



GODSPEED,
SOGHOMON.

THE BEAST IS
NO MORE.

ELEVEN WEEKS LATER.

THIS CASE INVOLVES A VERY COMPLICATED ISSUE.

ON THE ONE HAND, WE ARE OBLIGATED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO FEEL OBLIGATED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

COMPLEX IS THIS CASE OF THE MAN SHOT DEAD IN THE STREETS OF BERLIN... TALAAT PASHA.

A FORMER GRAND VIZIER OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, KILLED BY ANOTHER FOREIGNER, THE ARMENIAN SOGHOMON TEHLIRIAN WHO NOW SITS BEFORE US.

EVIDENCE WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THIS TRIAL, GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, THAT IS FOREIGN TO YOU AND TO US.

WE WILL OPEN THE PROCEEDINGS BY QUESTIONING THE DEFENDANT ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND. MR. TEHLIRIAN... WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TRANSLATOR, AS HIS GERMAN IS HIGHLY LIMITED.

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WERE BORN ON APRIL 2, 1897 IN PAKRIJ?

<YES.>

THEREFORE WE NEED A KEY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY, THE CHARACTER OF THE ARMENIANS.

WHAT LINE OF BUSINESS WERE YOUR PARENTS IN?

DID YOUR FAMILY SUFFER ANY LOSSES AS A RESULT OF THE WORLD WAR?

IS KHARPERT IN ARMENIA?

IN 1894 THERE WERE MASSACRES IN ERZINGA

WE ALWAYS LIVED IN CONSTANT FEAR OF THE MASSACRES, BUT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THEM.

HOW DID YOUR SISTERS, BROTHER AND PARENTS DIE?

THEREFORE, EVEN THE SOLDIERS WERE ROBBING THE DEPORTEES?



HOW DID YOUR BROTHER AND PARENTS DIE?

HOW DID YOUR PARENTS DIE?



SOGHOMON? SOGHOMON. TELL THEM. TELL THEM HOW WE WERE MURDERED.

MOTHER? YOU... HOW? NOT AGAIN.

MAYR... MAMA, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. HE IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

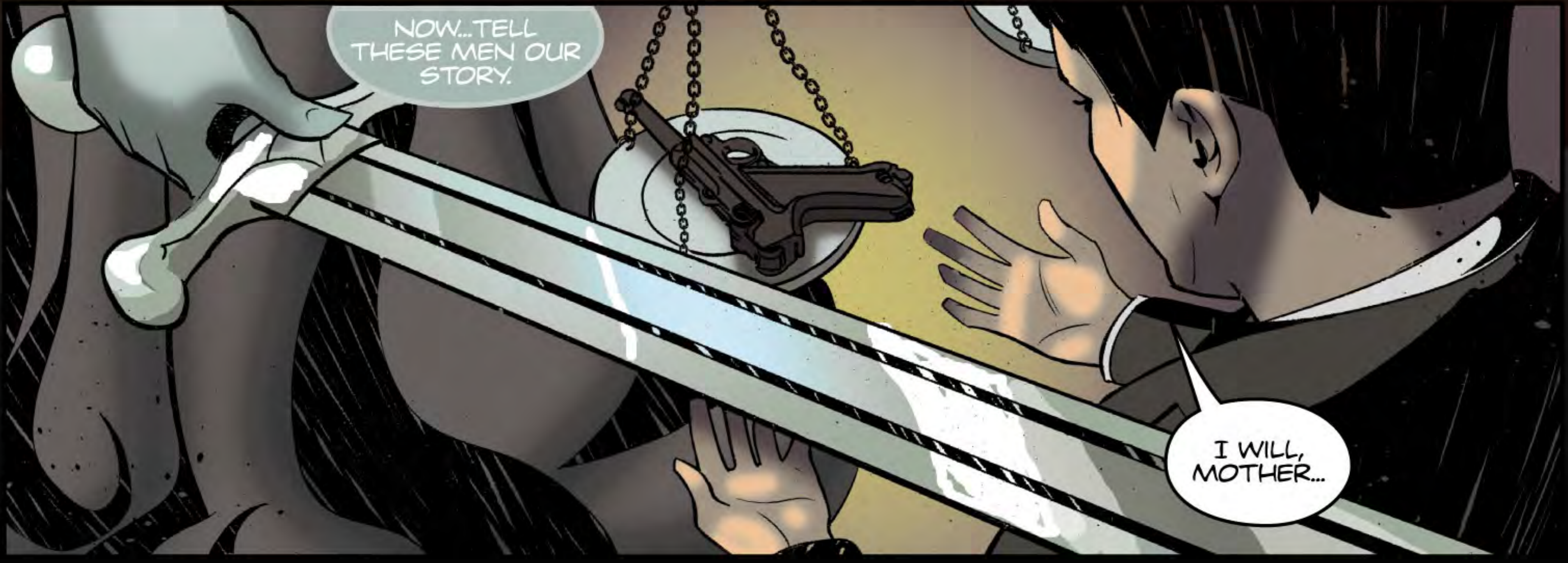
I HAVE DONE WHAT NO ONE ELSE COULD.



TEHLIRIAN, MY PRECIOUS SON. YOU HAVE.

BUT IT IS FOR NOTHING.

MEANINGLESS... UNTIL THE STORY IS TOLD.



NOW... TELL THESE MEN OUR STORY.

I WILL, MOTHER...







MS. APELIAN, YOU WERE ROOMMATES WITH THE DEFENDANT. IS THIS TRUE?

