

Girls Who Grew Up to Change the



Agatha Christie



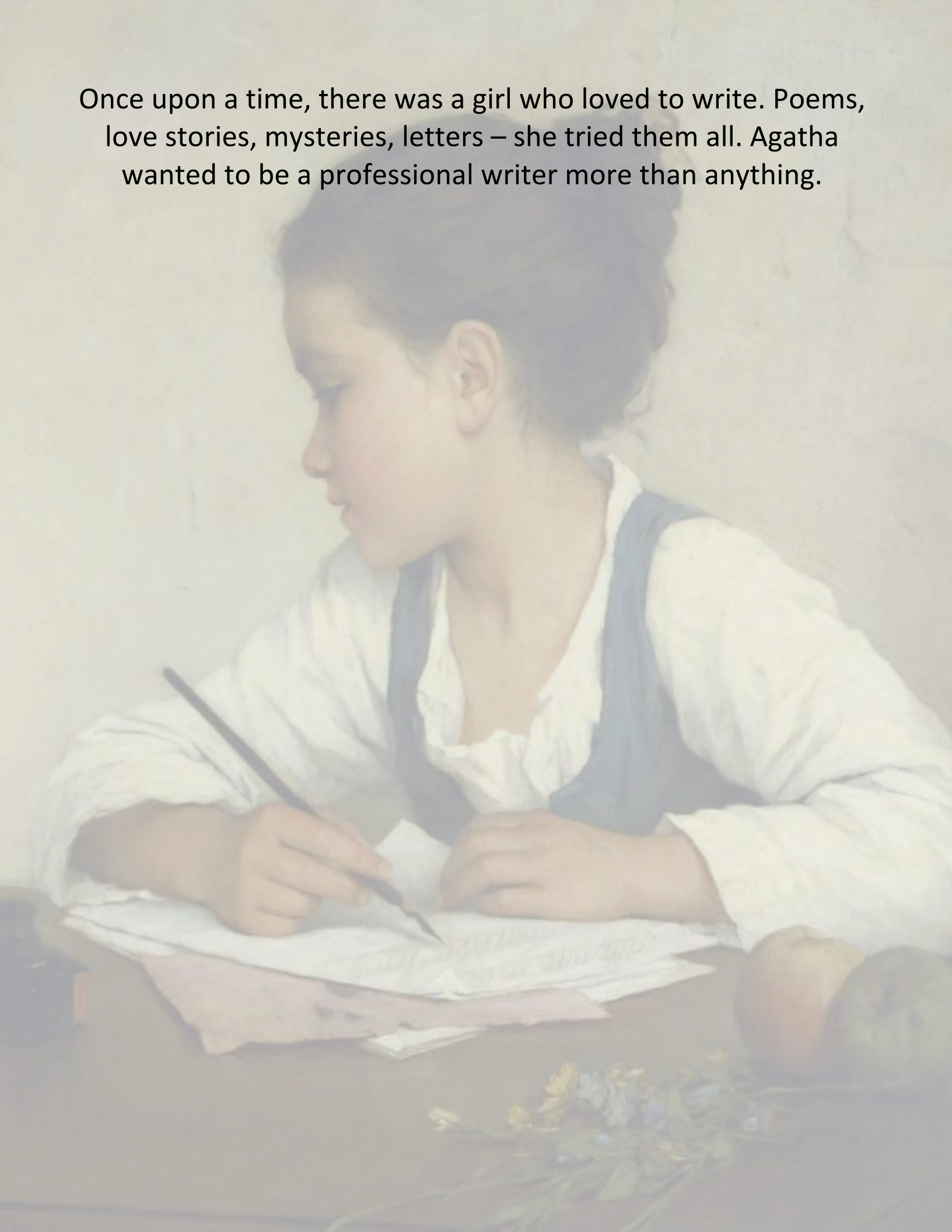
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Writer



Once upon a time, there was a girl who loved to write. Poems, love stories, mysteries, letters – she tried them all. Agatha wanted to be a professional writer more than anything.



