


LOOK, I'M NOT GOING TO PRETEND I DON'T GET IT.

THE WHOLE SUN THING.

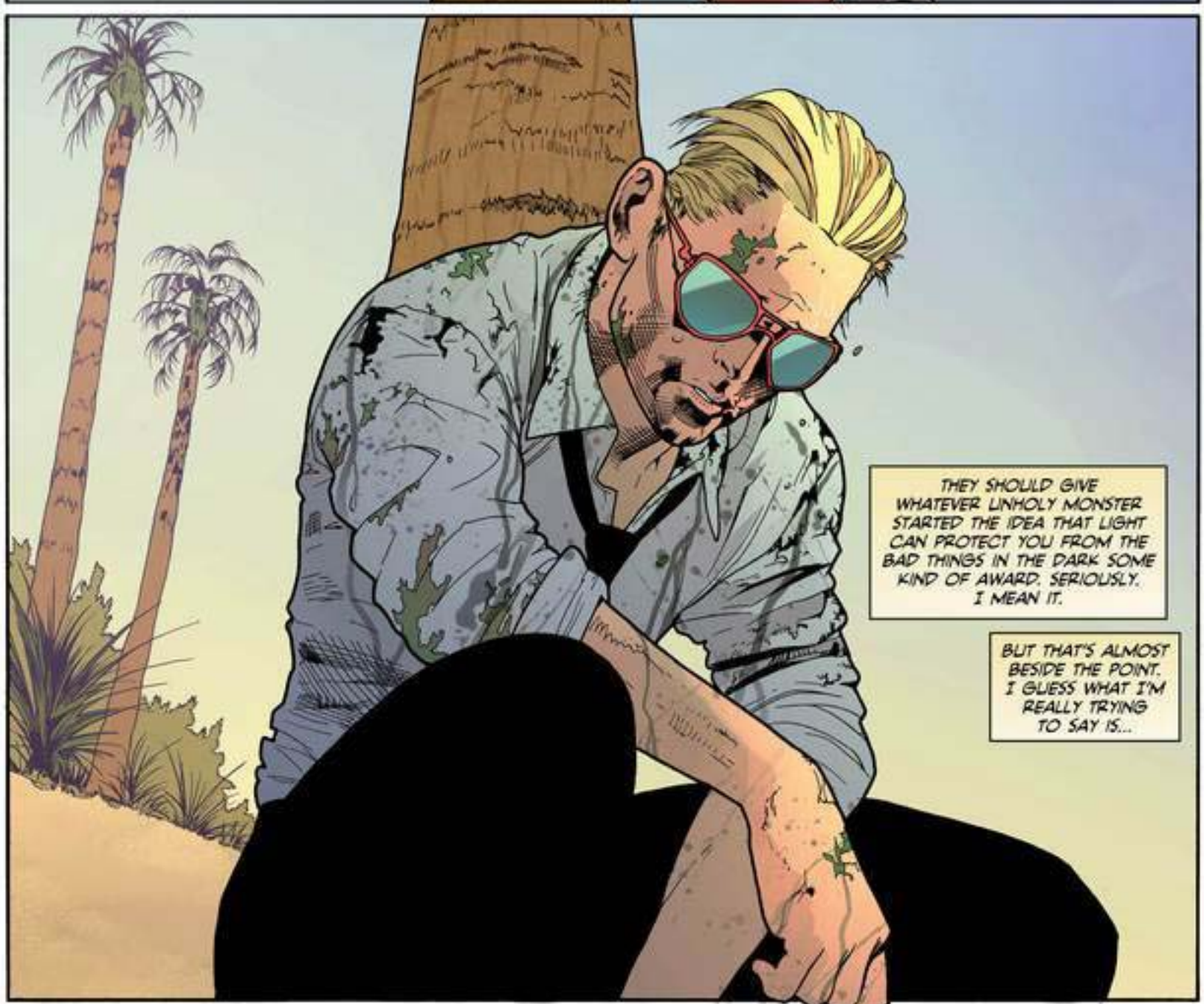
THE IDEA THAT WHEN YOU WALK OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR YOU'RE GOING TO BE COMFORTABLE. NOT TOO HOT, NOT TOO WARM. JUST PLEASANT. THERE'S SOME KIND OF BIOLOGY THING TO IT--VITAMINS OR SOMETHING.

I GET IT. I'M NOT A BLOODY IDIOT.



BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN I LIKE IT. THE SUN MAKES PEOPLE DUMB. IN THE DARK, PEOPLE KNOW TO BE AFRAID. THEY SEE THE GRIME, THEY SEE THE DANGER. THEY KNOW TO BE WARY OF THE SHADOWS.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? THE BRIGHTER IT IS, THE DARKER THOSE SHADOWS GET. WHEN THE SUN SHINES DOWN ON SOMEONE, YOU DON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT THEM WALKING RIGHT UP TO YOU UNTIL THE KNIFE IS ALREADY STICKING OUT OF YOUR CHEST.



THEY SHOULD GIVE WHATEVER LNHOLY MONSTER STARTED THE IDEA THAT LIGHT CAN PROTECT YOU FROM THE BAD THINGS IN THE DARK SOME KIND OF AWARD. SERIOUSLY. I MEAN IT.

BUT THAT'S ALMOST BESIDE THE POINT. I GUESS WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING TO SAY IS...

LOS ANGELES.



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THERE'S A WHOLE
CONVERSATION THESE
DAYS ABOUT THE TWO
CITIES. NEW YORK AND
L.A. AND THEY ALWAYS
MISS THE DAMN POINT.



THEY ACT LIKE THE WEATHER
MEANS THIS CITY ISN'T JUST AS
DARK AND GRIMY AS NEW YORK.
BUT IT'S EASY TO LOOK PAST THE
GRIME WHEN YOU'RE SPEEDING
DOWN THE ROAD IN YOUR
NICE SHINY PRIS.



THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE. THE ONLY
BLOODY DIFFERENCE. IN NEW YORK,
PEOPLE LOOK AT THE SHADOWS. IN
LOS ANGELES, THEY LOOK AT THE
BLOODY SUN. IT'S THAT AND BAGELS.
EVERY LITTLE INTERNET THINK PIECE
CAN SHOVE ITSELF UP ITS OWN ARSE.



BUT IT'S THAT DELUSION THAT DRIVES ME MAD. THAT SMUG SENSE THAT THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE FIGURED SOMETHING OUT THAT THE REST OF US HAVEN'T. THEY REVEL IN THE FACT THAT THEY'VE FOUND ALL THE CHEAT CODES AND NOW THEY'RE ON THE FAST TRACK TO A BETTER LIFE.

AND SO THEY GATHER IN LITTLE CLUMPS, PLEDGING THEMSELVES TO ABSTRACT HIGHER POWERS IN ORDER TO GET THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS. MEET THE RIGHT PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BETTER THAN EVERYONE.



JUST LIKE THEM.

IT IS THE CITY OF ANGELS, AFTER ALL.