YES, YOUR HONOR.



RUMORS WERE CIRULATING RECENTLY THAT TALAAT PASHA WAS IN BERLIN. HAD YOU NOT HEARD ABOUT THIS?

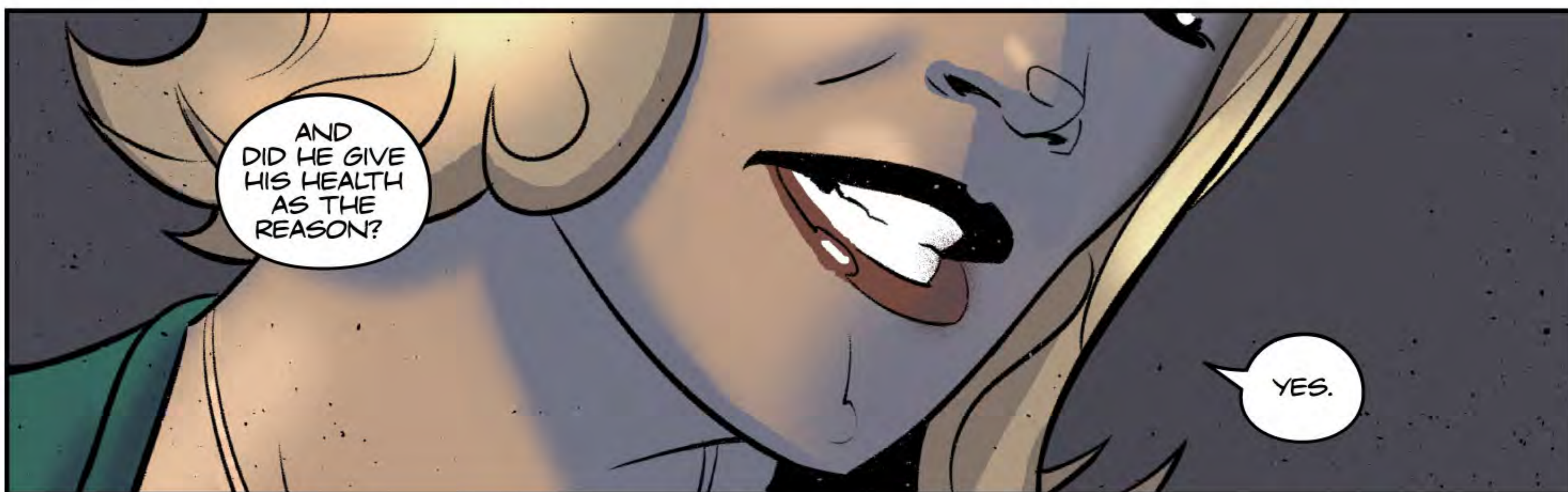
I DID NOT KNOW THAT TALAAT WAS IN BERLIN.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT EITHER.



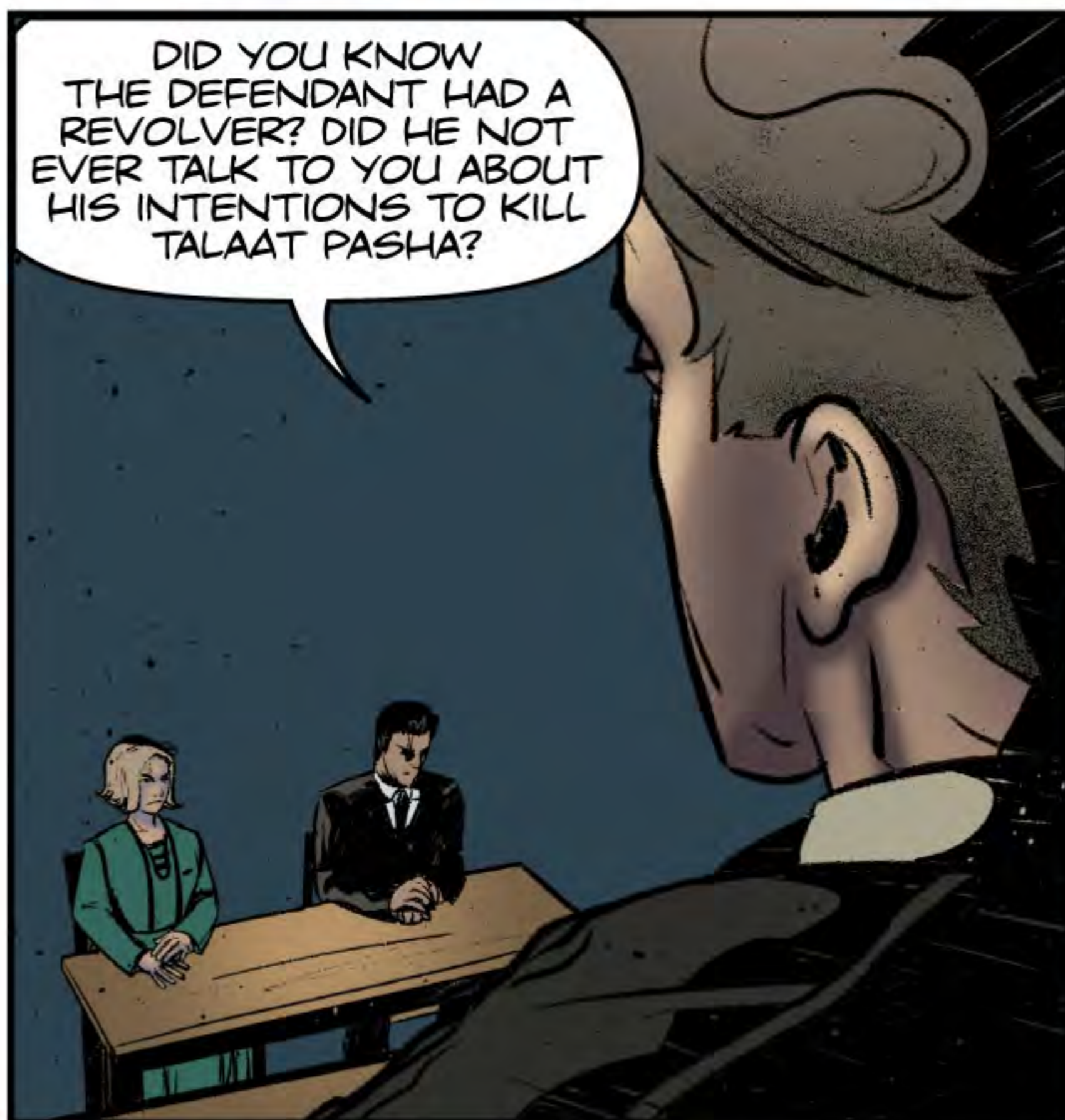
WHEN THE DEFENDANT TOLD YOU HE WAS GOING TO MOVE FROM YOUR APARTMENT, DID YOU NOT OBJECT?