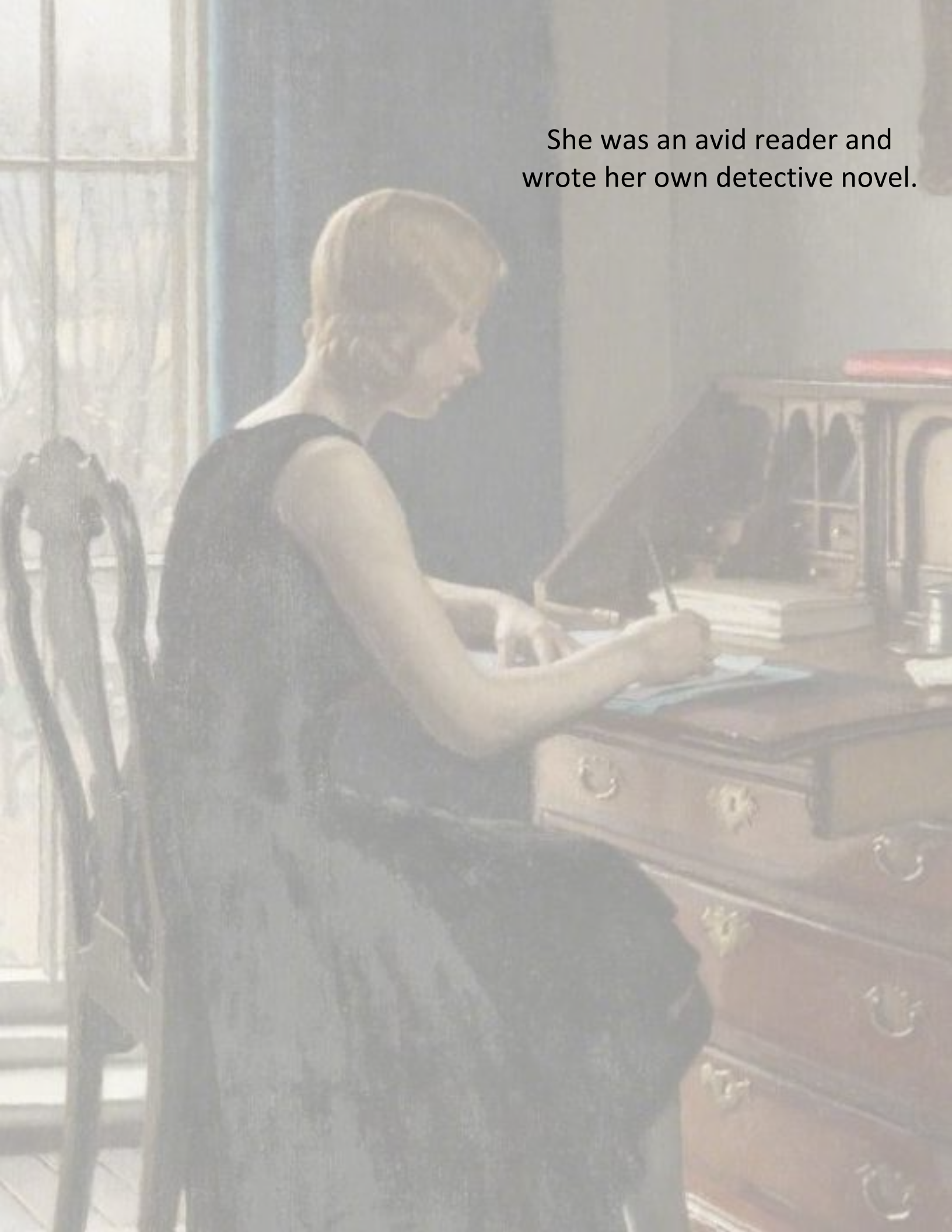
She talked about her dream with her dog, George Washington, during their daily walks. Each new place she and George visited, Agatha looked at as a setting for story, and every time she met someone, she wondered if that person could be one of her characters.



