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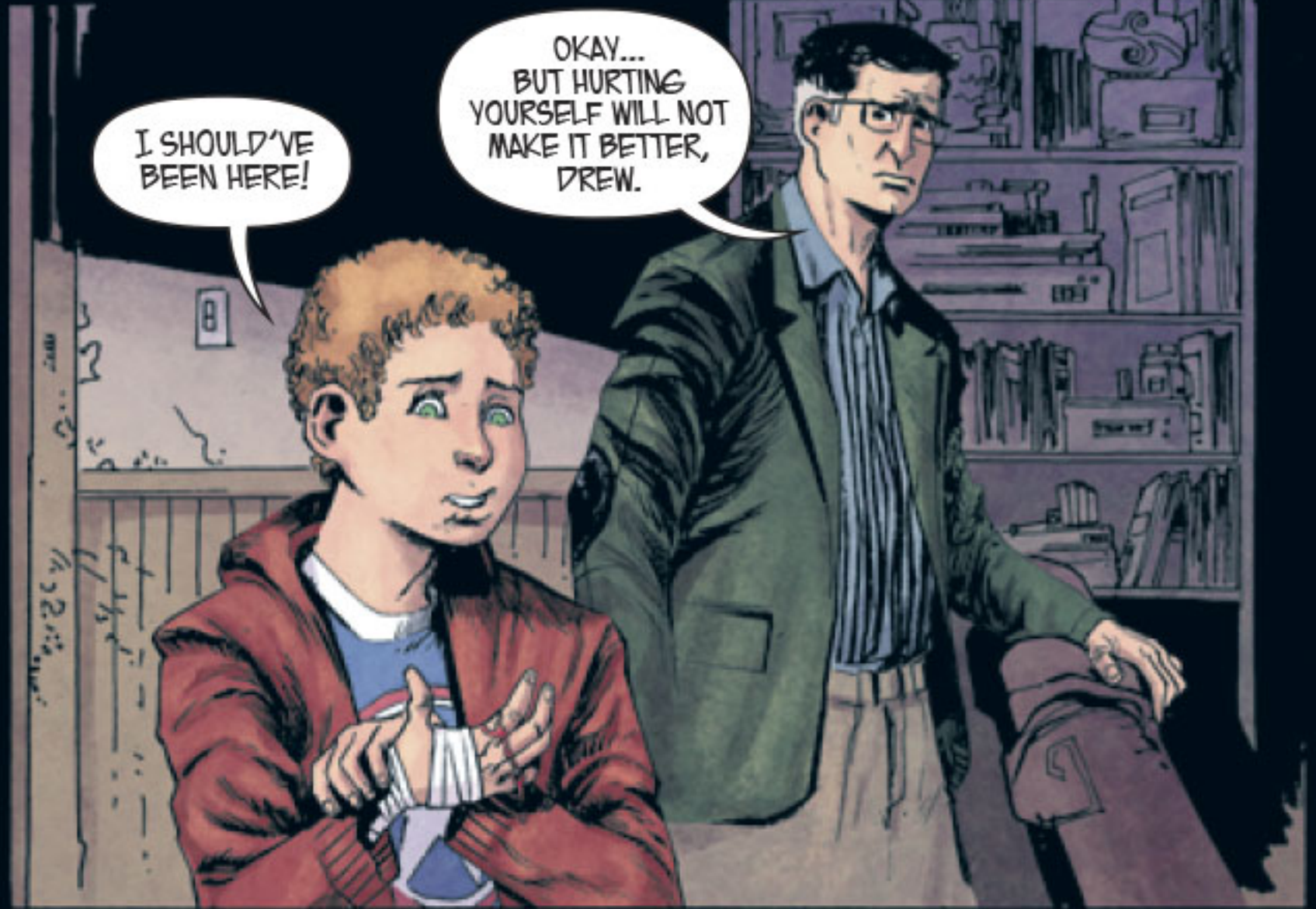
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I SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE!

OKAY... BUT HURTING YOURSELF WILL NOT MAKE IT BETTER, DREW.



I COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. COULD'VE STOPPED IT.

DREW, IT'S NORMAL TO WANT TO HELP SAVE THOSE YOU LOVE. BUT THE REALITY IS SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T.

BUT WHAT IF I COULD? WHAT IF I HAD SOMETHING THAT COULD MAKE IT ALL RIGHT?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING.



I'M NOT EITHER, BUT I SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE.

OKAY, YOU FEEL LIKE YOU MADE A MISTAKE. IT'S HOW YOU LEARN. NOW STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP AND DEAL WITH WHAT YOU ACTUALLY CAN HELP WITH.