I ASKED FOR THE REASON FOR MOVING.



AND DID HE GIVE HIS HEALTH AS THE REASON?

YES.



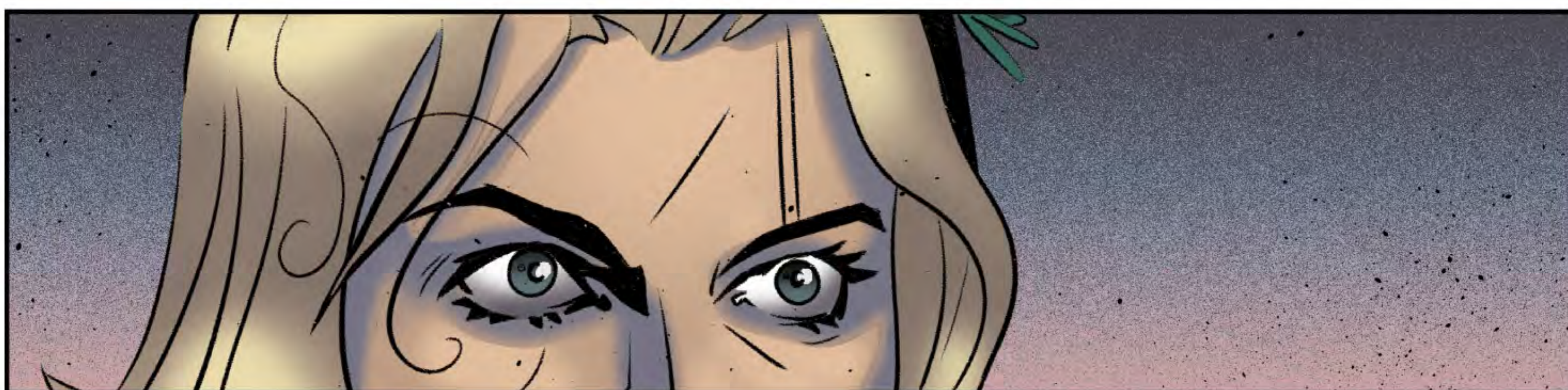
DID YOU KNOW THE DEFENDANT HAD A REVOLVER? DID HE NOT EVER TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS TO KILL TALAAT PASHA?



NO.



LET US DISCUSS MR. TEHLIRIAN'S FEINTING SPELLS...





ERZINGA, TURKEY. 1915.



COME ON, YOU KNOW MOM WANTS US HOME SOON.

I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT THEY HAD. THOSE NEW SILKS AT MARIANA'S BOOTH ARE WONDERFUL.

PERHAPS FOR CHRISTMAS?



