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This list contains major spoilers! Proceed with caution! Sometimes, the worst happens to a character in a movie or video game or whatever other form of media they're in. They get bit by a zombie, they get hurt beyond saving but they need someone else to finish them off, or they're just tired of living after going through horrible situations. This is a list of those people being put down for their own mercy. May contain language. Mercy killing definition: 1. the act of killing someone who is very ill or very old so that they do not suffer any more. Learn more. Add mercy killing to one of your lists below, or create a new one. More. Go to your word lists. Sometimes a case will erupt in the courts, focusing public attention for a moment on one facet of a larger dilemma: the Bartling fight to allow a competent man to opt for death; the Elizabeth Bouvia argument that a quadriplegic is entitled to starve herself to death; the Baby Doe case over allowing a severely handicapped infant to die; last February's case. His wife wants to allow him to die; his mother agrees but fears that the method, withholding antibiotics, would be painful. In many other cases, doctors acknowledge, gravely ill patients including handicapped infants have been allowed to slip into death by the adjustment or elimination of certain treatments void of public and legal scrutiny. Mercy Killing: What is it? No human being with a spark of pity could let a living thing suffer so, to no good end. Stewart Alsop stated as he watched another human suffer from a terminal illness. Should we have pity on those suffering without the hope to survive and allow them the dignity to die peacefully? That is the debate. In order to understand the dilemma, one must understand euthanasia in two forms, and ethical theories both for, and against, mercy killing. Euthanasia. They also argue that this type of mercy killing will lead to allowing people to request death if they want to die simply from depression or challenges. However they fail to take into consideration the premise that a person must first be dying of a terminal illness causing severe pain with no hope to live.