







THAT ONE'S GETTING AWAY.



IT'S OKAY. ALL PART OF THE PLAN.

OH?



I DIDN'T DO A BLOODY THING TO HELP.

AT LEAST YOU SHOT ONE IN THE SHOULDER.

IT'S OUR FIRST TIME, PARKER.

IT'LL TAKE PRACTICE. LOOK, I KNOW A GUY BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO NAMED XANDER, AND IF HE CAN LEARN TO--



THE POINT IS THAT ANGEL OR I MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE AROUND, AND IT'S GOOD TO START LEARNING THE ROPES.

I TRIED TO ROUND UP MORE THAN JUST ME AND TRICIA, BUT... WELL... PEOPLE ARE AFRAID.



UNDERSTANDABLE.

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT.

COME ON, ANGEL. EVERYONE SHOULD BE GATHERED BY NOW.



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY-- DO YOU THINK HE HEARD YOU?

I THINK SO.

AND THAT ACCOMPLISHES...?

HERE'S THE THEORY, FRED. ARCHAEUS HAS BEEN SENDING GROUPS OF VAMPIRES INTO MAGIC TOWN TO KICK UP DUST AND RUN US AROUND IN CIRCLES. HE'S KEEPING US ON DEFENSE.

I MADE SURE THE ESCAPED VAMP HEARD I WAS STICKING CLOSE TO MAGIC TOWN TO PATROL. BASICALLY WHAT THEY WANT.



HERE'S THE OTHER PART OF THE THEORY. IF ARCHAEUS THINKS HE'S SUCCEEDED IN PINNING ANGEL DOWN HERE, THEN MAYBE HE'LL EASE UP WITH THE VAMP HIT-'N'-RUN STRIKES ON MAGIC TOWN.

I MEAN, WHY ALLOW ANY MORE OF HIS GROUND TROOPS TO GET DUSTED IF IT'S ALREADY MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, RIGHT?

SO WE DO NOT PATROL MAGIC TOWN. THAT LEAVES US FREE TO GO AFTER ARCHAEUS AND RESCUE NADIRA-- A RISK, BUT A GOOD ONE.



ALMOST.

I AM GOING TO PATROL. MOSTLY JUST SO I CAN BE SEEN AROUND TOWN AND KEEP UP THE RUSE. I MEAN, IF WE'RE ALL GONE, IT MIGHT RAISE SUSPICIONS.

FAITH, I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO SLOW THIS DOWN AND THINK IT THROUGH.



YEAH, UH, WE DID DISCUSS. IT'S BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH.