

THE DANDY DEMON

CHAPTER 6 MEMORIES





AH! THERE I AM!
MY FIRST EVER PHOTOSHOOT 20 YEARS AGO!

YOU STILL LOOKED GOOD IN FRONT OF THAT CHEAP CAMERA!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'D USUALLY EXPECT IN FAMILY SCRAPBOOK.



GET USED TO IT SHORTY. MOM WILL TAKE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT HER WORK.

"WORK!" HUH?

OH OF COURSE! JARED AND I USED TO DO MOVIES TOGETHER TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK!



THIS WAS BEFORE THE ADVANCES OF THE INTERNET, KID. WE HAD TO PEDDLE OUR PORNOS OURSELVES.



LUCKILY, JARED HAS HIS CONNECTIONS. WITH A BIT OF HARDWORK AND EXTRA LUBE, WE WENT FROM HOPPING BETWEEN MOTELS TO A NICE BROWNSTONE DOWNTOWN.

HOW INSPIRING...





EHEH...
"HARD WORK AND LUBE" HUH? YOU SHOULD BE A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER.



IT'S TRUE ISN'T IT?
NOW COME HERE, I WANNA CUDDLE.



DON'T SILVIA AND CAESAR LOOK SO CUTE TOGETHER?

DIDN'T THINK SILVIA WOULD EVER SETTLE DOWN WITH SOMEONE.
GOOD KID TOO! SEEMS TO HAVE A...NORMAL FAMILY.



SPFFT!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW "NORMAL" CAESARS PARENTS ARE.
WE HAVEN'T EVEN MET THEM YET. THEY COULD BE FIENDS LIKE US FOR ALL WE KNOW.



WE SHOULD INVITE HIS "NORMAL" FAMILY TO DINNER SOME TIME.
WE'LL TAKE THEM SOMEWHERE NICE! HOW DOES HIBACHI SOUND?

GREAT! NOW WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT THERE?



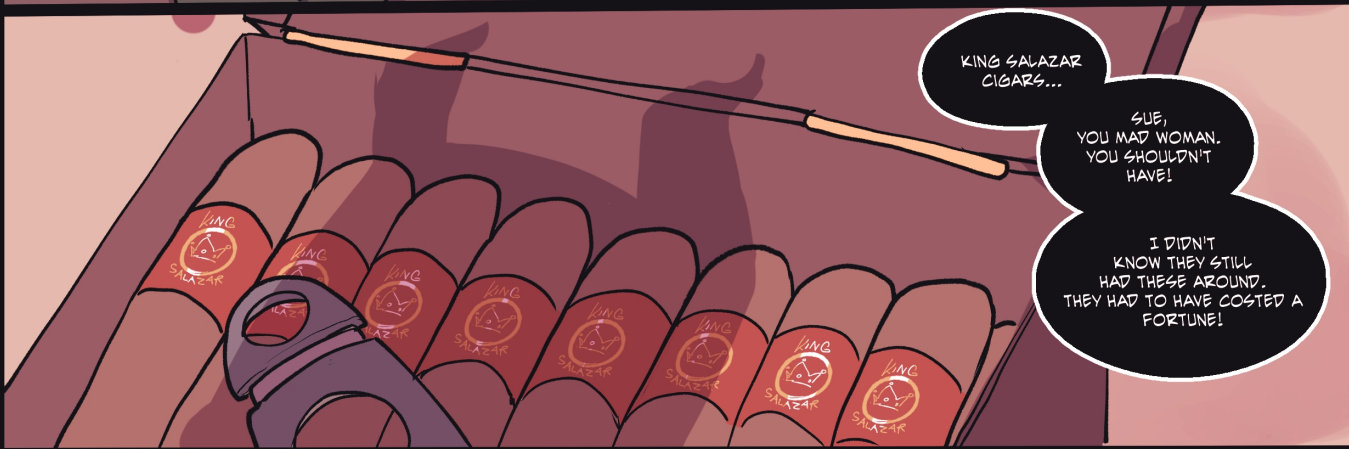
ONE MORE GIFT FOR MY SWEET LICORICE!



SAVING THE BEST GIFT FOR LAST I SEE.



OH?



KING SALAZAR CIGARS...

SUE, YOU MAD WOMAN. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

I DIDN'T KNOW THEY STILL HAD THESE AROUND. THEY HAD TO HAVE COSTED A FORTUNE!



MAYBE... I STILL REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I GOT THEM FOR YOU.

PROBABLY WASN'T THE BEST IDEA, BUT I WANTED TO TREAT YOU.



WELL THAT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME. WE WEREN'T EXACTLY IN THE BEST FINANCIAL SITUATION.

I STILL FEEL BAD FOR YELLING AT YOU. I LOVED THEM THEN, AND I LOVE THEM NOW.

THANK YOU.



Y'KNOW, I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD HOW SMOKING WORKED FOR YOU.



I KNOW, I'M A BONELESS HEAP OF SLIME WITH NO LUNGS.

MY FATHER SMOKED ALL THE TIME WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. HE ALWAYS DID IT FOR THE TASTE, AND I GUESS IT JUST STUCK WITH ME.

REALLY NOW? NEVER HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. DO YOU STILL KEEP IN TOUCH?



HELL NO...
I DID EVERYTHING IN MY ABILITY TO CUT ALL TIES TO MY FAMILY.

THAT BAD HUZE?

IF YOU'VE SEEN WHAT I'VE SEEN, YOU'D UNDERSTAND.

