

Ben and Daryl and Addison. We sense they've been in here for some time. Daryl has closed his eyes.

ADDISON

Ziggy says your little gambit worked. You both get out now...

(her face falls)

But Daryl still takes his own life. It just happens a few months later.

BEN

(sotto, to Addison)

It'll happen even if I win. Won't it?

ADDISON

There's no way for Ziggy to compute that.

BEN

(sotto, to Addison)

I'm not asking Ziggy.

I'm asking you.

ADDISON

Without help, yes, it probably will.

There's a BUZZ. Daryl perks up. A SECURITY OFFICER unlocks the gate disinterestedly and slides it open:

SECURITY OFFICER

Hill brothers. You made bail.

Daryl gets up. Starts to leave. Ben doesn't.

DARYL

Last I checked, we've got a fight to win.

BEN

No. I'm not fighting unless you promise to see a doctor.

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DARYL
(tries to laugh it off)
You sound like Penny.

BEN
I'm serious, Daryl. I'm not walking
out until you promise--

DARYL
I don't need help.

BEN
You nearly went off on those cops--

DARYL
But I didn't--

BEN
Well you got out of the car when we
could have just driven away.

DARYL
What's a doctor gonna do for me?
Give me some pills to help me
sleep? I don't want to sleep. Every
time I close my eyes, I see bodies.

Daryl fights back tears. Not wanting to look. But the weight
is crushing...

DARYL
You think I wanna be going off,
yelling at my wife? I don't know
how to be her husband anymore. I
don't...

Ben can see what's coming: a flicker of the suicidal thoughts
that will claim Daryl's life...

DARYL
(quietly)
I don't know why I'm still here...

BEN
Because I need you.
(off Daryl's look)
You said I can't afford any
distractions? How am I supposed to
win a damn fight when I know my
brother, my only family, is losing
his? You think I care about a title
if I don't have you around to share
it?
(then, some humor)
(MORE)

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BEN (CONT'D)

I've been waiting twenty-five years
to prove I'm a better fighter than
you, you can be sure as hell I'm
going to wrap that belt around me
and walk up and down your living
room every day.

Now they're both laughing. And Addison filled with pride.

DARYL

Okay, I promise. I'll go--

BEN

And you'll keep going. You won't
quit, no matter what.

DARYL

If you win the fight.

Addison looks at Ben. From Daryl's point of view this is a
fair trade and great motivation. From their point of view
it's less than ideal. But what's he gonna say--

BEN

Not if. When.