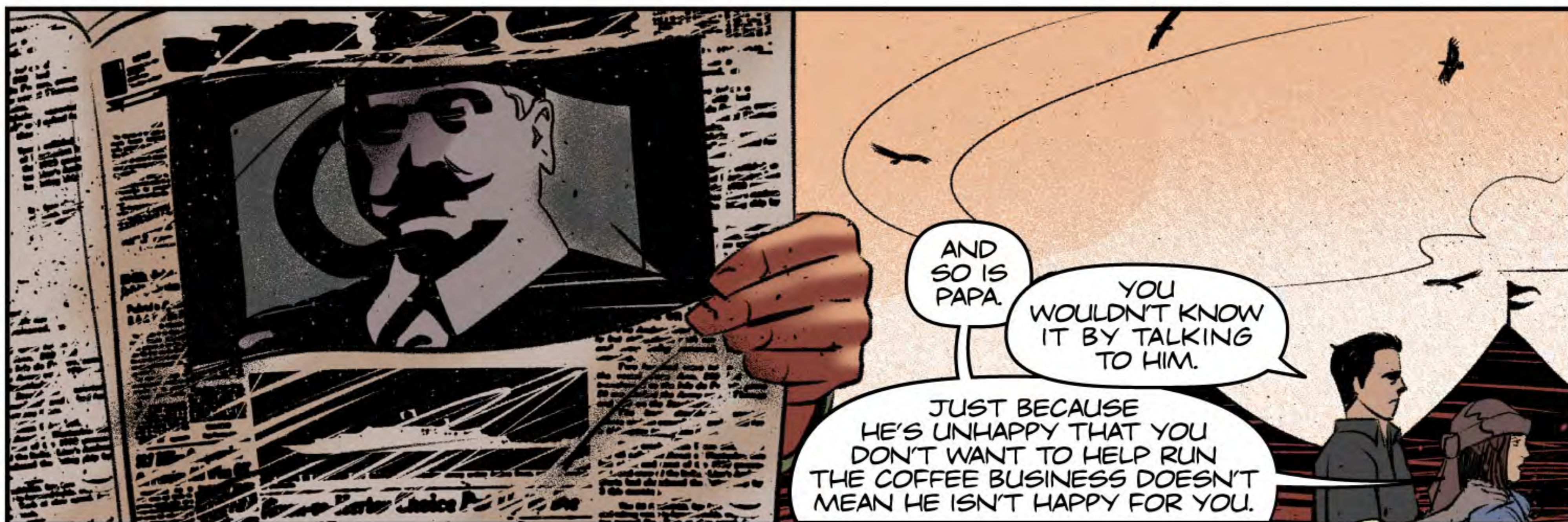
HA! THAT DRESS IN OUR HOUSE? ONE CAN HOPE. HOW MANY DAYS DO YOU THINK BEFORE STAINS IT WITH COFFEE?

HEY, THAT COFFEE'S PAYING FOR MY EDUCATION.



DID I TELL YOU I'M GOING TO PURSUE MORE ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR UNIVERSITY?

THAT'S GREAT, SOGHOMON. WE ALL KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT. I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.



AND SO IS PAPA.

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT BY TALKING TO HIM.

JUST BECAUSE HE'S UNHAPPY THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP RUN THE COFFEE BUSINESS DOESN'T MEAN HE ISN'T HAPPY FOR YOU.



LATER.

THIS STUPID DONKEY, GOD, I WANT OUR DAMNED HORSE BACK!

GET IN HERE, DONKEY!



SOSHOMON, YOU'RE GONNA GET KICKED

GAH! GET YOUR ASS IN THERE, YOU ASS.

OF ALL THE CRAP WE'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH FROM THE TURKS, SOSHOMON, I THINK TAKING THE HORSE FOR WAR EFFORTS MIGHT BE THE GREATEST ATROCITY.

NOT FUNNY

OKAY, A LITTLE FUNNY BUT DON'T REPEAT THAT TO MOTHER.



SOSHOMON, FINALLY WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

THAT DAMNED DONKEY, MOM. IT'S USELESS! I'D TRADE MY EDUCATION FOR AN AUTOMOBILE IF IT MEANT WE NEVER HAD TO SEE THAT CREATURE AGAIN.

AND NOW I'M LATE FOR MY STUDY GROUP WITH ARN.



HERE, I MADE YOU LUNCH, BE SURE AND EAT IT, YOU'RE ALWAYS RUNNING ABOUT AND FORGETTING TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TALK.

DON'T WORRY MOM, THEY'LL KNOW THAT ALL IS RIGHT IN THE WORLD WHEN THEY SEE MY MOTHER HAS MADE ME A SANDWICH TO TAKE ON THE ROAD. THAT NO MEMBER OF THE TELERIAN FAMILY WANTS FOR ANYTHING.

