

THERE IS A STREET. JUST AROUND THE CORNER, BOTH FAMILIAR AND UNKNOWN. A STREET BRANCHING OFF EVERY SMALL-TOWN SQUARE AND CUTTING THROUGH EVERY BIG-CITY AVENUE.

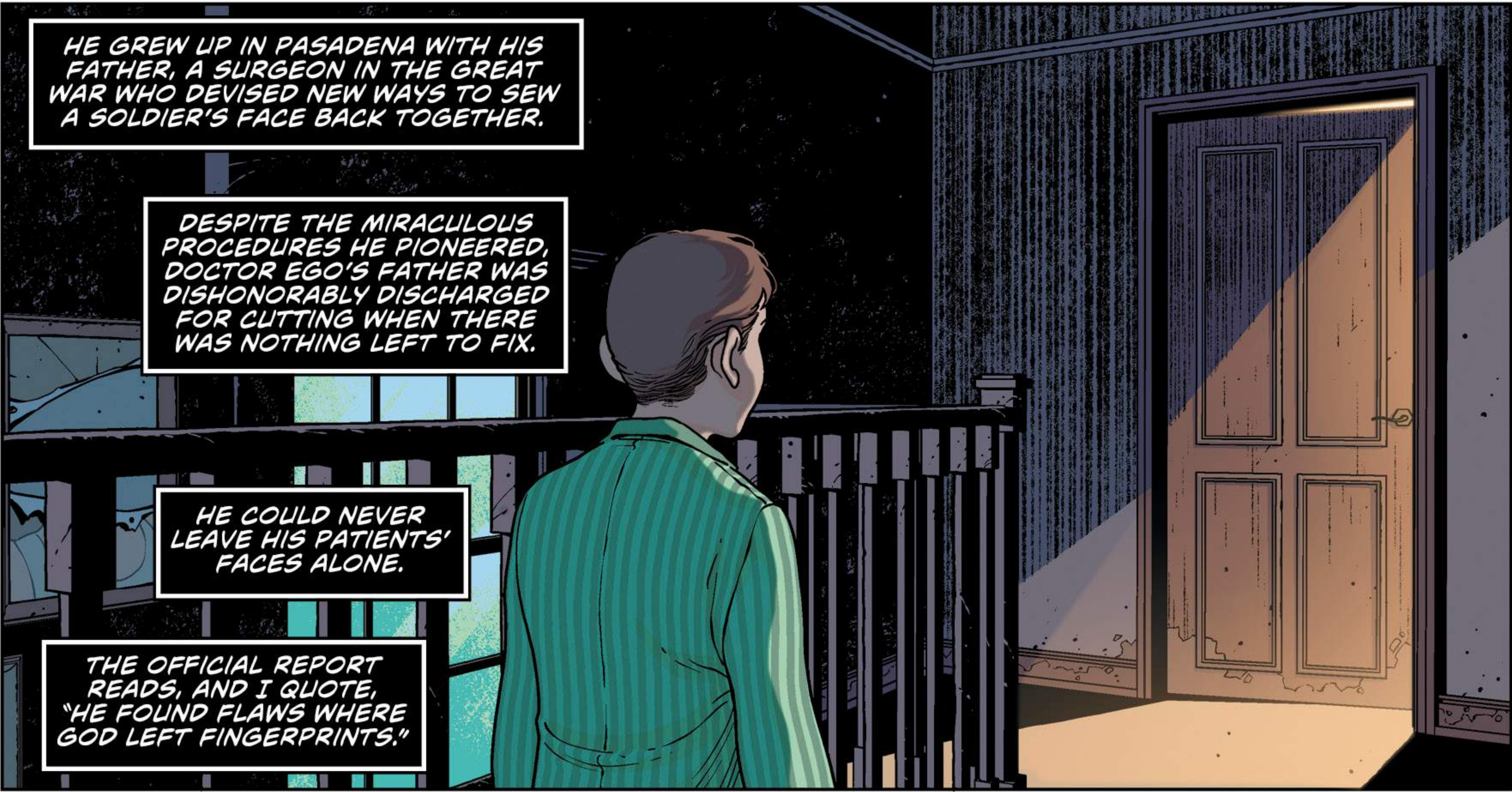
IT IS A PLACE WHERE THE WICKED AND CRUEL ARE DRAWN, TO THE CROSSROADS OF MORALITY AND MADNESS, WITH THE INEVITABLE DESTINATION OF NOT MERELY DEATH...BUT SOMETHING FAR WORSE.

IT IS A PLACE
WE CALL...
HYDE
STREET

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BEFORE DOCTOR EGO
EVER CUT INTO FLESH,
HE CUT INTO SILENCE.

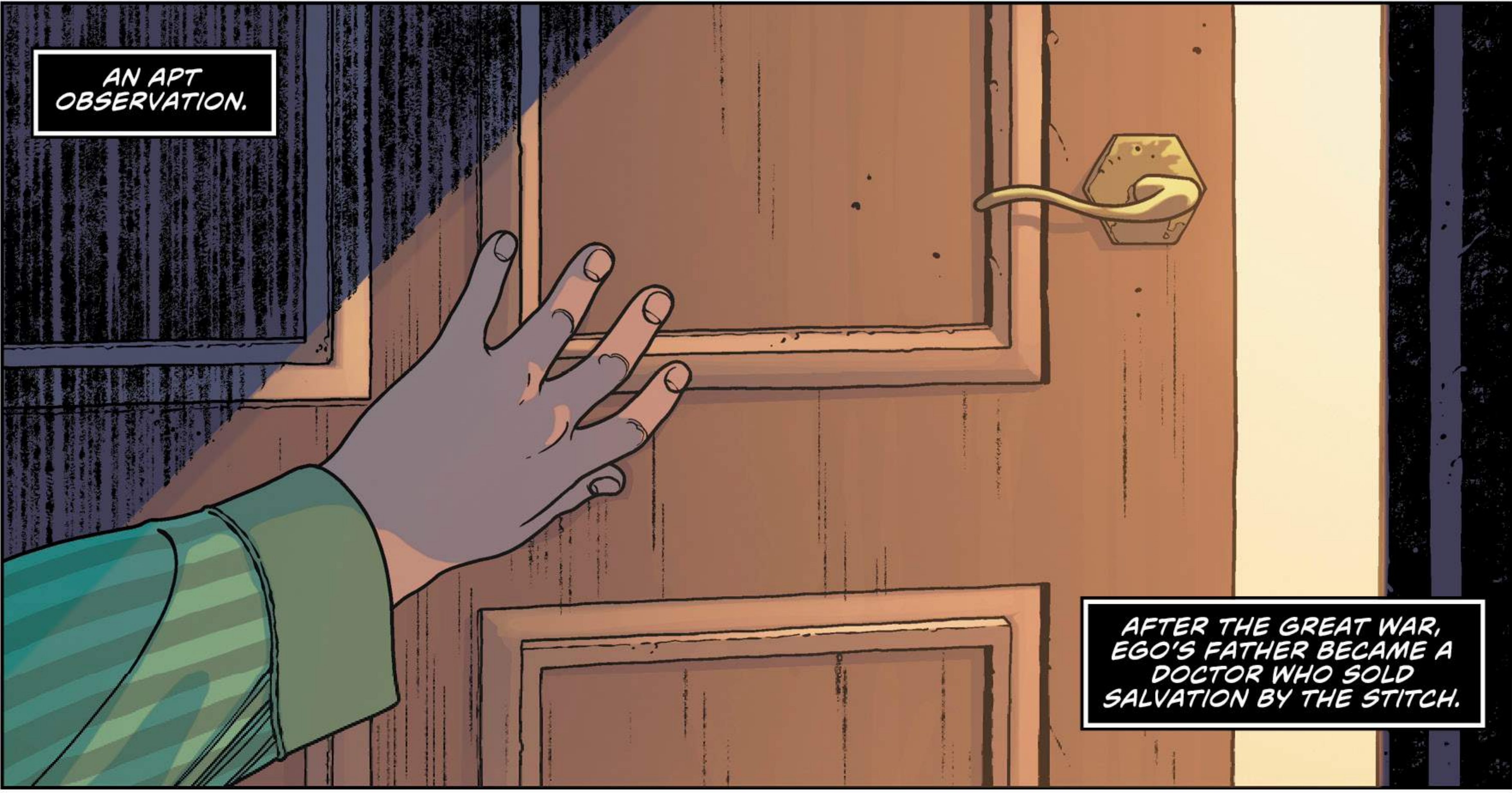


HE GREW UP IN PASADENA WITH HIS
FATHER, A SURGEON IN THE GREAT
WAR WHO DEvised NEW WAYS TO SEW
A SOLDIER'S FACE BACK TOGETHER.