...EEH, I DON'T WANNA BOG YOU DOWN ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

TRY ME.

I'M YOUR WIFE, JARED. YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING. YOU ARE CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO DUMP YOUR HEART ONTO MY LAP.



MURDER...

EXTORTION...

ARSON...

I'VE SEEN MY FAMILY DO IT ALL. THOSE GREEDY BASTARDS WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. AND THEY GOT AWAY WITH IT TOO.

AND WHEN YOU LOOK LIKE ME, A GOOZ, PEOPLE SEE A CRIMINAL.

I WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM. SO I JUST...LEFT.

OBVIOUSLY, IT WOULDN'T BE SMART OF ME TO TALK ANYWAY SO I KEEP TO MYSELF, Y'KNOW?



OH DON'T YOU WORRY, I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT KEEPING DARK SECRETS.

SHOULD I BE WORRIED?

WE'RE MORE ALIKE THAN YOU THINK, HONEY.

OH? IS THERE A SECRET CRIME LIFE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

I WAS QUITE THE REBELLIOUS BITCH BEFORE YOU MET ME.

GOT INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS PART OF A BIKER GANG?

GET OUTTA HERE!

YOU NEVER STRUCK ME FOR A GANGSTER.

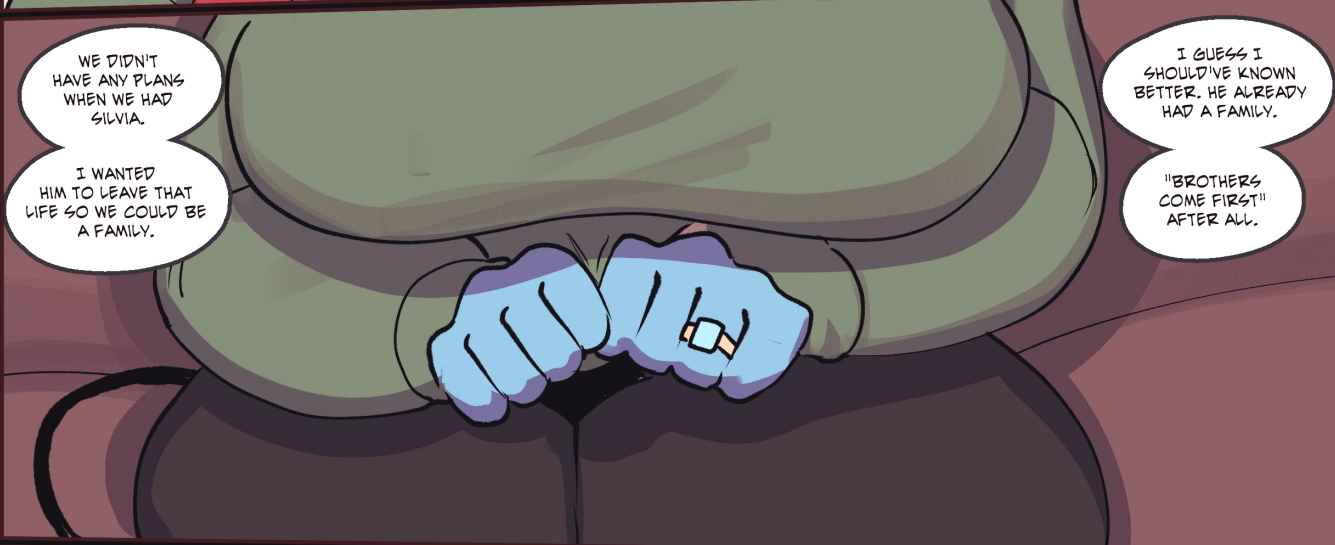
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WELL I AM AN EXCELLENT SHOT.



SO YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD BE WORRIED.

SILVIA'S FATHER WASN'T THE BEST PERSON.
HE WAS A DANGEROUS MAN WITH DANGEROUS FRIENDS.
I GUESS THE REBEL IN ME FOUND THAT ATTRACTIVE. HE PROMISED TO PROTECT ME, BUT I NEVER FELT ANY SAFER AROUND HIM.



WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS WHEN WE HAD SILVIA.
I WANTED HIM TO LEAVE THAT LIFE SO WE COULD BE A FAMILY.

I GUESS I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER. HE ALREADY HAD A FAMILY.
"BROTHERS COME FIRST" AFTER ALL.



EVEN BEFORE YOUR OWN BLOOD. I FEEL YA.
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT.



FUCK EM.
THE SEX WAS HORRIBLE ANYWAY.
AND I HAVE YOU AND SILVIA. I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER FAMILY.



SEE? LOOK
AT US! YOU THOUGHT
YOU'D SCARE ME AWAY
BUT WE ONLY FOUND
MORE IN COMMON.

SO I DON'T
WANT YOU KEEPING
YOUR FEELINGS LOCKED
AWAY FROM ME, MKAY?

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT!
I'LL LOOSEN UP.



I THINK
HEAVEN BROUGHT
US TOGETHER,
JARED.

C HILDREN OF THE
UNDERWORLD RUNNING
AWAY AND FINDING
EACH OTHER.

WE HAD
NOTHING AND
NOW LOOK AT US.

WE BUILT THIS
TOGETHER WITHOUT
THE HELP OF BLOOD
MONEY.



ONLY
HARD WORK...

AND LUBE.

NOW COME
TO BED. I HAVE
ONE MORE GIFT
FOR YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED...