige Schritt.

Nichtsdestotrotz gibt es auch hier wieder einige dramatische Entwicklungen und den Charakteren wird teilweise schmerzlich bewusst welche Herausforderungen und Gefahren diese stark veränderte Welt weiterhin für sie bereithält.

Letztlich lautet der Titel dieses Bands *Die Ruhe vor dem Sturm (The Calm Before)* und der nächste nennt sich *Auge um Auge (Made to Suffer)*.

Insofern ist ziemlich klar, dass hier bald wieder andere Zeiten anbrechen. Ich bin gespannt.

Arielle Walker says

[like

Sam Quixote says

The group prepares for an inevitable attack from Woodbury, training up everyone who can hold a gun while a small unit sets off to find the National Guard Station to stock up on guns, ammo and gas. Meanwhile, Maggie and Glenn tie the knot and Lori finally gives birth but still more death and tragedy befalls the small group.

I thought after the craziness of Woodbury and the Governor that this volume would be much less interesting as it's more or less a return to the status quo but it's still chock-full of great stuff. Dare I say it - Robert Kirkman does some decent character-work in this book!

Carol, the mother of Sophia who also tried to commit suicide earlier in the series, has been slowly unravelling these last few books and Kirkman does fine work in showing her fatalistic state of mind - her speech towards the end gives the reader a glimpse into her life in the group and her perspective on how she views them. It's a very real moment that made Carol seem like an actual person.

Kirkman also keeps things exciting for the reader by having the group looking for the National Guard Station encounter some of the Governor's men while, back at the prison, Lori goes into labour at night with the generator about to run out of gas, and Billy and Dale have to venture out in the zombie-infested parking lot to siphon more fuel.

It is amazing that before they sent out the most able among them to gather ammunition from the National Guard Station that they didn't ensure they had enough fuel for the generator. They didn't know how long they'd be gone and they knew one of their group was about to give birth, but still they don't bother to top up the fuel containers from nearly empty to full? What a bunch of idiots!

And the death and mutilation remains funny, to me at least, because it's so over-the-top. When zombies aren't popping out of the shadows like diseased jack-in-the-boxes, characters are happily dying, smiles on their faces!

Still, The Calm Before is a highly enjoyable volume that'll keep readers deeply invested in the series - especially with THAT finale! The Calm Before, indeed.

Gabby says

Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my gosh! This volume was amazing! I love how this volume started with a flashback of Lori and Shane. It was nice to see what actually happened with them when Rick was still in a coma. Glenn and Maggie finally have their wedding! It's the cutest shit ever, with Hershel as their pastor and what not. I just love Glenn and Maggie so much. I really enjoyed the scenes with Tyreese, Glenn, Maggie and Michonne going to the National Guard place and taking out all the Woodbury men. It was epic.

SPOILERS BELOW

So, Lori finally had the baby! And surprisingly, nothing went wrong. The baby was born naturally and Lori lived through it and decided to name the girl Judith. I was kind of shocked by this because as we all know in the tv show, Lori has a very unsafe, unplanned delivery and is killed instantly. Now I'm wondering when and how Lori will die? Or if she will die? I don't even know. But Dale got bit on his leg while trying to get gas for the generator while Lori was delivering the baby and they had to cut his leg off but this time it worked! Also, what the fuck? Carol already died? She basically committed suicide while walking up to a zombie? It's so ridiculous. Carol's character in the comics has got to be the most different in the actual tv show because Carol was a weak woman controlled by men in the comics but in the show she's so badass. I just don't understand. I was hoping she would turn it all around and become a badass like she is in the show, but no. Ugh, it's depressing. Also, Glenn and Maggie just decided then want to try and have a baby! Like what even. That *just* happened in the show in season 6 so this seems really soon. I mean they are still at the prison after all. Also, HOLY SHIT THE ENDING. THE GOVERNOR IS ALIVE AND HE'S COMING TO TAKE THE PRISON I KNEW HE WASN'T DEAD ASKLDHJAK. This was one of my favorite moments from the tv show and I'm so freaking excited to read Volume 8!

Anthony Chavez says

The title is fitting and this volume was chock full of Kirkman character development goodness.

So much happens! Really I think this, aside from the first volume, is the best so far at individual development of characters. After the Woodbury incident and story arc everyone realizes they need to restock on ammunition and supplies if they are to survive any possible attack by Woodbury which seems imminent now. Rick comes to terms that with his new disability he can't do everything and be the hero/leader anymore and needs to take a backseat role to the able bodies people they have.

Yes this volume still has guns firing and bullets flying, even people dying, but the majority of it revolves around relationships being made, Rick and Lori having a baby, Glenn and Maggie debating about having a baby of their own and starting a family with things how they are, Dale having to cope with jealousy and some other new developments, Alice getting thrown into her new role as the doctor, Andrea taking the role of the group protector/sharpshooter/firing instructor, etc. A lot happens and Kirkman is true to form with a last page cliffhanger that leaves you screaming!

A real great volume and must read for any Walking Dead fan.

Lesincele Viaja gracias a los libros says

Tras el primer encuentro con el gobernador, este volumen es como de transición en el que vemos el día a día de nuestros protagonistas en la prisión. A pesar de ser un volumen algo más tranquilo también nos da varios sustos.

y el siguiente volumen tiene pintas de ser muy muy bueno.

Ayman Gomaa says

" THE CALM BEFORE " this title was so so true , there is a big crazy storm coming xD
this volume was good , not alot of walking deads and fire shouting but it was like they said calm calm calm .
i was gonna give 2 stars for this volume coz it was boring alittle
so yeah finally maggice and glenn officially married and that was really good and sweet , lori has her baby
without any problems not like what i expected but it was okay great annoying LORI still alive , i feel sad for
carol but she wasn't like the one in the series so i wasn't a huge fan of her in the comics anyway , but the
finale deserves one more star really , Hershel look at the finale remind me of this one xD xD

so yes yes like what we all expected the Physco sadist head is back :(what a finale really

Bookdragon Sean says

This was a simply set up. Nothing more, nothing less. These issues exist to usher in the conclusion of the first compendium. It's filler material, appropriate filler material, though it's still a little dull.

It's a foreshadowing of the climax. The group arm themselves and set up the prison's defences. An attack in the next volume is only appropriate. But this was a little dry. Carol's fate was a bit random. I mean we all knew it was coming. She's been degrading for a while, but to throw herself away like that seemed a little extreme even for her. I much prefer T.V Carol. She's a badass. She's very much a female Rick. It's a shame she's not stronger here, though I suppose a character similar to her may come at a later date.

The real excitement is coming in the next volume.....