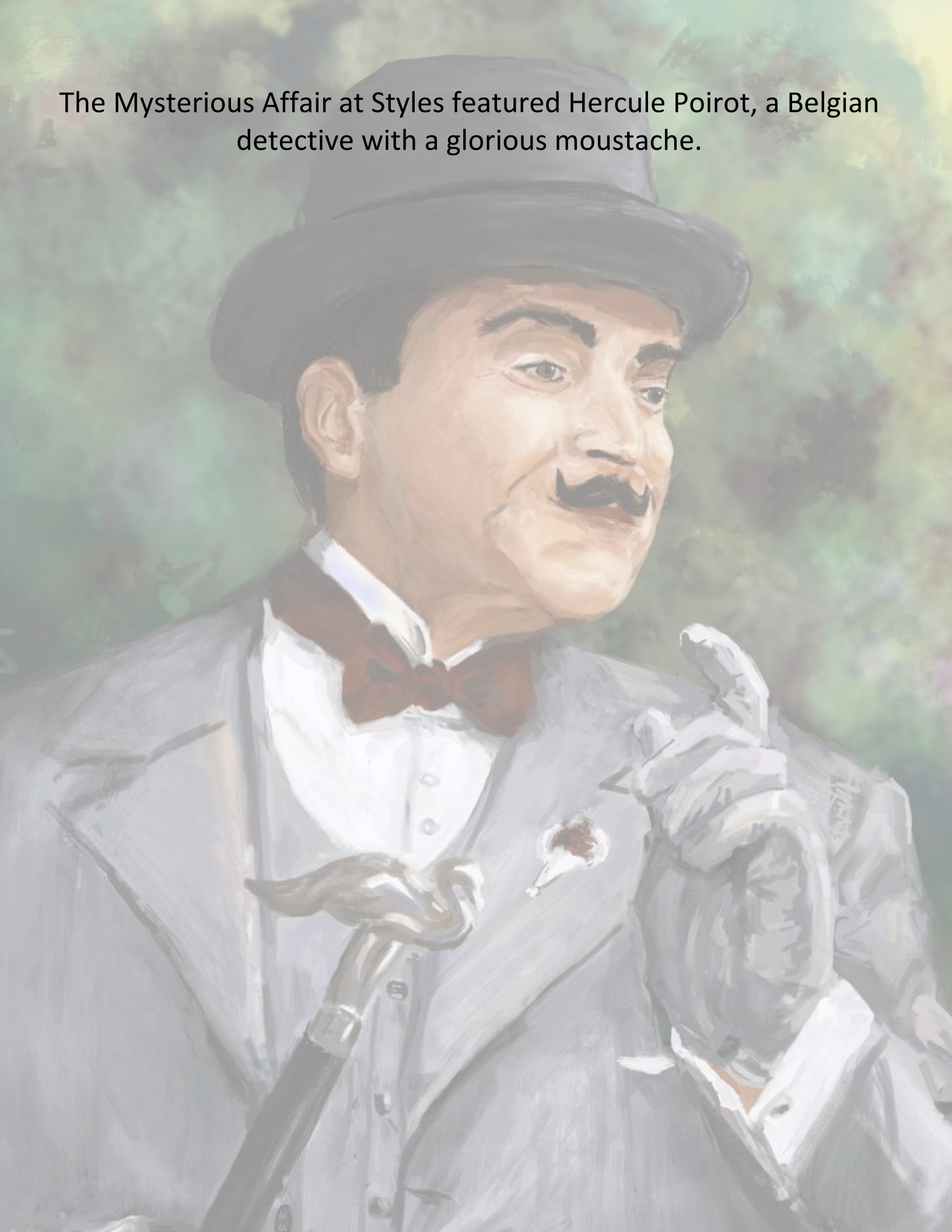
Agatha sent her stories to magazines but got turned down. The rejection letters kept piling up, but Agatha didn't let that stop her.



She was an avid reader and
wrote her own detective novel.



The Mysterious Affair at Styles featured Hercule Poirot, a Belgian detective with a glorious moustache.



Many publishers
turned down
Agatha's
manuscript, but
finally one said yes.



When the novel was published, it was a huge success and marked the beginning of an unbelievable career.