DESPITE THE MIRACULOUS
PROCEDURES HE PIONEERED,
DOCTOR EGO'S FATHER WAS
DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED
FOR CUTTING WHEN THERE
WAS NOTHING LEFT TO FIX.

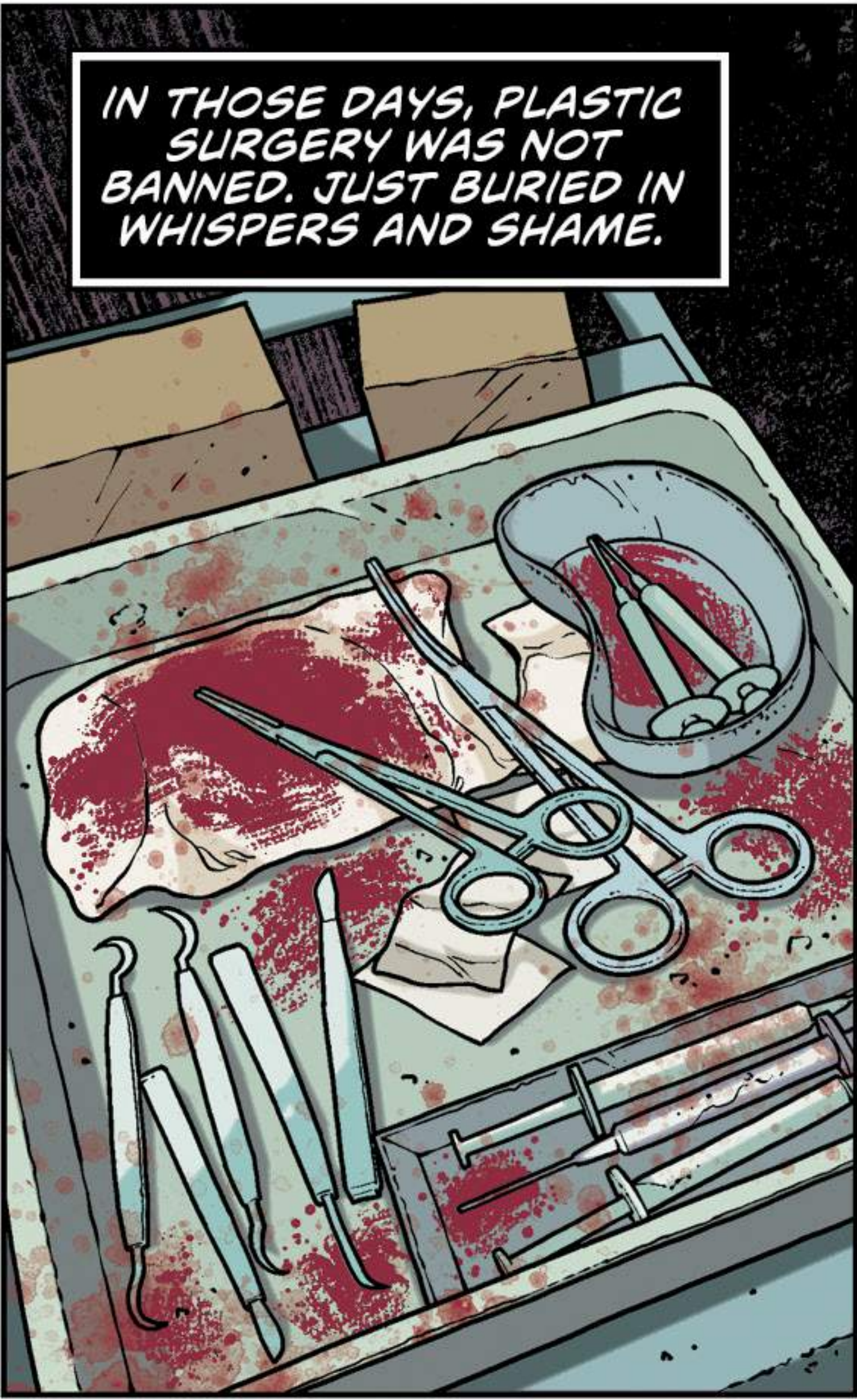
HE COULD NEVER
LEAVE HIS PATIENTS'
FACES ALONE.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT
READS, AND I QUOTE,
"HE FOUND FLAWS WHERE
GOD LEFT FINGERPRINTS."



AN APT
OBSERVATION.

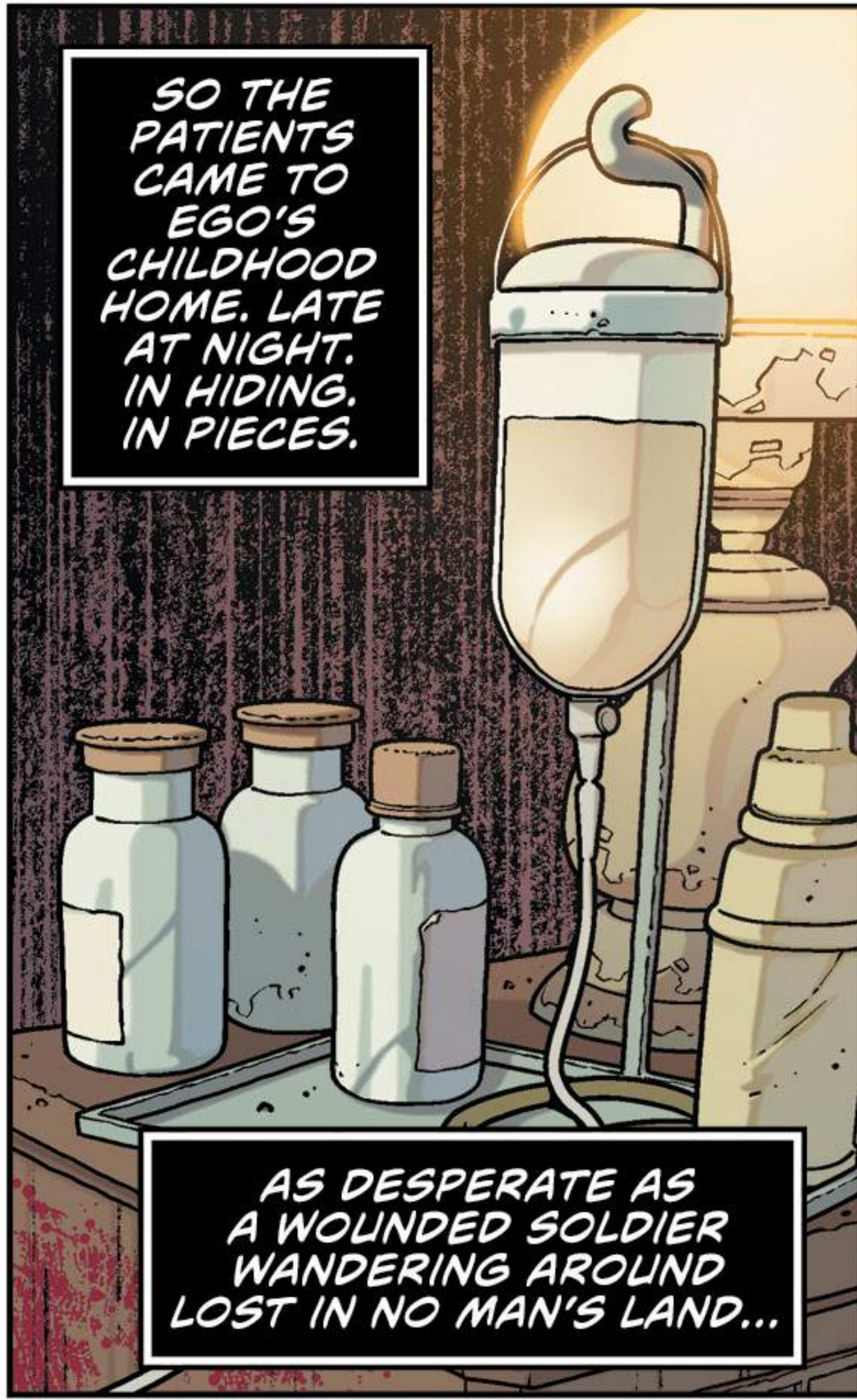
AFTER THE GREAT WAR,
EGO'S FATHER BECAME A
DOCTOR WHO SOLD
SALVATION BY THE STITCH.