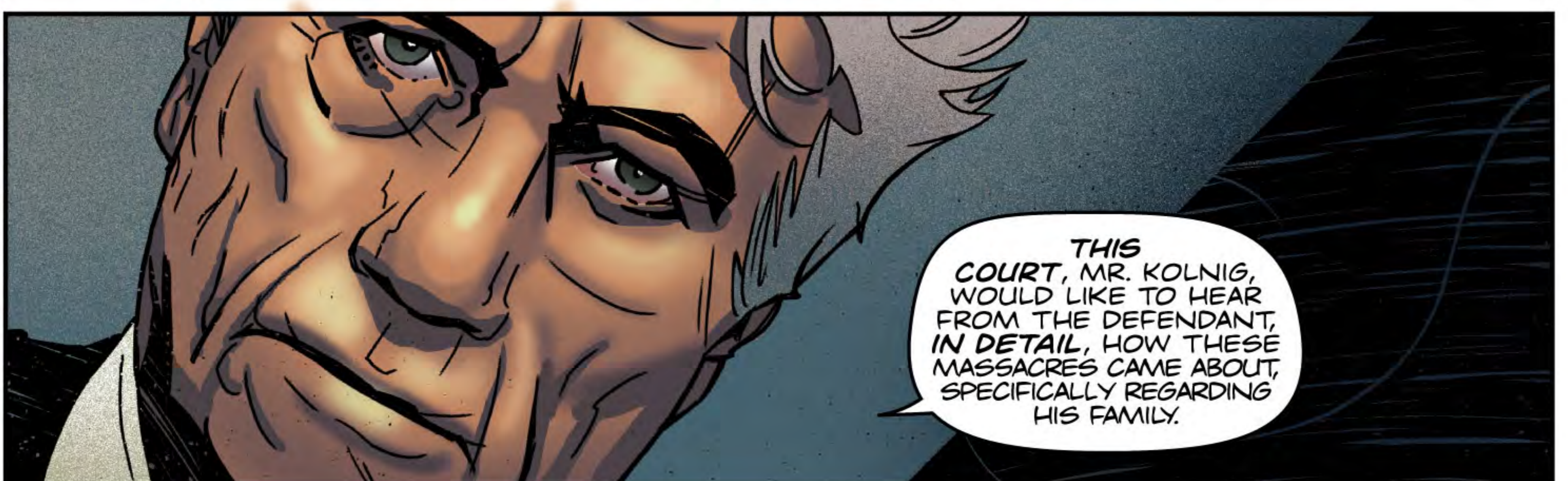
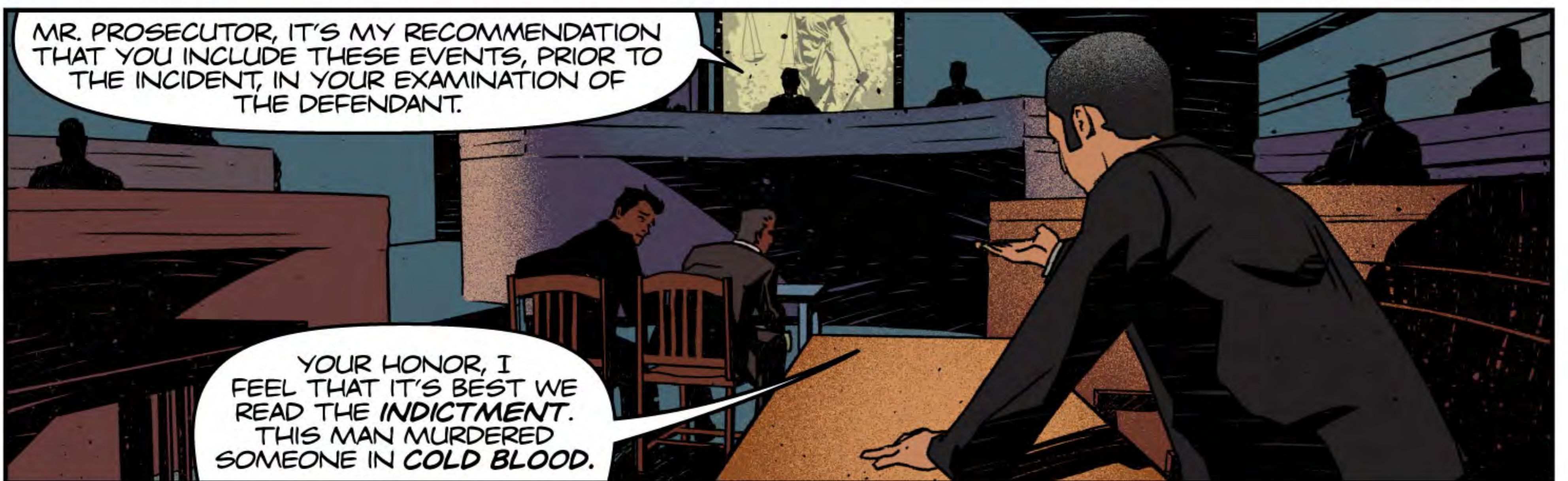