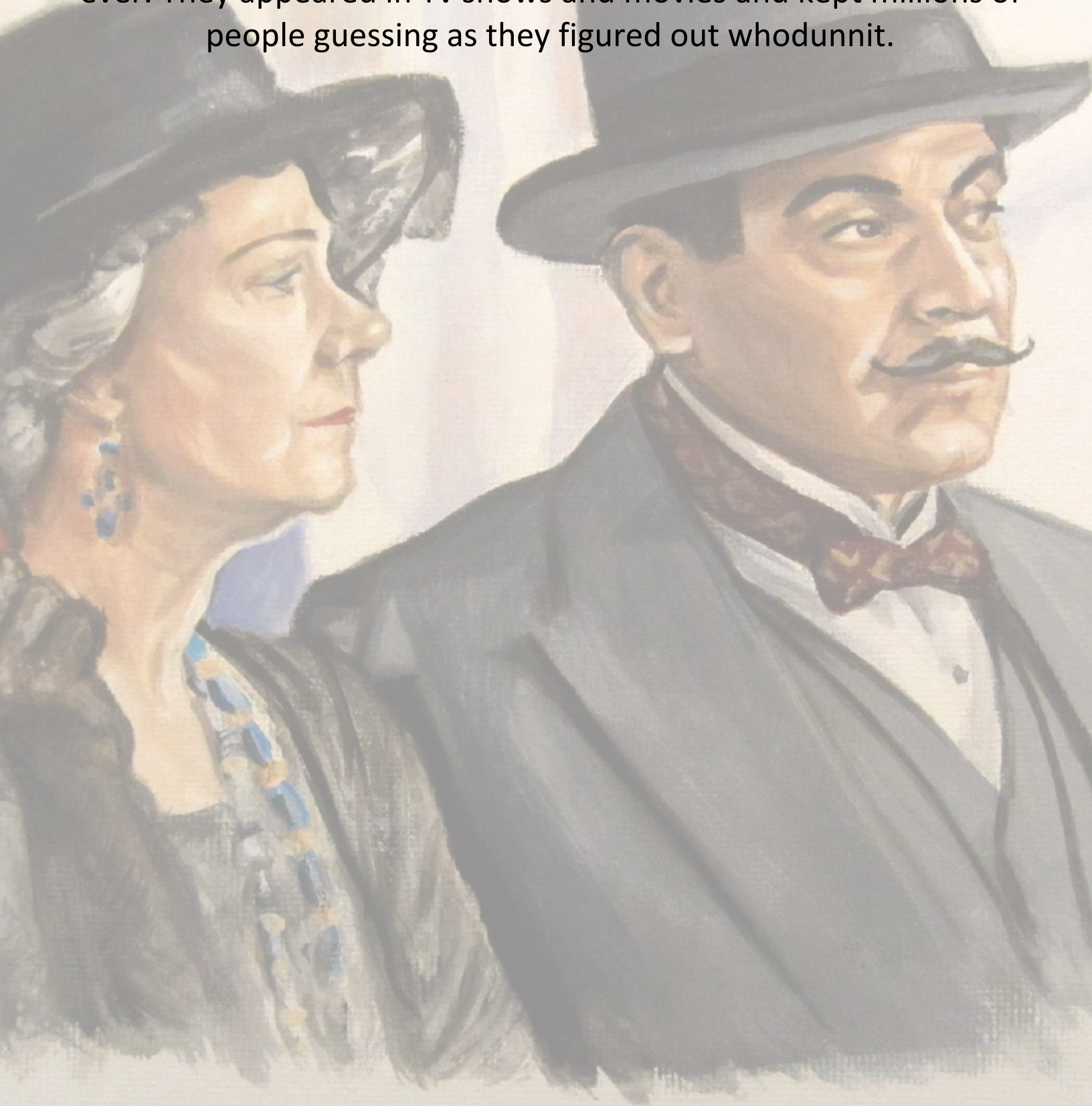
THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES

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Agatha Christie's books have sold more than two billion copies and have been translated into over a hundred different languages, making her the best-selling novelist of all time.



Hercule Poirot with his point moustache and Miss Marple with her cute hats became two of the most popular literary detectives ever. They appeared in Tv shows and movies and kept millions of people guessing as they figured out whodunnit.



Through her remarkable career, Agatha wrote sixty-six detective novels, fourteen short story collections and the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*.

