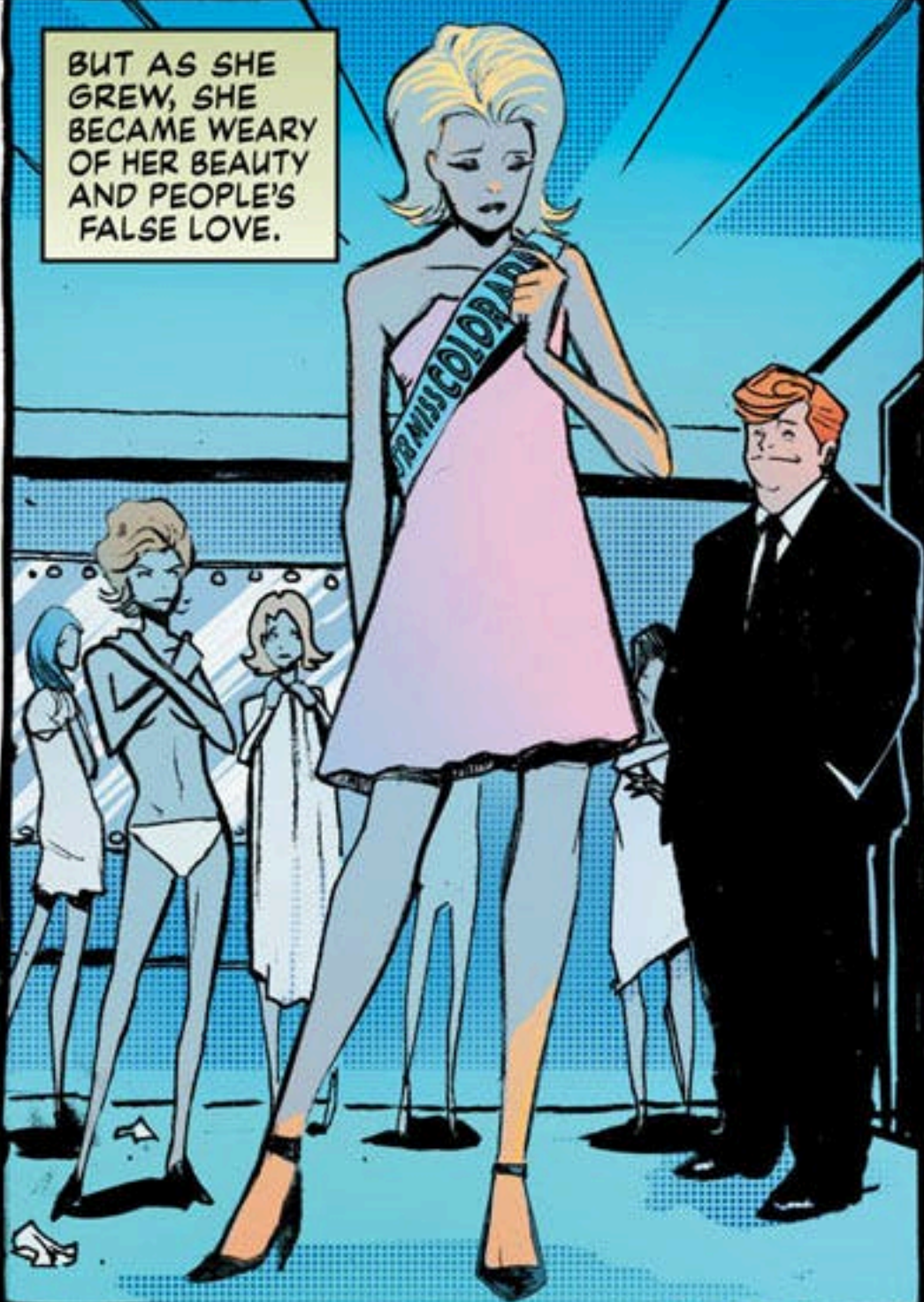


ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A PRETTY LITTLE GIRL. SHE WON PRIZES FOR HER BEAUTY AND EVERYBODY LOVED HER.