IN THOSE DAYS, PLASTIC SURGERY WAS NOT BANNED. JUST BURIED IN WHISPERS AND SHAME.



DOCTORS LIKE EGO'S FATHER WORKED IN SHADOWS INSTEAD OF OPERATING ROOMS.



SO THE PATIENTS CAME TO EGO'S CHILDHOOD HOME. LATE AT NIGHT. IN HIDING. IN PIECES.

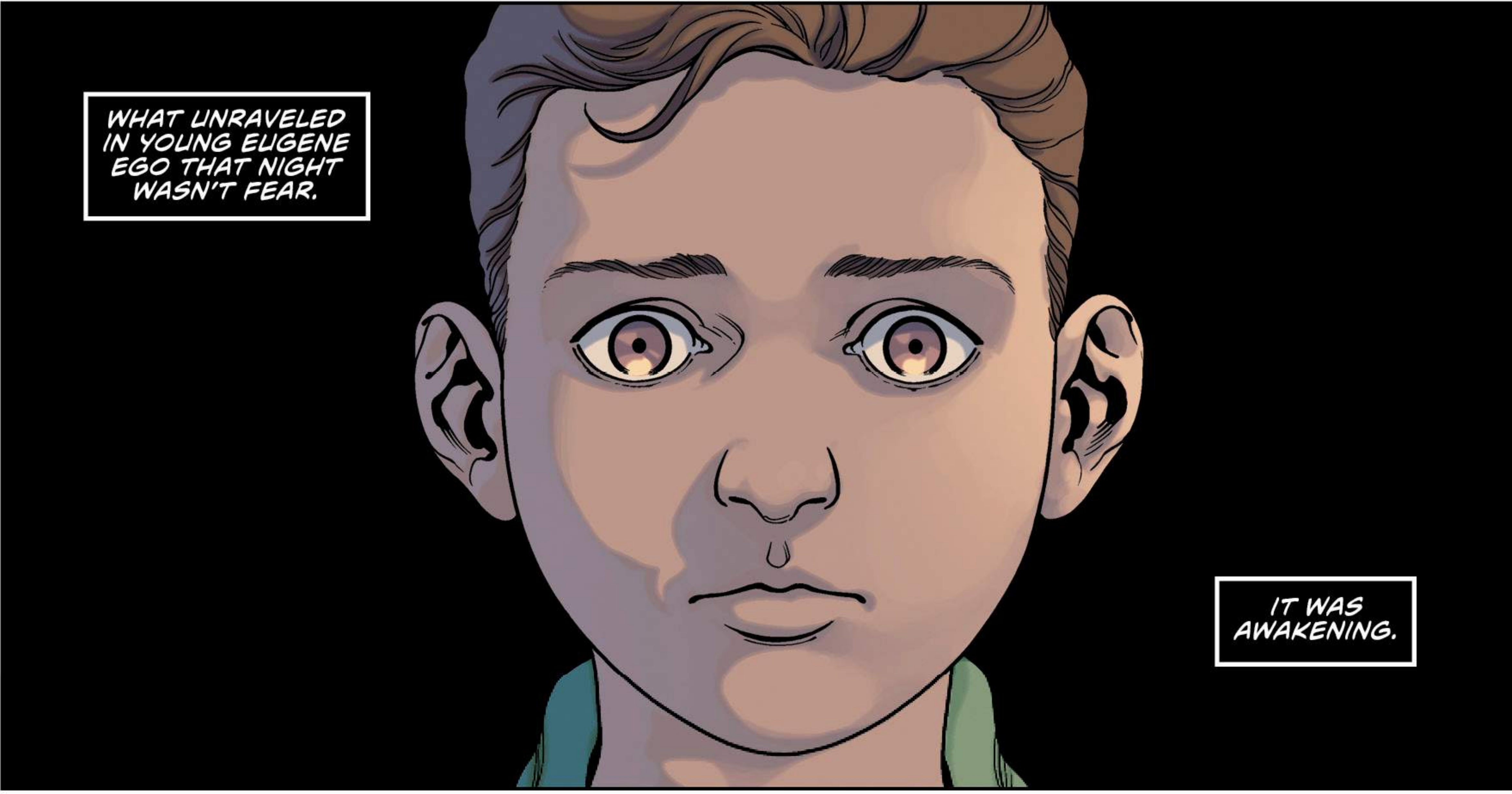
AS DESPERATE AS A WOUNDED SOLDIER WANDERING AROUND LOST IN NO MAN'S LAND...



...PICKING HIS JAW OFF THE GROUND AND TRYING TO SNAP IT BACK INTO PLACE.

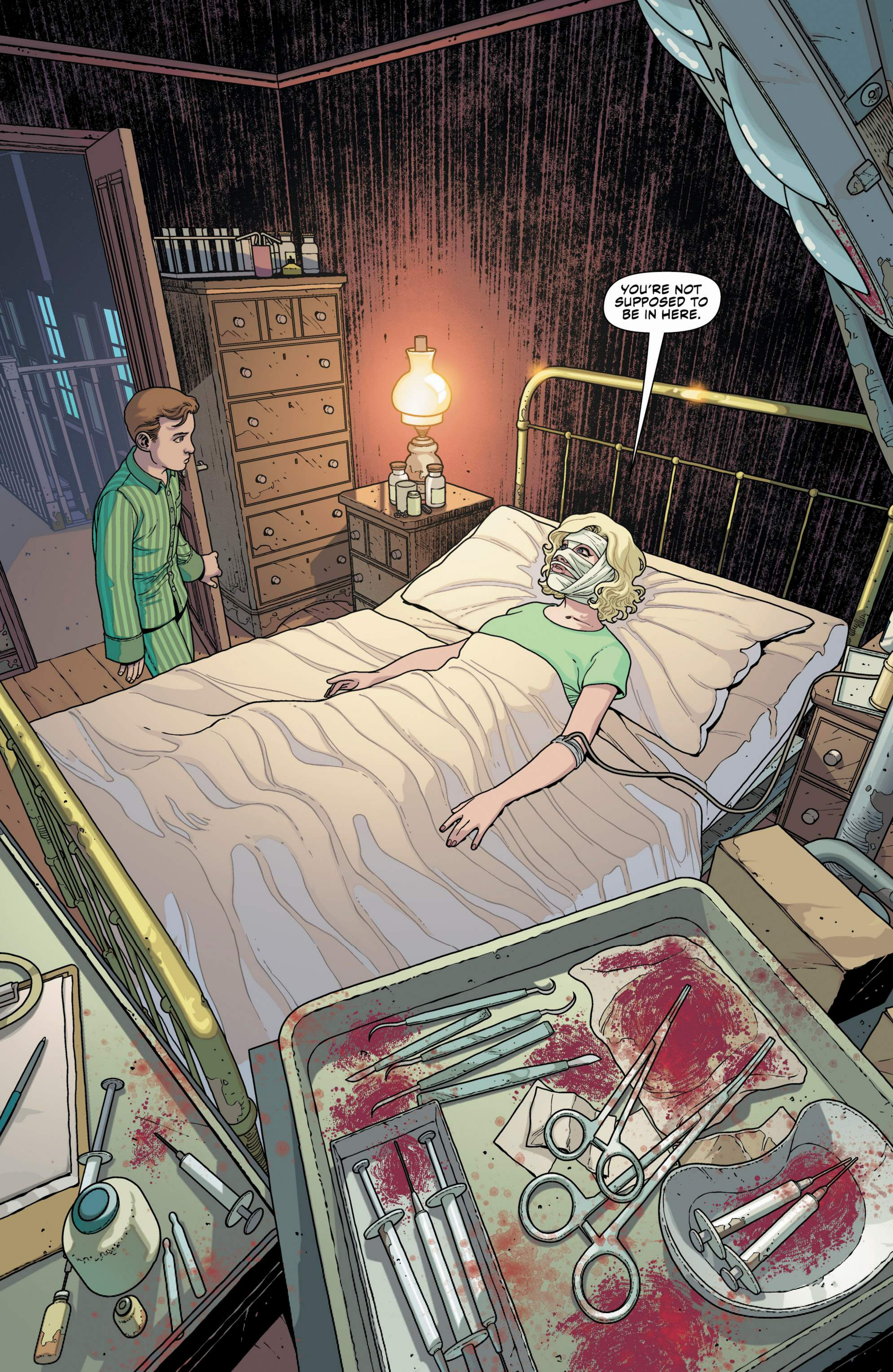


WHO'S THERE?

