



Everyone's Sheathing Their Weapons When 'Walking Dead' Returns

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When AMC's monster hit, *The Walking Dead*, returns for season nine, Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) and his crew have recovered after the all-out war against Negan (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) and his Savivors.

In the season-eight finale, Rick decided to do what he thought his late son, Carl (Chandler Riggs), would have done and spared Negan's life, but that was not what everyone in his group would have chosen.

Now it's a year and a half later, and both groups have rebuilt and are living in a tentative peace. The survivors are getting further away from the apocalyptic sickness that ended civilization as they knew it, and man-made structures are fading and failing as the survivors strive ever on.

In the trailer above, each cast member is portrayed with a mesmerizing kaleidoscope effect designed by creative agency Bacon & Sons. All of them are seen sheathing their weapons, indicating that the time to fight has ended—at least for now. Later in the season, the Whisperers, who fans know from the comics, will show up, led by Alpha who is played by Samantha Morton.

Season nine—which returns Sunday, Oct. 7 at 9/8 c on AMC—also will be star

Andrew Lincoln's last. The premiere will run a super-sized hour and a half and be followed by a new episode of aftershow Talking Dead.

The Walking Dead is based on the graphic novel created by Robert Kirkman and published by Image Comics. The series is executive produced by chief content officer Scott M. Gimple, showrunner Angela Kang, Kirkman, Gale Anne Hurd, David Alpert, Greg Nicotero, Tom Luse and Denise Huth.

Season nine key art is below:

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