BUT AS SHE GREW, SHE BECAME WEARY OF HER BEAUTY AND PEOPLE'S FALSE LOVE.



THE THINGS THE GIRL LOVED MADE HER, IN THE EYES OF OTHERS, LESS BEAUTIFUL AND MALLEABLE, SO SHE LOVED THEM ALL THE MORE.



Blood in the Streets ^{part two} LITTLE GIRLS LOST

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ONE DAY, THE LITTLE GIRL LEFT HOME TO SEEK ADVENTURE. HER MOM CRIED. HER DAD WONDERED WHO'D CLEANED OUT THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT.





THE LITTLE GIRL LOVED MAGIC AND FOUND THAT SHE HAD A TALENT FOR IT.



A LITTLE TOO MUCH TALENT, A LITTLE TOO SOON. SHE BECAME RECKLESS AND CONJURED A DEMON. IT TRIED TO EAT HER LOVER.



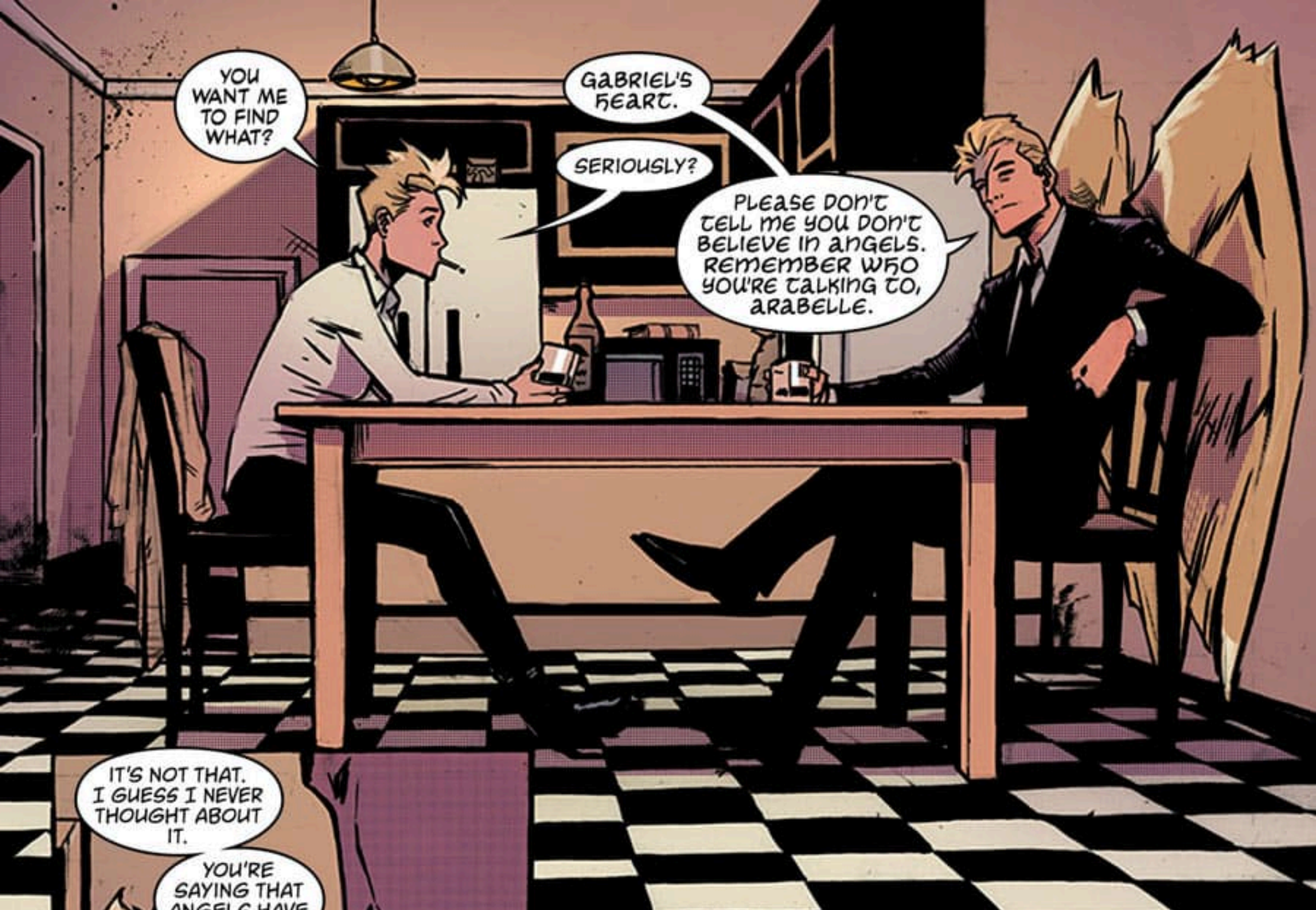
SHE SAVED HIM, BUT AFTERWARDS HE WAS AFRAID AND THEIR LOVE FADED AWAY.