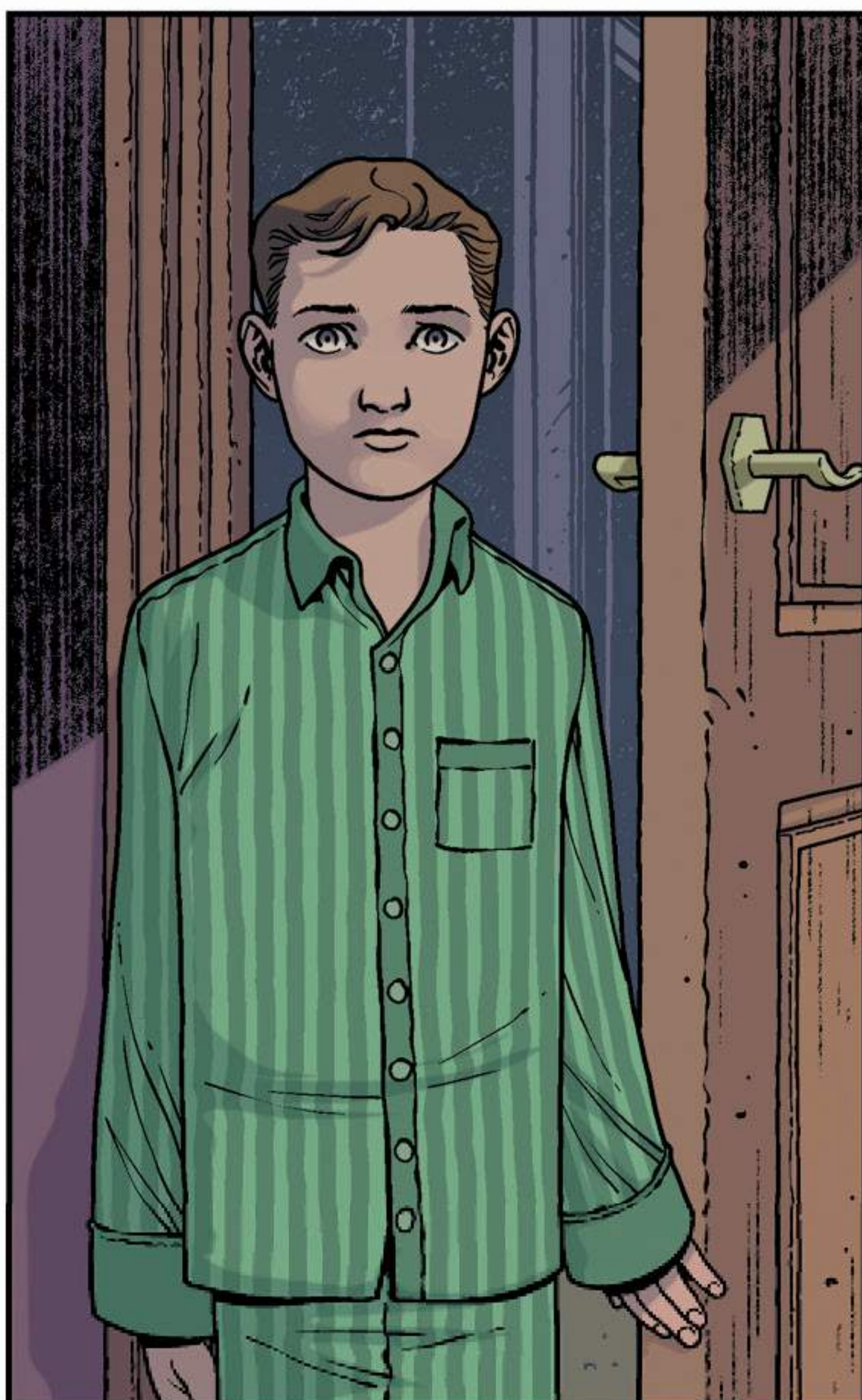
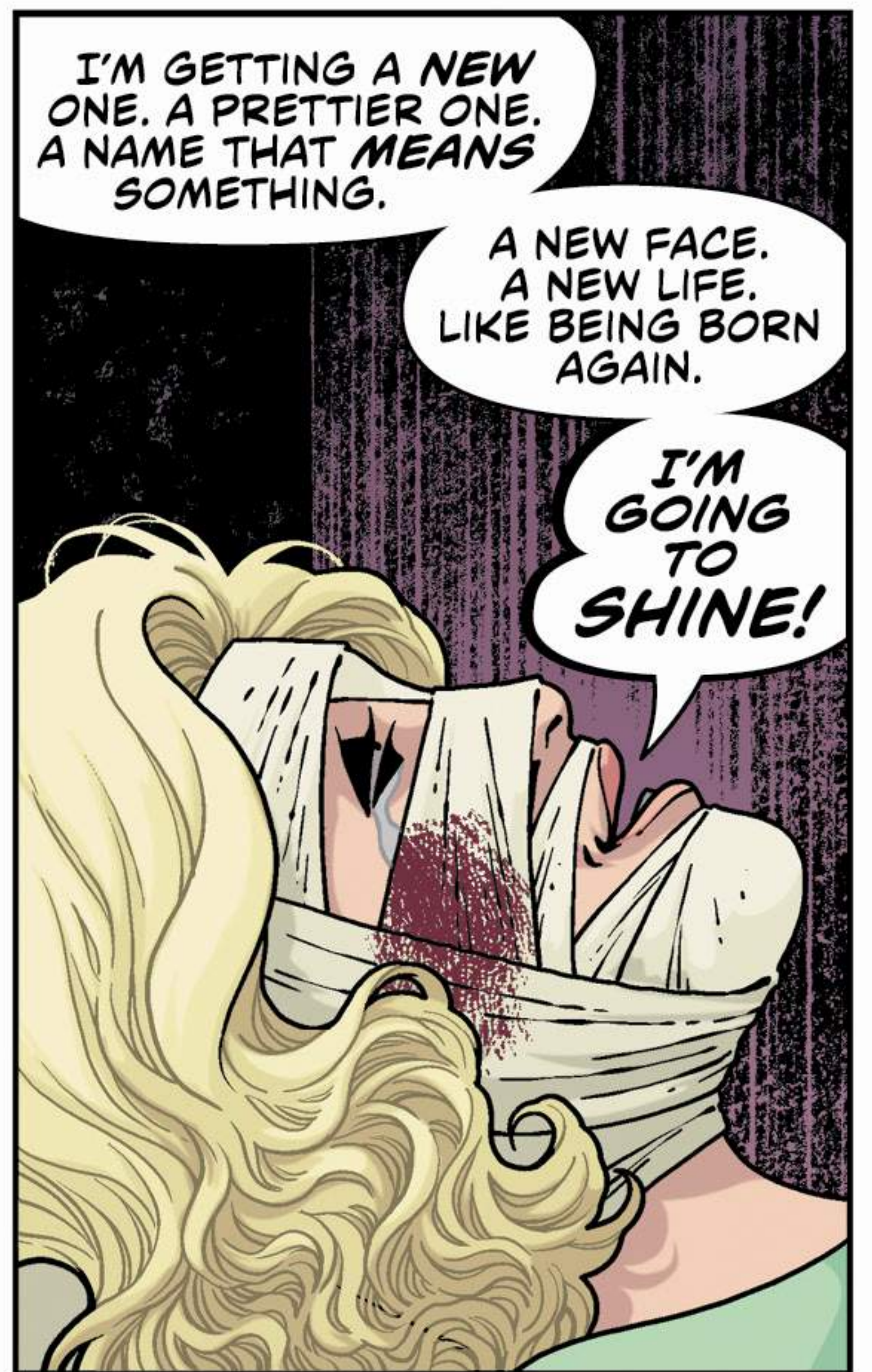
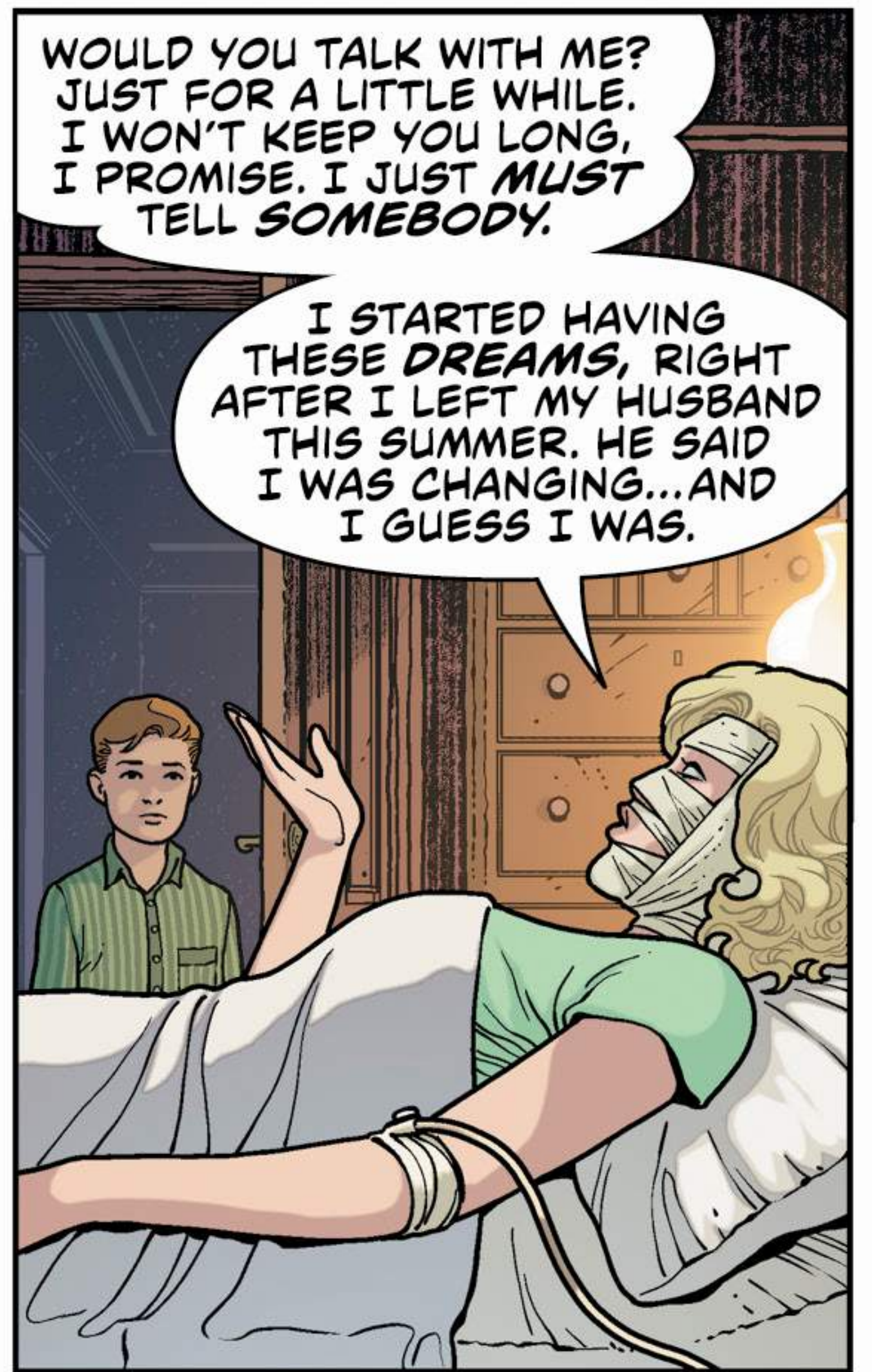
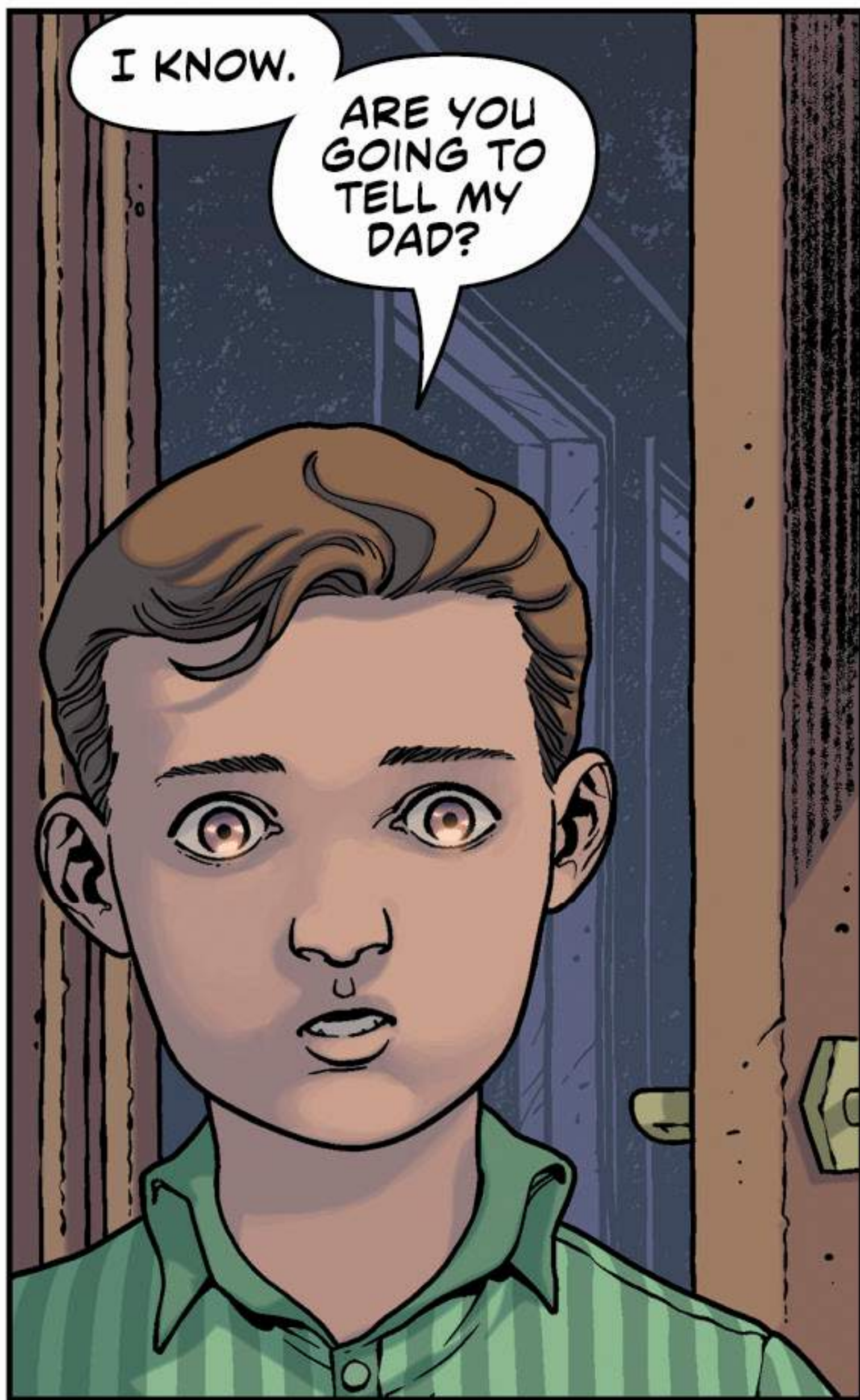