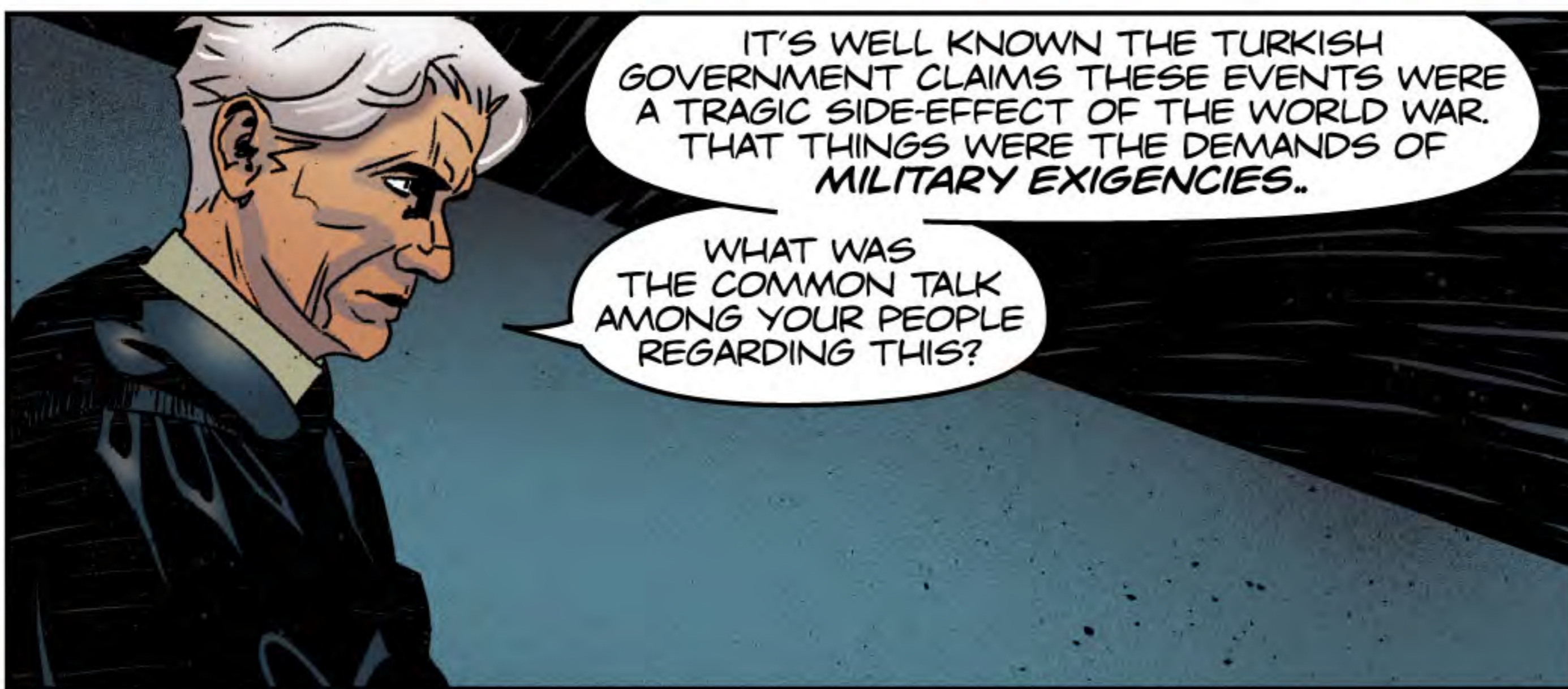
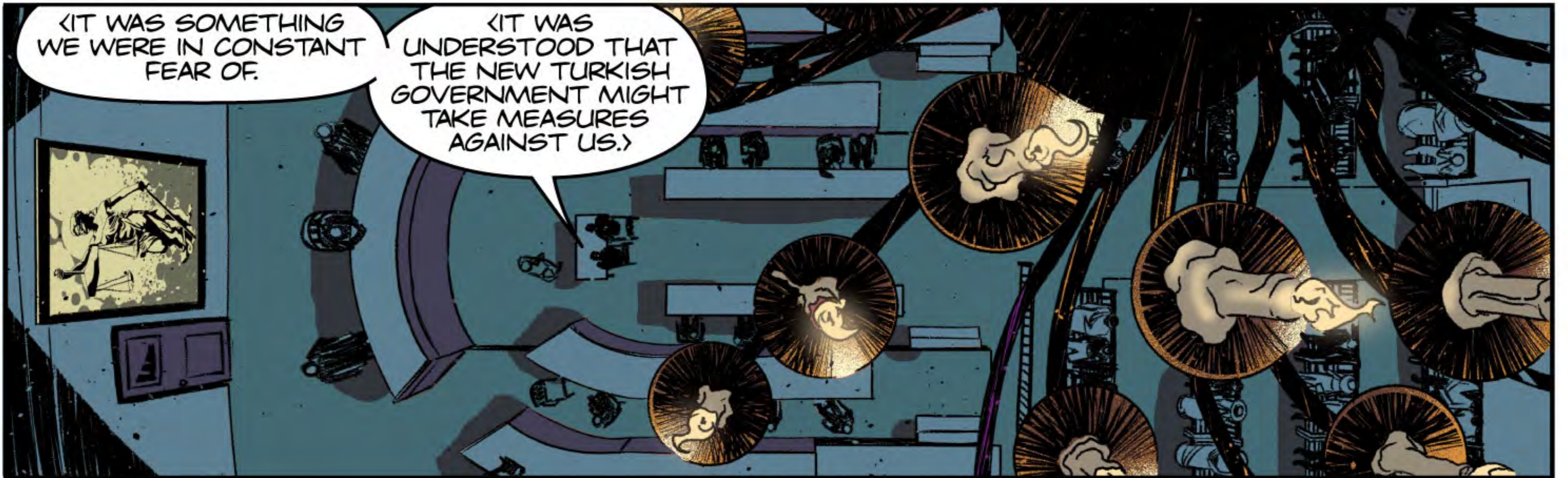
DON'T PUSH IT, SOSHOMON.

