

Part 1 - Times and Places

Chapter 3 - Granny

(Still on 11th St in Roswell. About 4-5 years old.)

The question is... Who is Mother's father? Doesn't everyone have a father? Mother's mother is Granny, but Granny does not understand the question or pays no attention to it. Granny says nothing. Mother does not answer either. Father is silent as usual.

Granny is worse. She acts different. It might be because Father is home from the war. Granny's eyes drift away when I talk to her. She does not focus. She does not know when I say anything to her. She does not answer. Granny does not recognize me. She sits all day and will not go to bed.

Father and Mother force her to go to the bathroom, to go to bed, to put clothes on, and to stay inside. Granny is large. She is hard to force. Sometimes Granny screams about strange things that I do not understand. She hurts me not, but I can no longer hug her. I miss my old Granny.

One night, I awake suddenly. There are strange noises in the house. Mother sees me up and says Father is outside getting Granny. She tells me to go back to bed. I guess something important happened.

The next morning, Mother tells me more. During the night, she says Granny ran out of the house without any clothes on. She ran down the street screaming. Father chased her and forced her back in the house. A few days later, Granny is gone. Mother says Granny is in a hospital far away.

Mother is sad. Father is silent as usual.