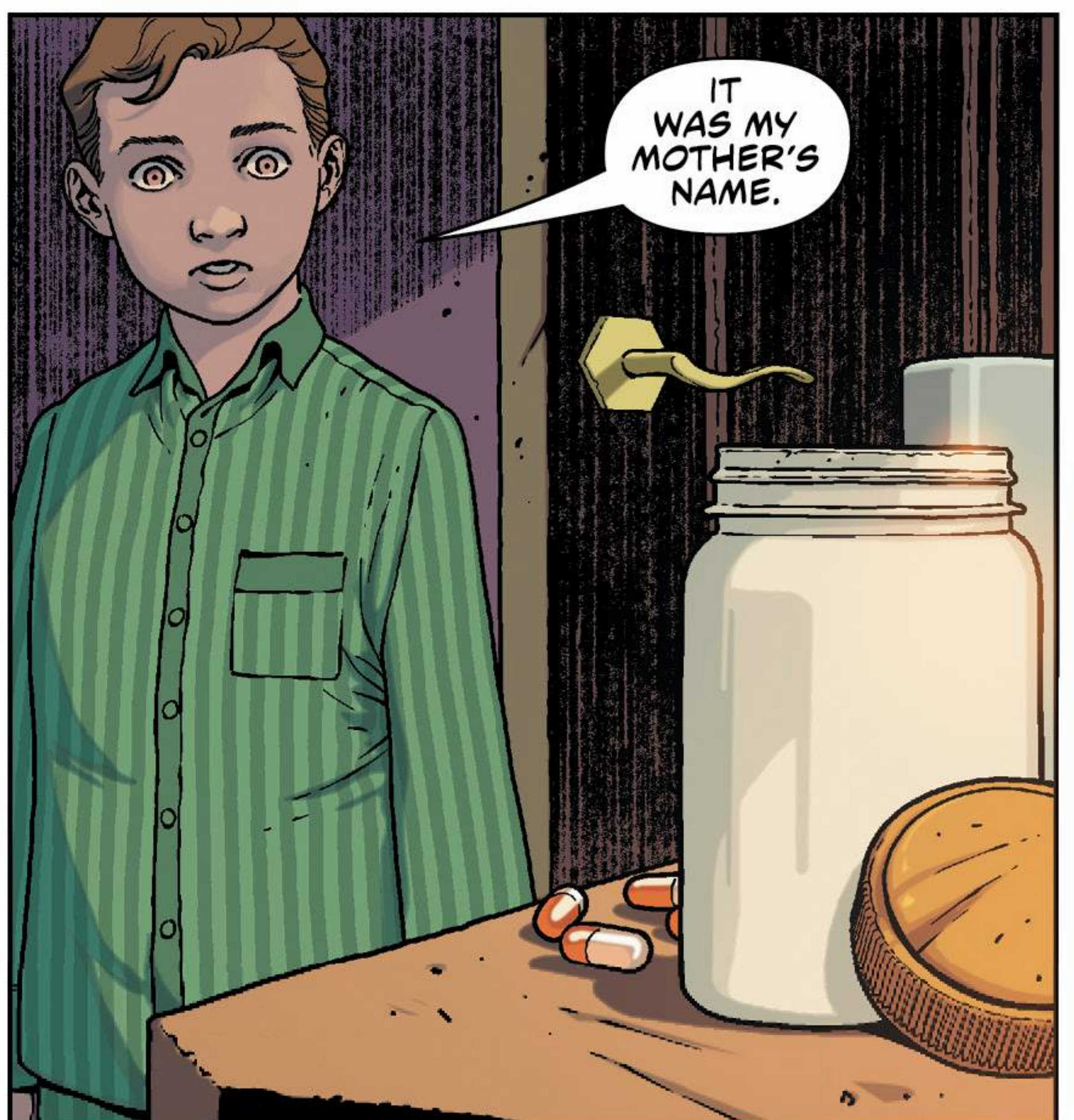
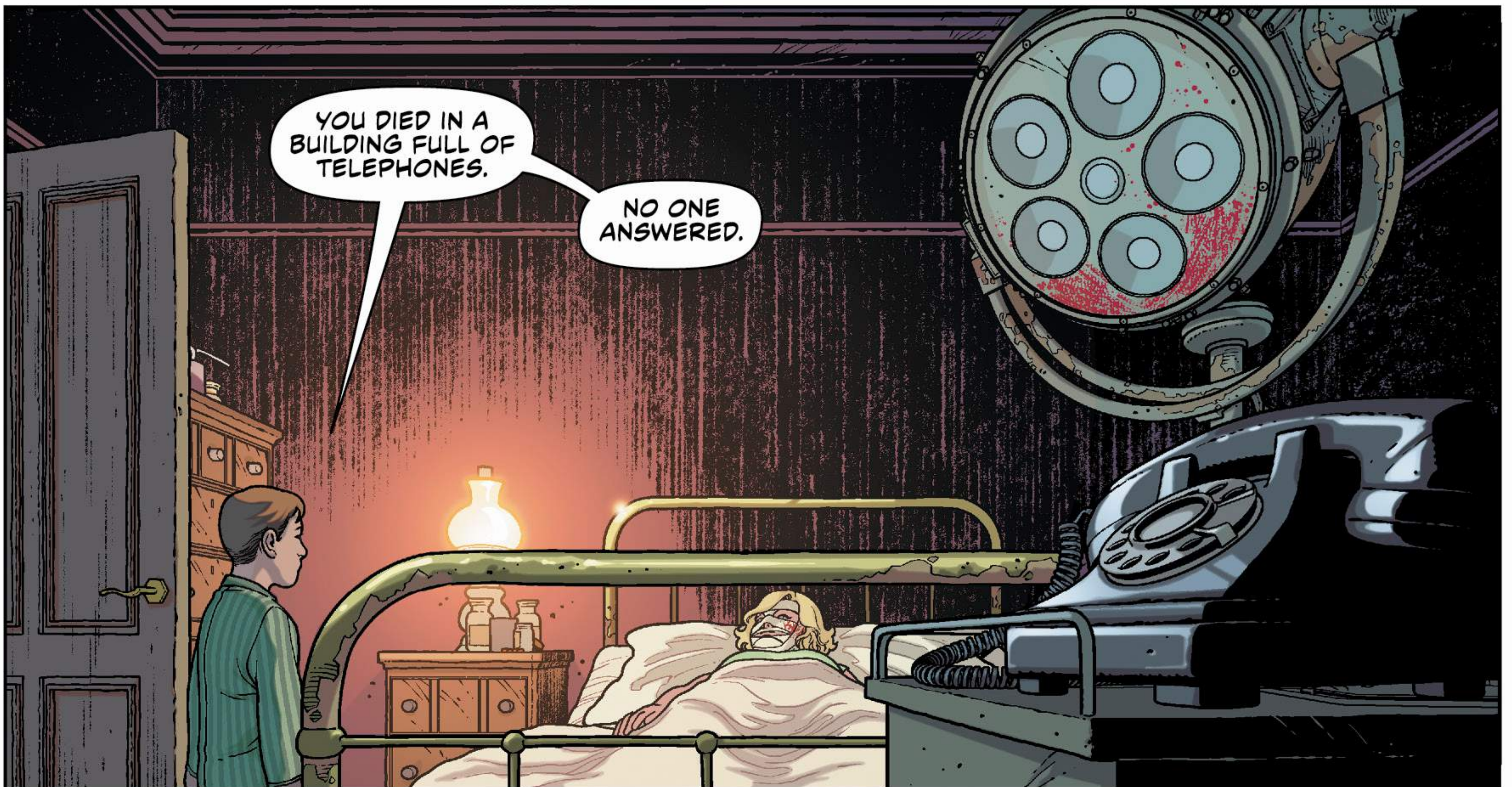
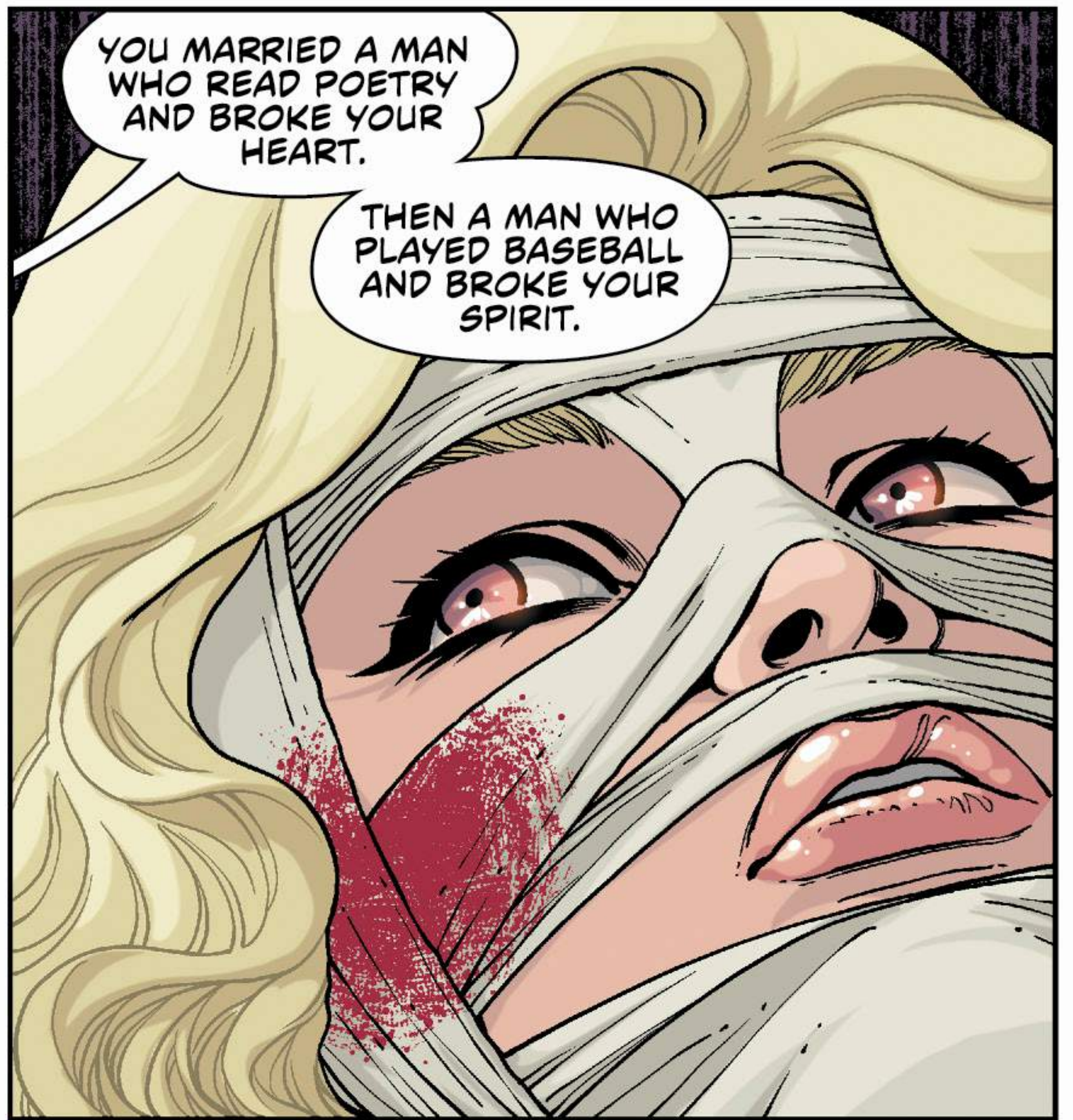
