

DEAD MAN WALKING - HELEN AND MATT - scene 6, lie detector

HELEN

People reading these interviews think you're some kind of a nut.

Admiring Hitler, wanting to come back as a terrorist and blow people up?

MATTHEW

I said nothing about people.

Government buildings, not people.

HELEN

How can you bomb a building without hurting somebody?

MATTHEW

I ain't got no love for the US government. All right?

HELEN

You're a fool.

You are making it so easy for them to kill you. Coming across like some kind of a crazed, animal Nazi, racist, mad dog who deserves to die.

MATT

Is that what you think?

HELEN

You are making it so difficult to help you.

MATT

You can leave.

HELEN

I'm not going to do that.

It's up to you. If you want me to go, you say so.

Do you ever think about those kids?

MATT

Hey, it's terrible what happened to those kids.

HELEN

Especially since it didn't have to happen. Do you ever think about what you and Vitelli did to their parents' lives?

MATT

It's hard to have much sympathy for them when they are trying to kill me.

HELEN

Well, think about it. Their kids are shot, stabbed, raped...left in the woods to die alone.

How would you feel if somebody did that to your mama or your little brother?

What would you want to do to them?

MATT

I'd sure as hell want to kill them. I understand them calling for blood, but they are calling for the wrong head.

I want a lie detector test.

HELEN

What?

MATT

I know I ain't gonna change their minds. But I want my mama to know the truth, that I didn't kill any kids.