SHE MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO AND TRIED TO LOVE A WITCH. BUT HER MAGIC WAS TOO STRONG AND DARK. THEIR LOVE FADED, TOO.



NOW SHE'S THE MOST POWERFUL MAGE SHE KNOWS, AND THE THINGS SHE LOVED AS A GIRL, SHE LOVES NOW BECAUSE THEY'RE THE EASIEST.

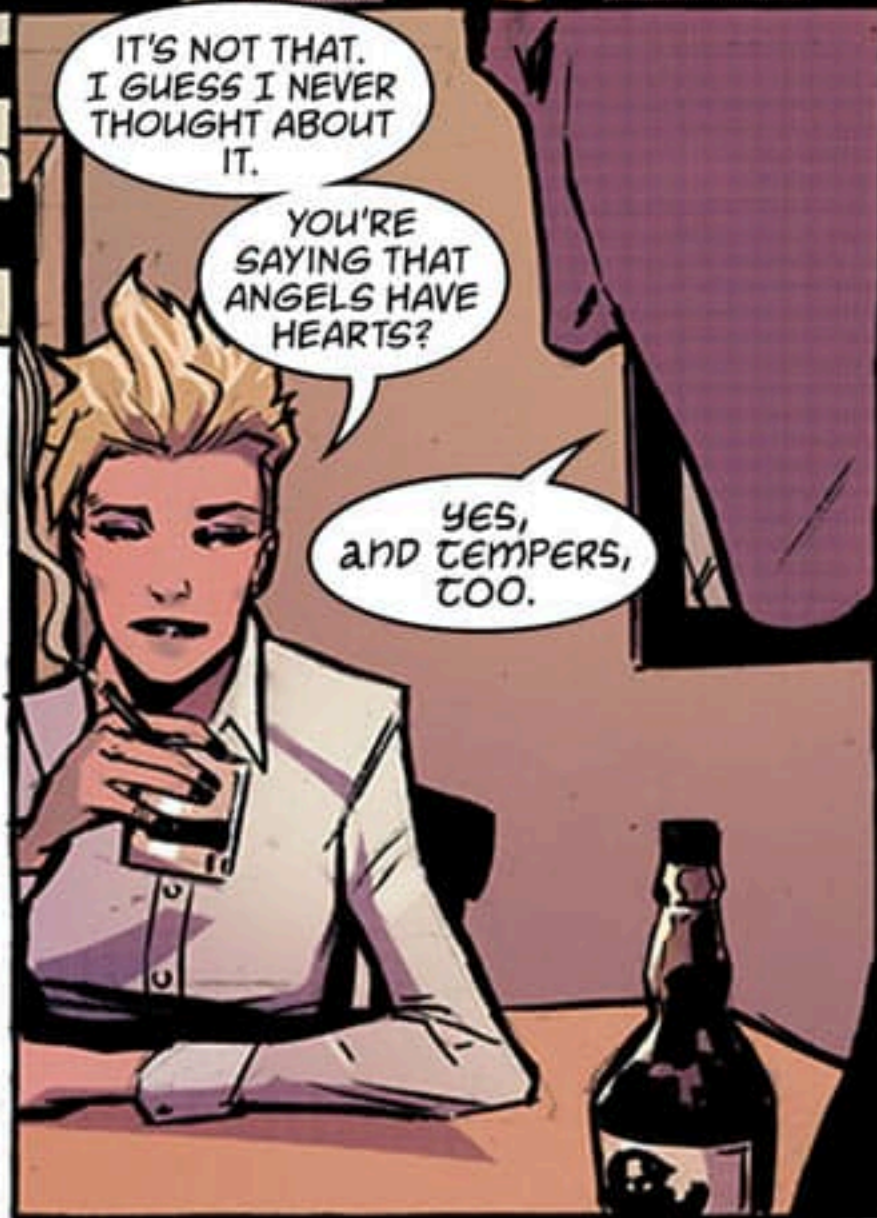


YOU WANT ME TO FIND WHAT?

GABRIEL'S HEART.

SERIOUSLY?

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN ANGELS. REMEMBER WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO, ARABELLE.