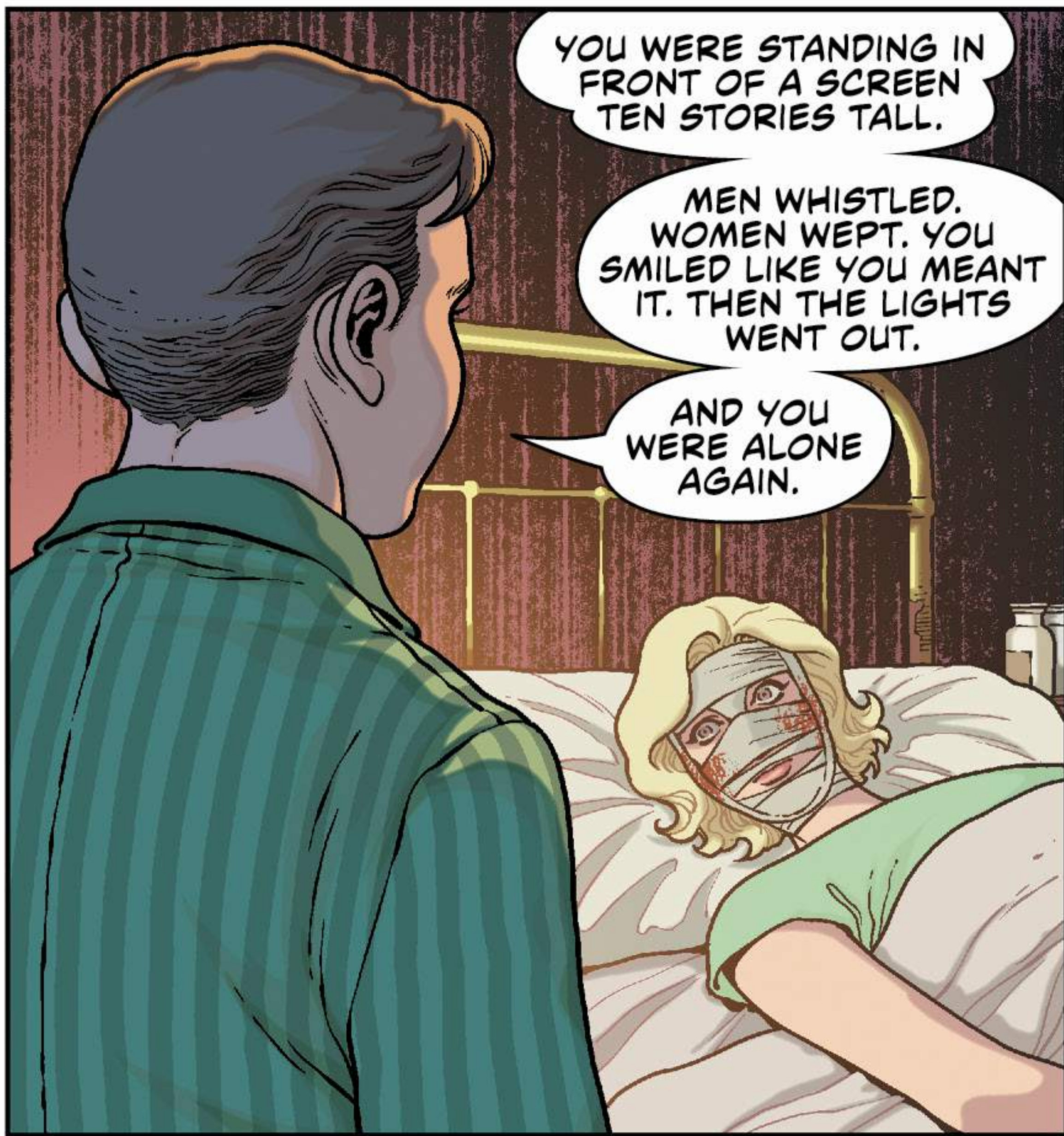
WHAT UNRAVELED IN YOUNG EUGENE EGO THAT NIGHT WASN'T FEAR.

