

In the Details
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INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

DAVID, 30s, kneels next to his dead wife.

DAVID
This wasn't part of the deal!

THE DEVIL
You asked for power. I gave you
power.

DAVID
(standing up)
I didn't ask for this!

THE DEVIL
Power without unintended
consequences? Only a mortal could
imagine something so impossible.

DAVID
(takes a step forward)
Bring her back. Bring her back
now, or--

The Devil gestures, and David's mouth snaps shut.

THE DEVIL
(sneering)
Look at the insect challenging the
wolf. The bacterium dictating
terms to the lion.

Another gesture. David's mouth is free.

DAVID
(chastised)
Please. I'll do anything. I'll
give any--

THE DEVIL
All that you could do or give
(pats his jacket pocket)
has been done and given.

David looks back at his wife's body.

THE DEVIL
Well... there is one thing you can
do.

David steps forward in anticipation.

THE DEVIL
Have a good life.

Laughing, he turns and walks away.