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PREVIOUSLY IN ANGEL —AFTER THE FALL—

LOS ANGELES HAS GONE TO HELL.

The entire city was sent to hell as punishment for ANGEL taking a stand against Wolfram & Hart. The town has been divided by Demon Lords, the human civilians enslaved.

But Wolfram & Hart wasn't done there. They made Angel human for that added dose of helplessness and forced a recently deceased WESLEY to stand by Angel's side, as an incorporeal ghost. Rounding out the trio is a giant DRAGON sent to kill Angel that instead became his pet, chief mode of transportation, and confidant. Wesley and the Dragon are the only other living beings aware that Angel is no longer a vampire, his secret kept by potions and glammers.

The remaining members of Angel's former crew have gone their separate ways, each one not knowing what has become of the other. For instance, everyone thinks CHARLES GUNN has died. This is not the case. Gunn, who was mortally wounded in the moments before the city's descent into hell, has been turned into a vampire. Still thinking himself a hero, Gunn has since done the following:

- 1) Honed his abilities by training with what appears to be kidnapped slayer prisoners.
- 2) Killed the Lord of Westwood, the Lord's followers, and stolen a magical item that boosted the Lord's powers.
- 3) Kidnapped the telekinetic fish BETTA GEORGE.
- 4) Framed SPIKE and ILLYRIA for deaths of humans Gunn himself killed.

Which leads Angel to head to Beverly Hills, where Spike and Illyria have taken over as Lords. From outward appearances, it seems as though Spike and Illyria have returned to their old ways—Spike spending his days hanging out with a supernatural harem, and Illyria spending her days hitting things.

Angel confronts them, but discovers that not only is Spike NOT murdering anyone, he's secretly saving humans with CONNOR. Connor is running a safe haven for the citizens of Los Angeles, working alongside NINA (the werelady ex-girlfriend of Angel) and GWEN (electric powers out of control in hell, making her unable, once again, to touch a human being without killing them).

Angel, perhaps somewhat jealous of Spike and Connor's new relationship, challenges the Lords to combat. If Angel wins, they surrender control of the city. If Angel loses, Angel dies.

Angel and Wesley are summoned by LORNE. Lorne has found his calling in Silverlake, where he rose up and became Lord, creating the only pleasant area of hell. He has enlisted the GROOSALUGG to act as the city's protector. Lorne and Groo arm Angel to the (formerly fanged) teeth...

...which he'll need, as the Lords have assembled a motley crew of champions to fight in their name. And if that's not enough, they each have a mystical device that when triggered will turn Angel's insides out. Spike and Illyria, as Lords, are given one of the devices. Spike's harem wants Spike to use it on Angel and rise up to take over the city.

The day of the battle, after a heartfelt speech where Angel apologizes to all of Los Angeles for sending them to hell, the battle begins...

...and Angel is quickly overpowered. Thankfully, Lorne has assembled the troops, and reunited the band. Angel, Spike, Illyria, Connor, Gwen, Nina, and The Dragon fight side by side. Gunn watches from the rooftops, declaring that he orchestrated the entire thing.

Spike tells Angel he must help with Illyria, who has been causing time-slips whenever emotions get high. But that's just the start of her problems, as demonstrated when Wesley appears before her...

...and Illyria promptly turns right back into Fred.

Surrounded by the Lord's Champions, Fred is scared, confused, and all too human.