LOVE YOU, MOM, GOTTA GO.



THESE MASSACRES. WHAT WERE PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS ABOUT THEM?

(MASSACRES HAD TAKEN PLACE ALL ALONG, FROM THE TIME I WAS BORN.)





<I CANNOT... SAY EVERYTHING. EVERY TIME I DO...>

<THEY TOOK EVERYONE AWAY.>

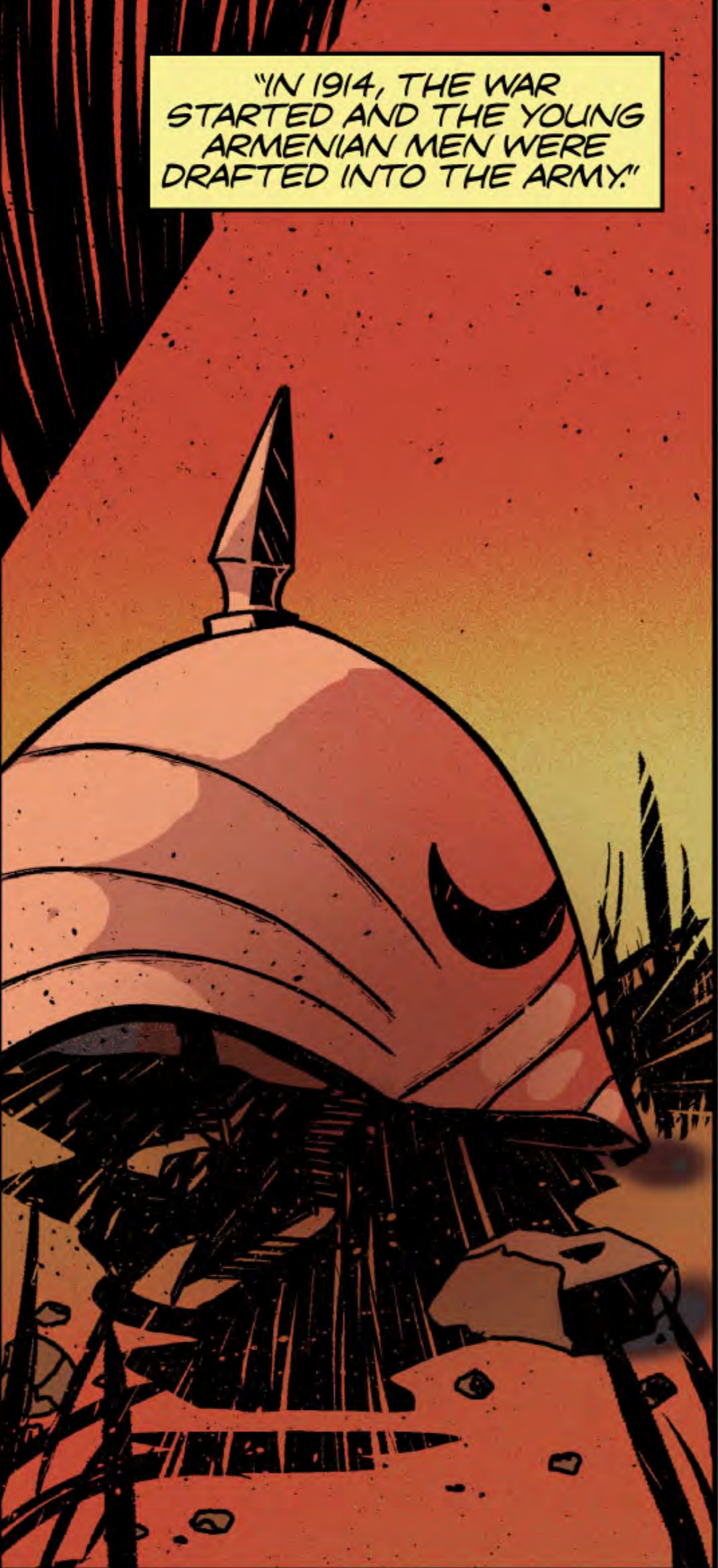
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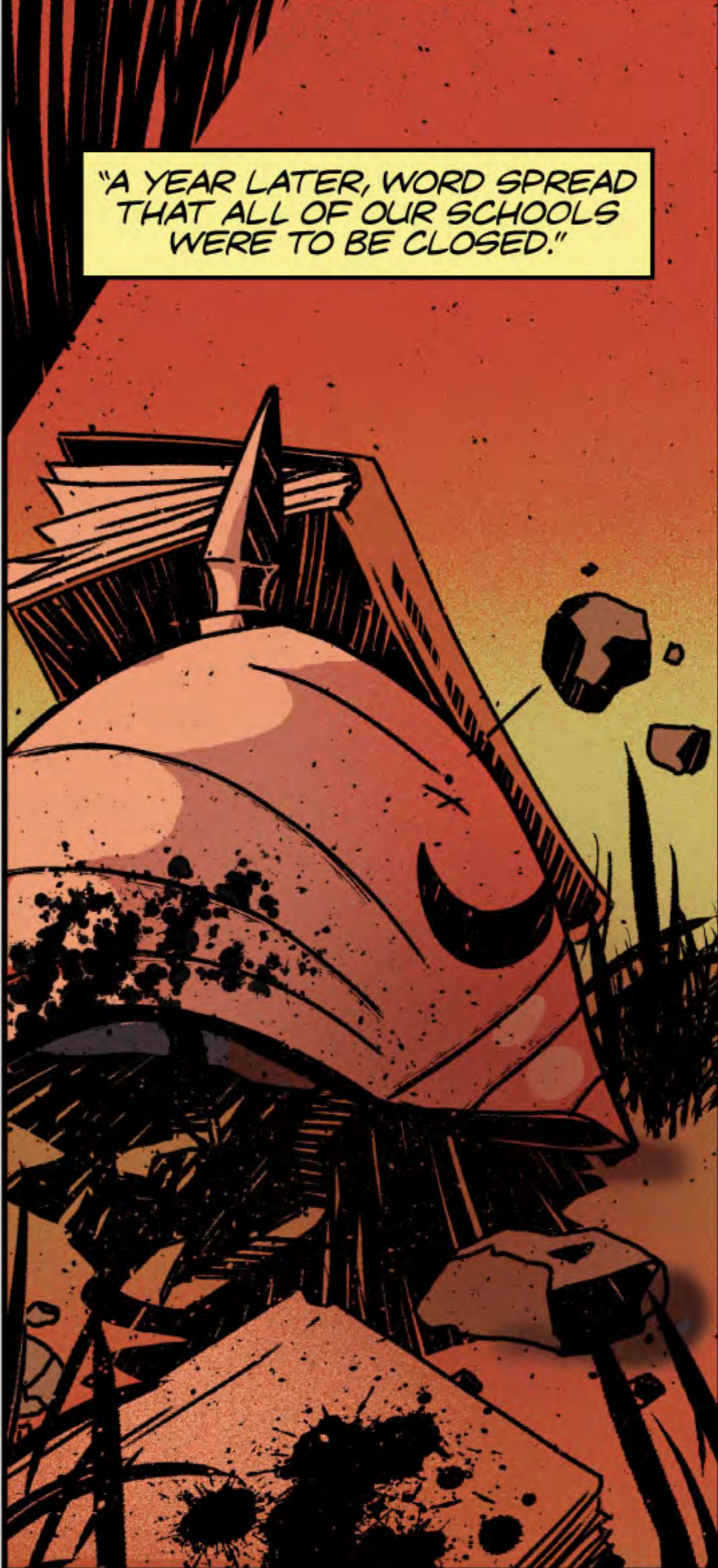
UNDERSTANDABLE, MR. TEHLIRIAN. HOWEVER, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR OF THESE EVENTS FROM YOU.

