

MORNING.

FOR MOST LAST NIGHT'S DREAMS FADE IN THE MORNING LIGHT, LIKE WISPS OF CHILLY FOG.



BUT NIGHTMARES STILL CLING TO ANDREA BISCH, REFUSING TO DISSIPATE, SOLIDIFYING OUT OF THE DARKNESS, AND BECOMING SOLID.

YEARS AGO, GOD AND THE DEVIL MADE A BET.



GOD SAID A GOOD PERSON WOULD RESIST EVIL, EVEN IF IT MEANT THE POWER TO DO MORE GOOD. THE DEVIL SAW THAT BET.



AND RAISED GOD.

THIS MAN.

BRANDON WESTPHAL.

HOW LONG I HAVE FASTED.



TASTING NO PAIN, DRINKING NO SUFFERING.



SCREAM FOR ME THAT I MAY SWALLOW IT AND BREAK THIS FAST.



AND THEN, WITH YOUR SMALL TORTURE AS MY APPETIZER, I WILL GROW FAT ON ANDREA'S AGONY.

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YOU...ARE SUSPECTED...OF
BREAKING AND ENTERING.
OF ASSAULT.



AS A RESIDENT OF THE CITY
OF CHICAGO, AND FRIEND
TO ITS LAW-ABIDING
DENIZENS...

...I'M
MAKING A
CITIZEN'S
ARREST.



ARREST.

YOU DEAL IN
MAN'S JUSTICE.
I APPRECIATE
THAT.

"BLESSED
ARE THEY WHO
MAINTAIN JUSTICE,
WHO CONSTANTLY DO WHAT
IS RIGHT."



BUT I
SERVE A HIGHER
IDEAL, AS DOES
ANDREA.

WE ARE THE
RECEIVERS OF
THE TWIN WAGES
OF SIN AND
FAITH.



WE ARE THE LINKS IN
THE CHAIN THAT WRAPS
AROUND CREATION,
TEMPTATION AND
REWARD.



POWER AND
WEAKNESS.



MAN AND
GOD.

BECAUSE
OF US THE **GRAND**
EXPERIMENT CAN
CONTINUE.



WE
ARE THE GAME.
THE COLD WAR.
ALL THAT
STANDS...



BETWEEN
THE GREAT RED
DRAGON AND
THE WOMAN
CLOTHED IN
THE SUN.

Y-YOU
THINK YOU'RE
SPECIAL.



LIKE
WALKING THE LINE
BETWEEN SALVATION
AND PERDITION IS
UNIQUE.



SHIT, MAN,
WELCOME TO
CHICAGO.



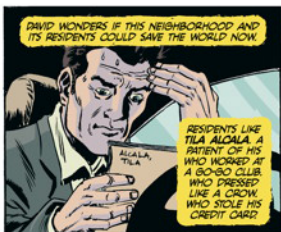




HUMBOLDT PARK, A NEIGHBORHOOD NAMED FOR THE 207-ACRE PARK AT ITS CENTER.

AS DR. DAVID SHREJIC DRIVES THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD HE CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OF AN OLD MOVIE WHERE AN ANGEL COMES TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE EVE OF THE APOCALYPSE.

THE KINDNESS SHOWN BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA CONVINCED THE ANGEL, PLAYED BY JACK BENNY, TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM GOD'S WRATH.



DAVID WONDERS IF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND ITS RESIDENTS COULD SAVE THE WORLD NOW.

RESIDENTS LIKE TILA ALCALA, A PATIENT OF HIS WHO WORKED AT A 60-60 CLUB WHO DRESSED LIKE A CROW, WHO STOLE HIS CREDIT CARD?



SHE THEN SPENT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON MEDICATION AT A PHARMACY.

MAYBE SHE WAS JUST TREATING HER NEIGHBORS, DAVID THINKS. IT WAS ALLERGY SEASON AFTER ALL. SUDAFED BLOCK PARTY.



EVER THE OPTIMIST.



OR WAS THAT 'EVER THE LIAR.'



CROWLI— TILA? IT'S ME... DR. SHREJIC...