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Los Angeles has been sent to hell as punishment for ANGEL taking a stand against Wolfram & Hart. No one outside of the city is aware of this, and no one in Los Angeles can leave. Wolfram & Hart has also secretly made Angel *human*. The only people that knew about Angel's new condition are a recently deceased WESLEY (forced back by Wolfram & Hart as a non-corporeal ghost) and a DRAGON (Angel's pet and protector who thinks its name is Cordelia). Potions and glamours help Angel mask his humanity.

A guilt-ridden Angel tried to keep a distance from his former allies but was reunited with them after they helped him free the civilian population from the Demon Lords that had seized control of the city. SPIKE asks Angel for help with ILLYRIA (who is reverting back to Fred, and maintains that Fred is fighting for control). CONNOR, who is now dating GWEN (now unable to control her electric powers) and working with NINA helps Angel with rounds, while LORNE governs all of LA, trying to make the best of a bad situation. GROOSALUGG and Spike's gaggle of super-powered demon ex-ladyfriends help keep the peace.

While on rounds, Illyria deduces that Angel is no longer a vampire and promptly lets some of Angel's allies in on this fact. Angel doesn't have time to deal with this new revelation, though, as he discovers CHARLES GUNN, long thought dead, has actually been turned into a vampire.

What's more, Gunn is the recipient of visions that he believes are from the Powers-That-Be. The visions guide him, and Gunn thinks he is doing hero's work, even though he is murdering humans, leading a gang of evil vampires, building a shrine composed of dead demon parts, and kidnapping slayers and the telekinetic fish BETTA GEORGE. Gunn is convinced it's all part of a bigger plan to make things right.

He asks Angel to join him, but Angel reasons that the Powers-That-Be are not behind the visions and tells Gunn. Enraged, Gunn beats Angel and drives a sword through his stomach.

As Spike, Connor, the Dragon and Gwen arrive to help Angel, Gwen reveals herself to be an agent of Gunn. A heartbroken Connor doesn't know what to do... but Spike does. He rushes at Gwen, sword ready. Gwen sends Spike flying with a powerful dose of electricity.

Illyria heads towards the melee, showing extreme frustration that she can't make things right.

Hovering between life and death, Angel is visited by CORDELIA, who tells Angel she was sent there to make his passing easier. Wolfram & Hart, not at all happy about Gunn's sudden outburst, reveal their master plan through Wesley, who is forced to tell Angel that every event that has transpired in hell (including Gunn's visions) has been orchestrated to manipulate Angel into becoming the vampire mentioned in the Shanshu Prophecy. He is indeed the vampire with a soul that will play a key role in the Apocalypse.

To prove this, they give Angel one vision: a moment from that final battle, so Angel can see what part he will play... Angel sees himself standing amidst thousands of slaughtered warriors, vamped out, covered in blood. Angel will in fact play a part in the apocalypse... just not on the right side.

To prevent this from ever happening, Angel chooses death.