TRY TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.

"IN 1914, THE WAR STARTED AND THE YOUNG ARMENIAN MEN WERE DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY."



"A YEAR LATER, WORD SPREAD THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS WERE TO BE CLOSED."



"THE TEACHERS... ABRUPTLY, WERE TO BE SENT ELSEWHERE, ALONG WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS."



WHERE WERE THEY ASSEMBLED?

I DIDN'T KNOW. I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. THEY'D ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AWAY WHEN THE NEWS SPREAD THAT EVERYONE WHO'D BEEN TAKEN WAS ALREADY DEAD.

IT WAS IN JUNE WHEN THE ORDER WAS GIVEN THAT WE WERE ALL TO PREPARE FOR DEPORTATION. AND TO GATHER OUR VALUABLES FOR SAFE KEEPING COURTESY OF THE GOVERNMENT.



SOGHOMON, HURRY. THEY'RE GOING TO BE HERE ANY MINUTE.

KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!

I AM! THEY CAN GIVE US A MOMENT TO PUT OUR LIVES TOGETHER.



IT'S TIME. EVERYONE OUTSIDE.

YES, YES, WE ARE ALMOST READY.

TWO MINUTES.



MOTHER, COME ON.

MOM, YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS FOR HOURS. WE HAVE TO GO. PLEASE GET UP.

THEY SAY WE NEED TO LEAVE ERZINGA FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. BUT IT'S NOT TRUE.

WE ALL KNOW IT'S NOT.



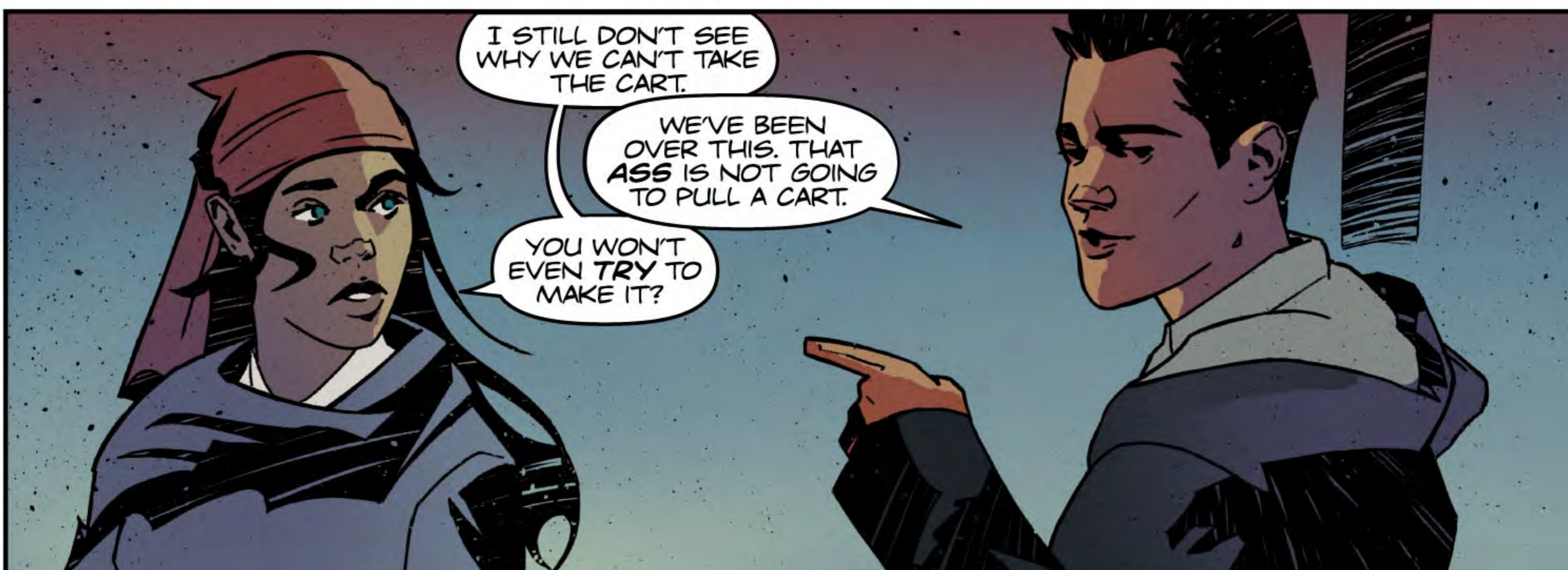
GOD BE WITH US.



GRAB MOTHER'S BAGS. THE SOLDIERS ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR PATIENCE.

LIKE THEY HAVE ANY TO BEGIN WITH?

DON'T MAKE THIS MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT IS.



I STILL DON'T SEE WHY WE CAN'T TAKE THE CART.

WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. THAT ASS IS NOT GOING TO PULL A CART.

YOU WON'T EVEN TRY TO MAKE IT?