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"I don't have to tell you things are bad. Everybody knows things are bad. It's a *depression*. Everybody's out of work or scared of losing their job. The dollar buys a nickel's worth, banks are going bust, shopkeepers keep a *gun* under the counter. Punks are running wild in the street and there's nobody anywhere who seems to know what to do, and there's no *end* to it. We know the air is unfit to *breathe* and our food is unfit to *eat*, and we sit watching our TVs while some local newscaster tells us that today we had fifteen homicides and sixty-three violent crimes, as if that's the way it's supposed to *be*. We *know* things are bad - worse than bad. They're crazy. It's like everything everywhere is going crazy, so we don't go out anymore. We sit in the house, and slowly the world we are living in is getting smaller, and all we say is, '*Please*, at least leave us alone in our living rooms. Let me have my toaster and my TV and my steel-belted radials and I won't say anything. Just leave us *alone*.'

Well, I'm not *gonna* leave you alone. I want you to get *mad*! I don't want you to protest. I don't want you to riot - I don't want you to write to your congressman because I wouldn't know what to tell you to write. I don't know what to do about the depression and the inflation and the Russians and the crime in the street. All I know is that first you've g*ot to get mad*. You've got to say, 'I'm a human being, goddamn it! My life has value!'

So I want you to get up now. I want all of you to get up out of your chairs. I want you to get up right now and go to the window and open it and

stick your head out and yell, '***I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this any more!***' I want you to get up right now…"