

Award winning sociologist Dr. Carol gets serious about the human problem, health, the environment, and kids these days. Mike Reeves has the exclusive interview.

Hello Dr. Carol, I have always been a big fan of your work, and it's great to see you again. Mike, It's wonderful to see you too!! I couldn't believe it when I read that you were 600 years old! I bet you still get carded at the morgue.

Oh Dr. Carol! I see you haven't lost your sense of humor. Yet there is absolutely nothing funny about your new book. Critics say Monster Town is your most serious and political work to date. Do you agree?

Agh critics... (attempts to roll her eyes and one of them pops out). Well I don't know what to say Mike, I have always been pissed off.

Of course! But your earlier work has a certain youthful carelessness about it. I am thinking of your decree in Take Back the Night to "kill all humans". Do you ever regret that? And you are still arguing to kill most humans, correct?

Of course I didn't actually mean we should kill all humans. That would clearly not be sustainable for the monster population. I was young and didn't always think things through. But no, I don't regret saying it, that quote put me on the map!!! The irony of course, is that Take Back the Night is not really an angry book, it was about healing old wounds caused by humans and loving oneself... but it has a bit of an edge I suppose.

The thing is, humans are dying anyway and will continue to die at a faster clip every day... Environmental disasters due to thoughtless development and global warming, war, random acts of violence, looming threat of new infectious diseases, terrorism... This is a total waste. We need to get to the humans and kill them, before something else does.



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While this book covers a wide variety of subjects, mostly it is about taking care of planet earth. Have you always been such a big environmentalist?

Yes and no, partly I was simply appalled at the 2005 study which "proved" that monsters produce almost twice the carbon dioxide of humans. Throughout history humans have accused monsters of catastrophic environmental destruction, think Godzilla! With their big homes, big cars, and big appetites, clearly the true threat we are dealing with is Frankenstein's monster (dramatic pause).

Besides that, I have always been a vocal opponent of human farms, and I devote a whole chapter to this. Why are we emulating these bad human agricultural habits that produce so much pollution? And with the earth over populated already with humans!? Ugh, the energy it takes to produce one human being... Lucifer! (more swearing), don't even get me started! (clearly agitated, blood is starting to ooze down Dr. Carol's neck)

I'm sorry to upset you, but with the convenience of farms and modern food stores, is it surprising that hunting is less popular?

No, but... hunting is fun and healthy. The problem with hunting is, you get these young cowboy types going out there with no protection and waking up with stakes through their hearts.

The media eats up these stories- which are few and far between FYI. The next thing you know, Monsters just want to sit around and play computer games that simulate attacking humans and eating their brains! As if it's anything like feasting on a real deal human brain!! For the first time, un-death expectancy for monsters has dropped by as much as 110 years, simply due to lack of exercise, and bad nutrition!!

Sure, markets are convenient but some monsters can't afford to shop at the markets and subsist only on the flesh of rodents! Why just yesterday I was at my local Chop & Shop, and I purchased a small 2 ounce vial of extra virgin human blood for seven dollars. Seven dollars!!! I remember when I could get a whole pint for that. To add insult to injury, the stuff tasted really weak. .. I was like, "you are honestly telling me that this human had never gotten laid!?"

By simply getting outside and killing a human we can eat well, get the ol' heartbeat up, and help curb overpopulation. That is really the main point I want readers to go away with.

On a less serious note, I heard you are taking some much deserved time off now that you have finished this book. What do you plan to do in your new home in Vermont??

Yes, I have been working so hard the last 200 years, I just want to relax- sit in the tub, get a bunch of net flicks, knit myself some cozy winter socks, explore a new romance... Also, I am still looking for the right Ipod on the blood market. You know, one that has Prince AND Bruce Springstein.

After all that peace and quiet I figure I will want to go on a hunt-practice what I have been preaching! I have been eating way too much of this frozen and canned stuff. It's really impossible to hit that perfect 98 degrees with a microwave oven.

I hear you on that one! Dr. Carol, I'm sure our readers are curious, do you indulge in any specifically human gustatory delights?

Why yes, I am trying out all the fine local microbrews in Vermont, and I do love those little maple sugar candies. I know they are bad for me, but I figure I am only dead once.

Well Dr. Carol, It certainly doesn't show on your girlish figure! As usual, it has been truly inspiring speaking with you. I hope you have a blessed Halloween.

Thanks Mike, but honestly I'm always grateful when the holiday is over. This time of year is always so hectic!

(Dr. Carol will be speaking at the Barnes and Noble Underworld branch at 3am on October 31st. She is the author of Take Back the Night, Death: What We Have That They Don't Want, and Humanarchy. She is a proud recipient of the Nobel War and Destruction Prize. Dr. Carol will be signing copies of her latest book, Monster Town)