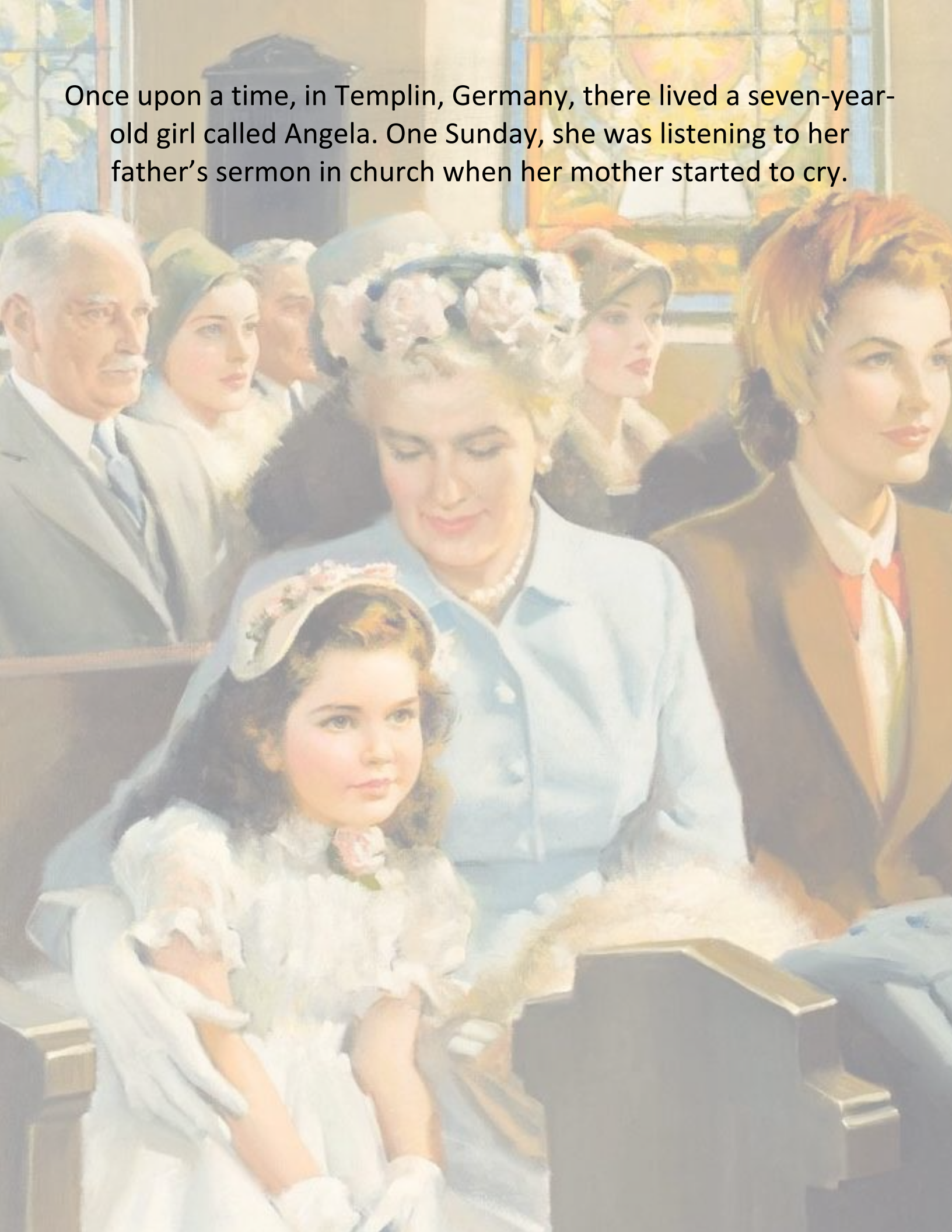


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Chancellor

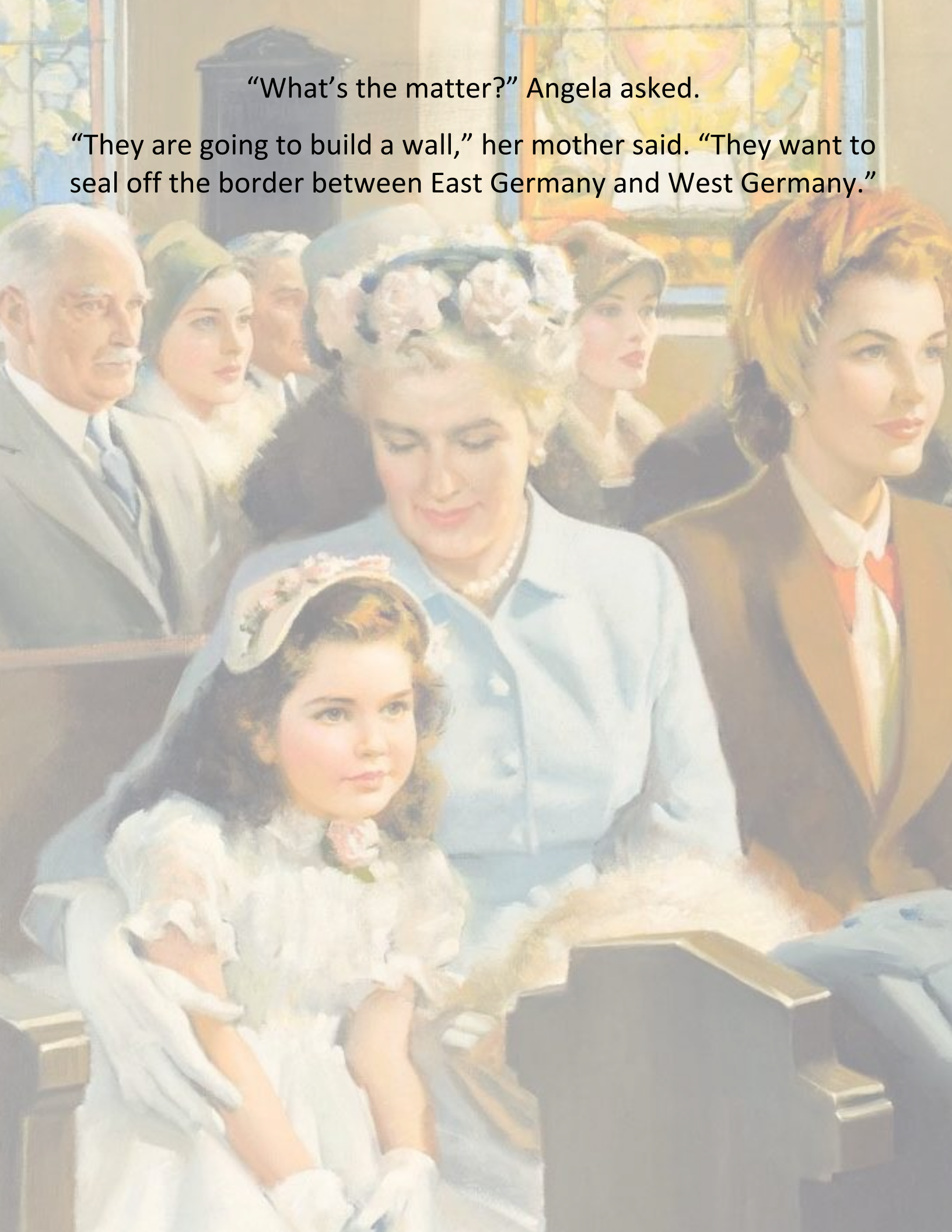


Once upon a time, in Templin, Germany, there lived a seven-year-old girl called Angela. One Sunday, she was listening to her father's sermon in church when her mother started to cry.