WHAT'S THAT?

GETTING YOU AND YOUR MOTHER OUT OF HERE. YONKERS IS NO LONGER SAFE.





AND LET THEM WIN?

THERE IS NO WINNING WITH MEN LIKE THIS.

DESYA SHOULD HAVE TO LEAVE, NOT US.

DESYA IS A PUPPET. HE DOES WHAT HE'S TOLD. HE'S NOT OUR PROBLEM.

YOU MEAN LITTLE STALIN?

IS HE EVEN REAL, DR. HIRSCH? I MEAN, NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN THIS GUY.



HE IS VERY REAL, DREW. AND SOMEONE YOU SHOULD HOPE YOU NEVER DO SEE.

WHY'S THAT?

BECAUSE IT MEANS YOU'RE PROBABLY DEAD.



WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHERE HE CAME FROM, BUT HOW HE CAME TO BE.



YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO RUSSIA, SO YOU DON'T KNOW, DREW.



ONLY A PLACE LIKE THE MOTHERLAND CAN MAKE SOMEONE LIKE LITTLE STALIN.



HE CAME FROM A GOOD FAMILY. HIS FATHER WAS STALIN'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, HIS GRANDFATHER DOCTOR TO THE TSAR.

BUT HE DID NOT FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER OR GRANDFATHER'S FOOTSTEPS. HE INSTEAD BECAME A CAREER CRIMINAL.

BY THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN HE HAD SEEN THE INSIDE OF A JAIL MORE TIMES THAN HE COULD REMEMBER.

HE WAS SO FEARLESS AND MEAN THAT HIS FELLOW INMATES NICKNAMED HIM LITTLE STALIN.

FINALLY, AS PUNISHMENT FOR KILLING A COMMUNIST SOLDIER HE WAS SENT TO THE SIBERIAN PRISON OF CHOR TU. IN ENGLISH THIS MEANS "THE PRISON OF HELL."






THERE HE WAS PUT WITH THIRTY OTHER MEN IN WHAT WAS BASICALLY AN ICE HOLE TO DIE.

WEEKS WENT BY, AND THE GUARDS WOULD OCCASIONALLY HEAR SCREAMS,

WHICH WAS PAR FOR THE COURSE WHEN MEN ARE DYING OF STARVATION AND THE COLD.

NO FOOD. NO WATER, JUST THE ELEMENTS AND SURE DEATH.



AND FINALLY AFTER A MONTH, THEY KNEW EVERYONE HAD TO BE DEAD AND THEY ENTERED THE HOLE TO DISPOSE OF THE BODIES WHERE, MUCH TO THEIR SURPRISE, EVERY PRISONER WAS DEAD...



EXCEPT LITTLE STALIN, WHO HAD KILLED AND EATEN HIS FELLOW PRISONERS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

HE EVEN TOOK THEIR BONES AND MADE A WEAPON, KILLING THE GUARDS AND ESCAPING TO AMERICA WHERE HE HAS LIVED EVER SINCE.





MEN LIKE THIS ARE TOO DANGEROUS. BETTER TO LIVE AND FIGHT ANOTHER DAY, DREW.



I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU ALL THIS, DREW. I KNOW YOU'RE YOUNG. BUT YOU'RE THE MAN OF THE FAMILY AND YOU NEED TO KNOW THESE THINGS.

HOW ABOUT THE COPS? CAN'T THEY HELP?

LITTLE STALIN HAS THEM ALL IN HIS POCKET.



YOUR MOTHER HAD A CLOSE CALL, MAYBE NEXT TIME SHE WON'T BE SO LUCKY.

YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING, TELL HER TO DO WHAT WE'RE ALL DOING. SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE...



...AND MOVE ON WITH YOUR LIFE.

...NO.

**SLAM**





I HAVE THIS THING THAT CAN DO ANYTHING. AND I'M USING IT TO BEAT UP MY BULLY--SO STUPID.



NOW I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO.



WHAT MY GRANDFATHER'S FATHER DID YEARS AGO.



PROTECT MY HOME.



YOU READY TO KICK SOME ASS?





OKAY, SO I GOT TO BE LIKE REAL CLEAR WITH YOU SINCE YOU DO EVERYTHING I SAY.



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WE NEED TO MAKE OUR MARK.



SOMETHING TO LET PEOPLE KNOW...



...THAT WE ARE HERE.



AND THAT THERE IS HOPE.

FROM HERE OUT YER NAME IS **BRIK**.