

"WHEN KAROL IS 12, DISASTER AGAIN VISITS HIS FAMILY-- HIS BROTHER EDWARD, NOW A DOCTOR, DIES OF SCARLET FEVER. KAROL'S REACTION TO DEATH AT THIS AGE IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE..."

DO NOT BE SAD, PAPA! THIS IS GOD'S WILL!

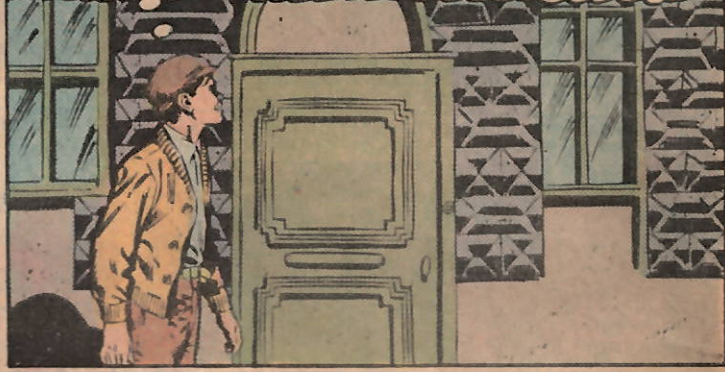


"YET, HIS BROTHER'S DEATH MAY HAVE AFFECTED KAROL MORE THAN HE EXPRESSES. SOON AFTERWARD, HE TAKES TO WANDERING THE STREETS OF WADOWICE, LOST IN SPELLS OF LONELINESS..."



"ONE OF THESE WALKS WILL TAKE HIM NEARER HIS DESTINY..."

SO THIS IS THE HOME OF THE FAMILY KOTLARCZYK! THEY WERE FRIENDS OF EDWARD! THEIR INVITATION FOR ME TO VISIT WAS KIND... I HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING!



PARDON ME! I KNOCKED, BUT NO ONE SEEMED TO HEAR-- OH!

LOOK OUT WHERE YOU'RE WALKING, YOU YOUNG FOOL!



WHAT DO YOU DO HERE? EDWARD NEVER TOLD ME...

WE ARE MAKING BACKDROPS FOR PLAYS FROM TISSUE PAPER, AS ANYONE CAN SEE! BACKDROPS THAT YOU HAVE RUINED, I MIGHT ADD!

BUT... WHY?



WHY?! WE ARE ACTORS! DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE THEATER?!

NOT REALLY...

THEN YOU MUST LEARN, AS ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD. FOR THEATER IS NOT MERELY ACTORS ON A STAGE, BUT A MEANS OF TOUCHING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF HUMANITY-- AND BRINGING ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT AND ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE HUMAN RACE!

