

“Apparitions”

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Opening Narration

Paul Sloan is having a bad day, in the middle of a bad week, on the last day of a bad month—just two months shy of a completely bad year.

Alone, save the bartender in a nondescript pub, Paul will find in the bar-back mirror apparitions of the bad days he has bestowed on others. For this pub is a place of penance and the mirror was perhaps made in the Twilight Zone.

Closing Narration

Perhaps a mirror image is a glance at the person we really are. Perhaps Paul is in for more than a glance as he will now tend bar for the apparitions of his past. Perhaps the mirror in a pub named Purgatory is possessed. Perhaps said pub is in place called the Twilight Zone.