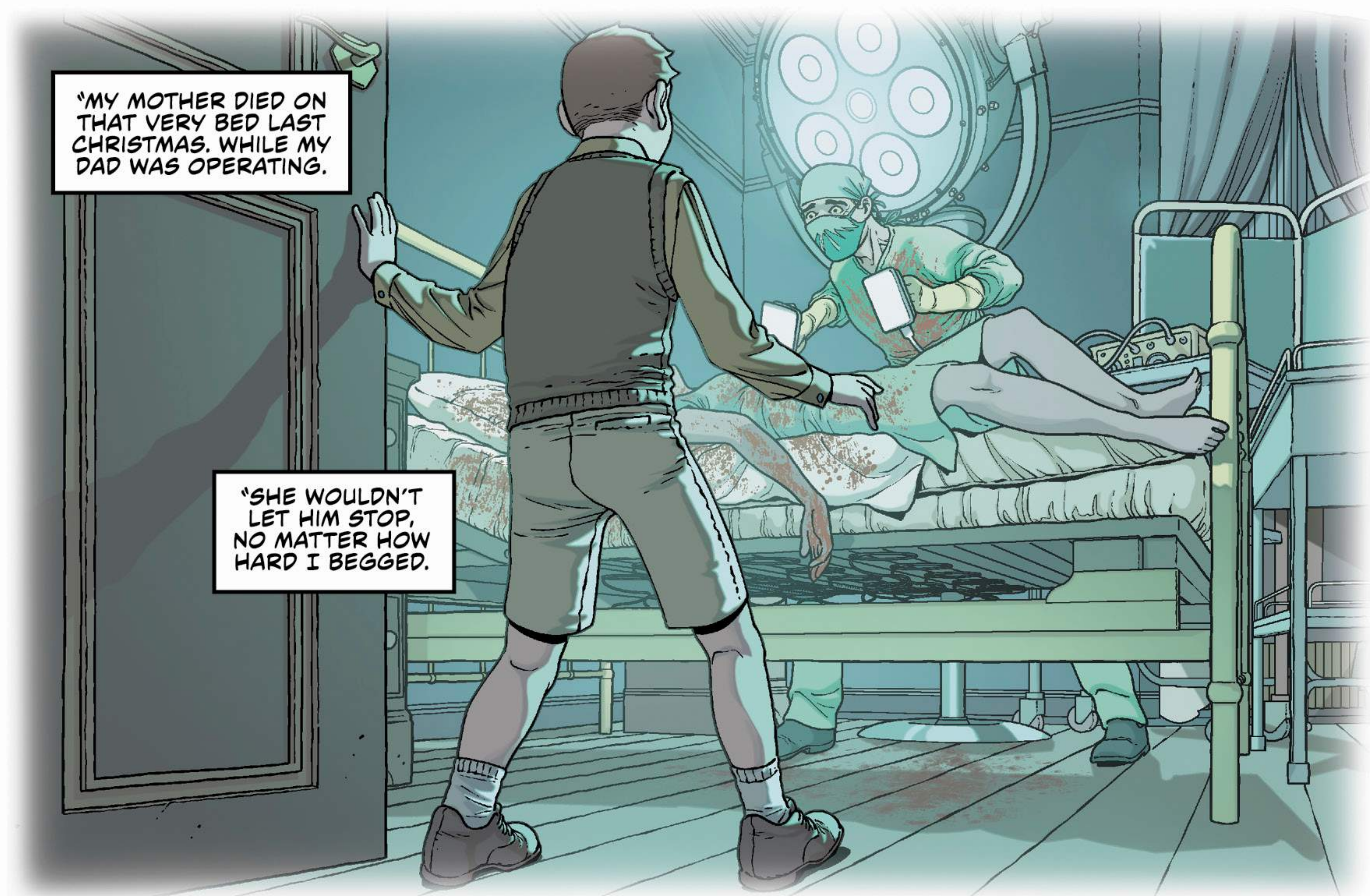
IT WAS AWAKENING.



YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO
BE IN HERE.

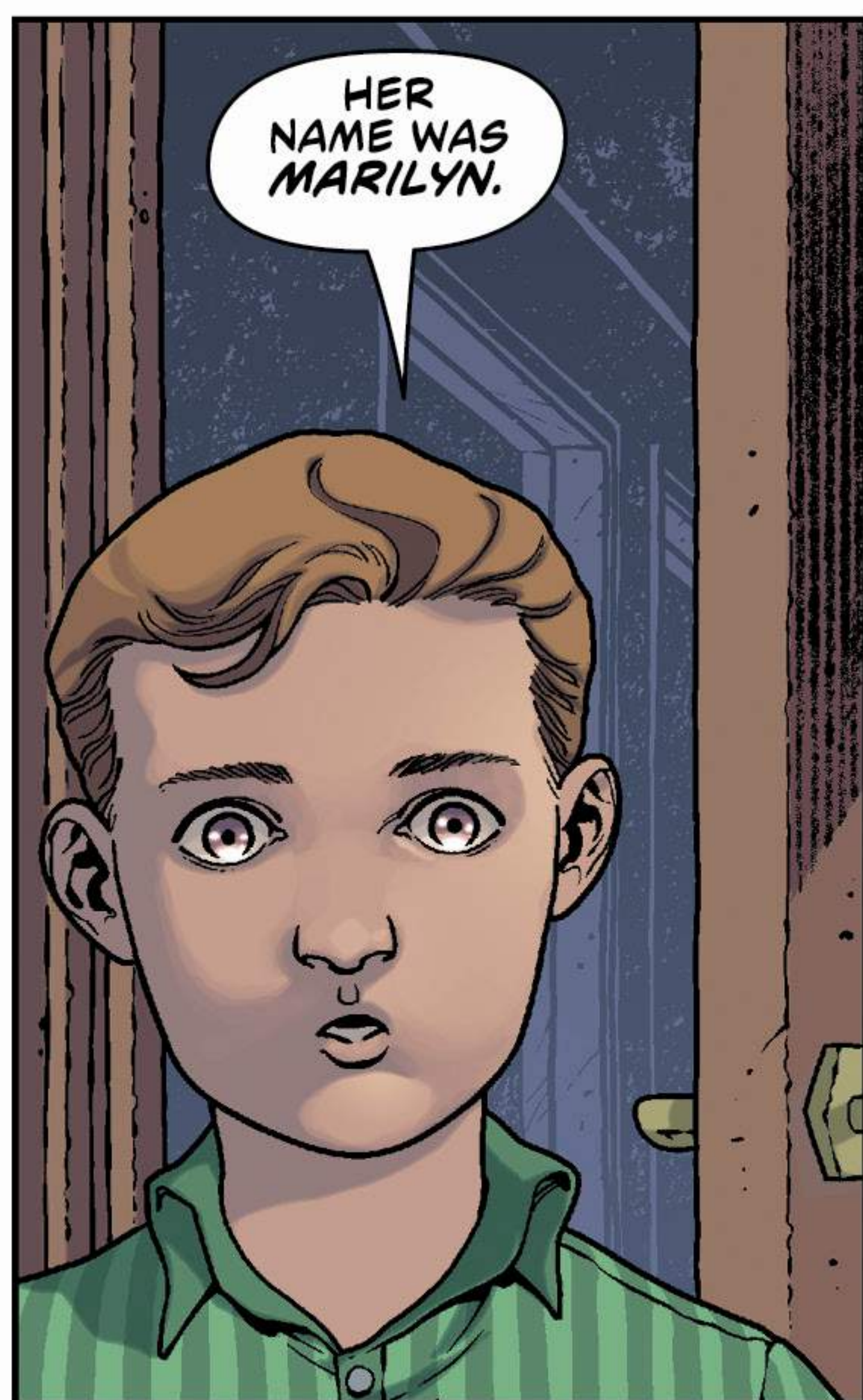






"MY MOTHER DIED ON THAT VERY BED LAST CHRISTMAS. WHILE MY DAD WAS OPERATING.

"SHE WOULDN'T LET HIM STOP, NO MATTER HOW HARD I BEGGED.



HER NAME WAS MARILYN.



MARILYN.

WHAT A LOVELY NAME.



THAT NIGHT, SOMETHING BLED INTO THE BOY.

THE CERTAINTY THAT NOTHING BEAUTIFUL COMES WITHOUT A COST.