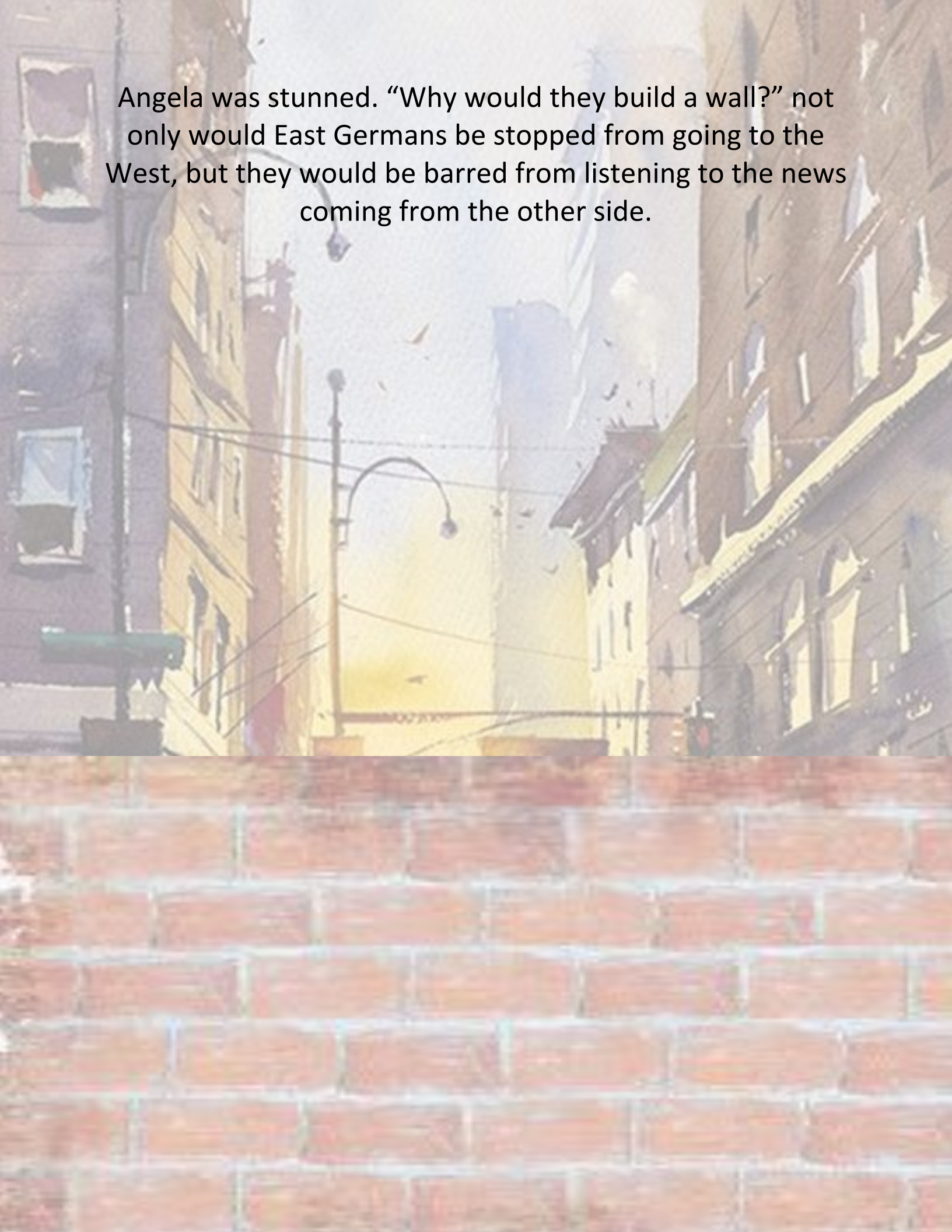


“What’s the matter?” Angela asked.

“They are going to build a wall,” her mother said. “They want to seal off the border between East Germany and West Germany.”



