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c. Johnny refusing to let his mother visit him in the hospital.

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Gone with the Wind	**"Nothing Gold Can Stay"**

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"Juvenile _____ Turn _____"

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b. Darry's harshness stems from worrying about Ponyboy's safety and wanting him to have a better future.

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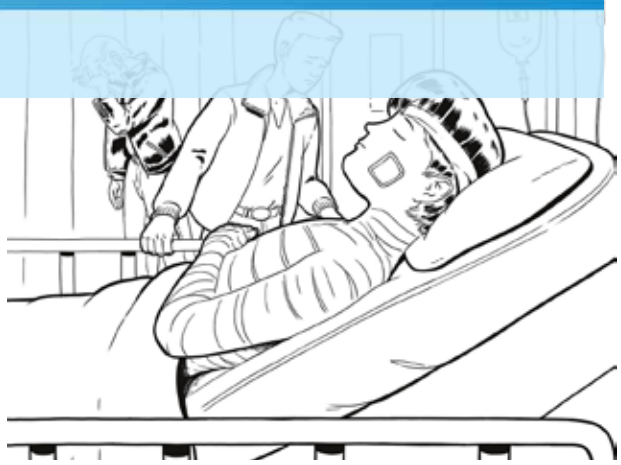
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a. He is a Soc who was once Darry's friend. He highlights the unfair social differences yet underlying similarities between Socs and greasers.

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