IT'S NOT THAT. I GUESS I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT ANGELS HAVE HEARTS?

YES, AND TEMPERS, TOO.



THAT I BELIEVE.

GOOD. THEN YOU'LL TAKE THE JOB?

DO I HAVE A CHOICE?

YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE. IT'S CALLED FREE WILL. JUST DON'T ABUSE IT WITH FOOLISH DECISIONS.



AND IF I DO THIS FOR YOU, WE'RE SQUARE?

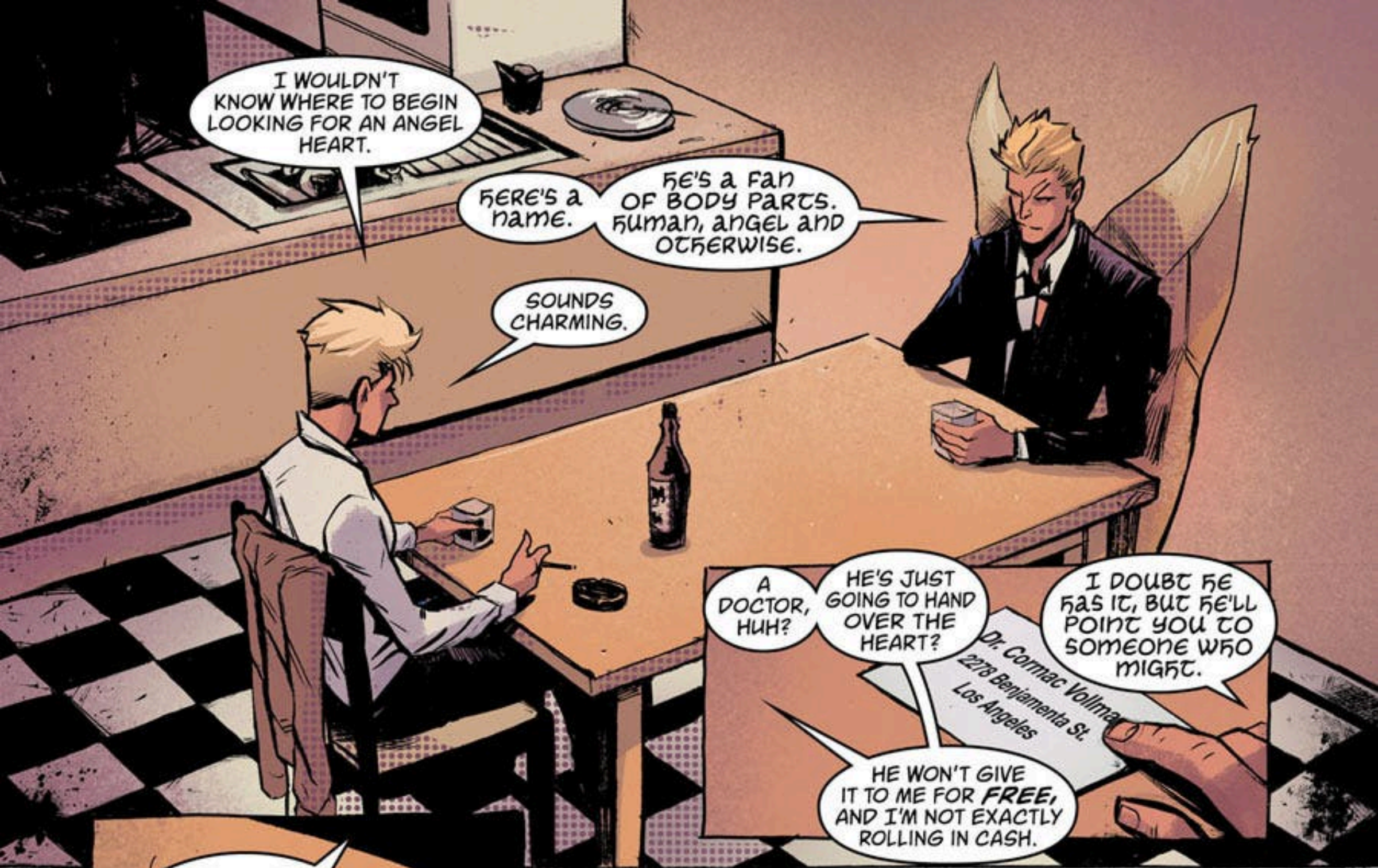
YOU SAY THAT LIKE I'M THE UNREASONABLE ONE. SHOW OF HANDS: WHO HERE DID NOT ACCIDENTALLY RELEASE A DEMON INTO EX LUX LAST YEAR?

I GUESS IT'S JUST ME.



FINE. YOU WIN.

OF COURSE I DO.



I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL HEART.

HERE'S a name.

HE'S a fan OF BODY PARTS. Human, angel and OTHERWISE.

SOUNDS CHARMING.

A DOCTOR, HUH?

HE'S JUST GOING TO HAND OVER THE HEART?

I DOUBT HE HAS IT, BUT HE'LL POINT YOU TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT.

Dr. Cormac Vollmar
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HE WON'T GIVE IT TO ME FOR FREE, AND I'M NOT EXACTLY ROLLING IN CASH.



USE THIS. WHOEVER OPENS IT WILL SEE THEIR HEART'S DESIRE. THE THING THEY COVET ABOVE ALL ELSE.

I JUST GIVE HIM WHAT'S INSIDE, WHATEVER IT IS?

WHATEVER IT IS.



THERE'S A CATCH, ISN'T THERE?

ARE YOU TEMPTED TO USE IT?

A LITTLE.

JUST REMEMBER THAT WHEN A GENIE GRANTS YOUR WISH IT GIVES YOU WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, BUT NOT NECESSARILY WHAT YOU WANT.

I THINK I'LL SKIP IT.

SMART GIRL.



THE QUICKER YOU GET ON WITH IT, THE FASTER YOU'LL BE FREE. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD GO NOW.

I'M ON IT.

GOOD LUCK, JUNIOR MISS COLORADO.

PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT.

FORGIVE ME. a SLIP OF THE TONGUE.

MEDJINE'S JOURNEY WASN'T AS LONG OR HARD AS SHE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE, BUT IT WAS STRANGE.

THAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD NOW, SHE THINKS.

MEDJINE?

HI. CAN I COME IN?

EVERYTHING IS STRANGE AND GETTING STRANGER--EVEN HER.

YES! COME IN!

WHO'S AT THE DOOR, LEANDRE?

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

IT'S MEDJINE. SHE'S BACK!



HI.

I KNOW THIS IS WEIRD, BUT YOU ALL HAVE TO COME WITH ME RIGHT NOW.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?



WE ALL ARE.

MOVE AWAY FROM THE DOOR.

QUICKLY.