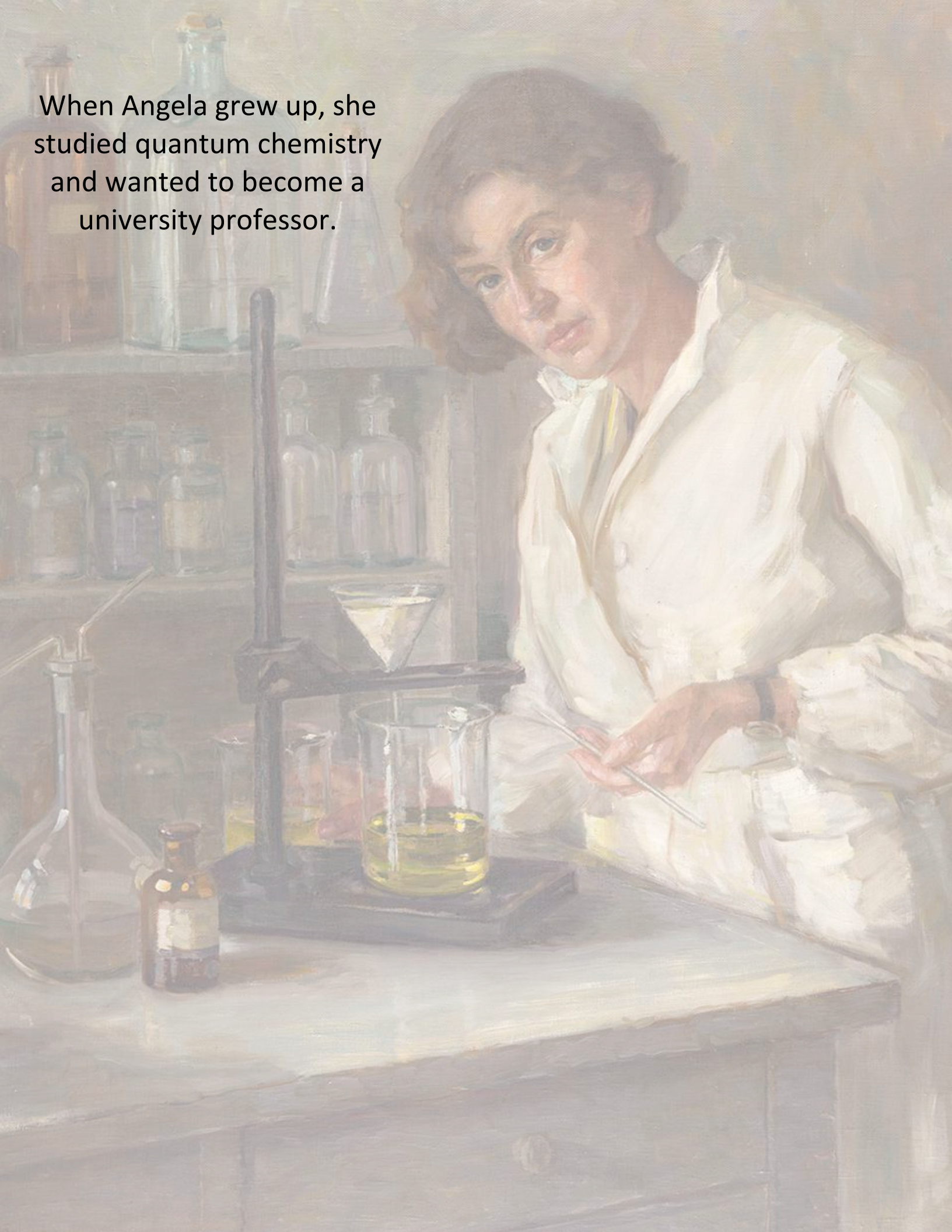
Angela was stunned. “Why would they build a wall?” not only would East Germans be stopped from going to the West, but they would be barred from listening to the news coming from the other side.



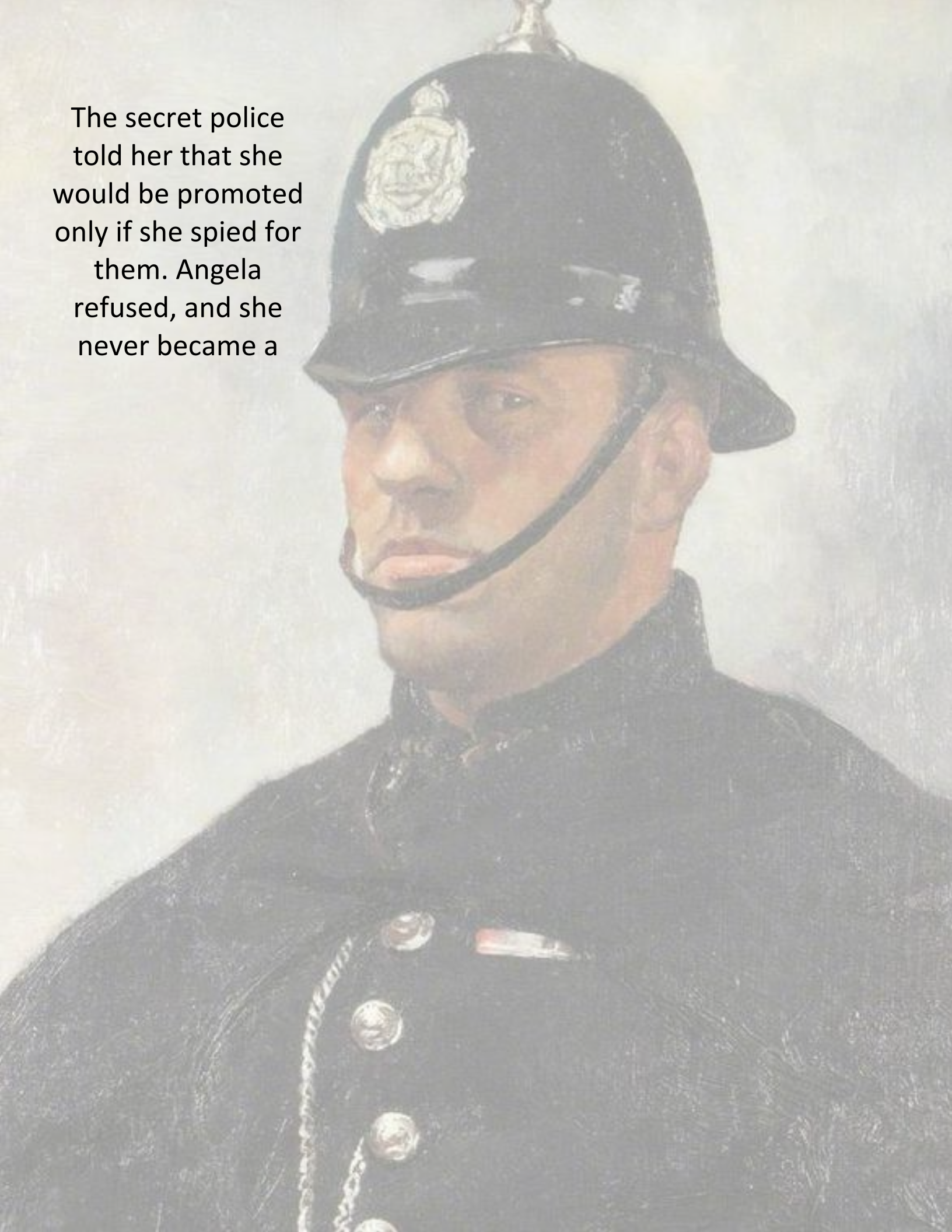
Every day, Angela would hide in the school washroom with a little radio and try to catch a station from the West. It was illegal to do this, but she didn't care she wanted to know what was happening to her country.



When Angela grew up, she studied quantum chemistry and wanted to become a university professor.



The secret police
told her that she
would be promoted
only if she spied for
them. Angela
refused, and she
never became a



She was working as a researcher in a lab when the Berlin Wall was demolished.



She called her mom and said, "I think we're free to go to the West." Indeed, they were.



Angela eventually became chancellor of Germany-a determined leader who knew the pain walls could cause and never wanted her people to be divided again.



