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THE SALMON OF DOUBT

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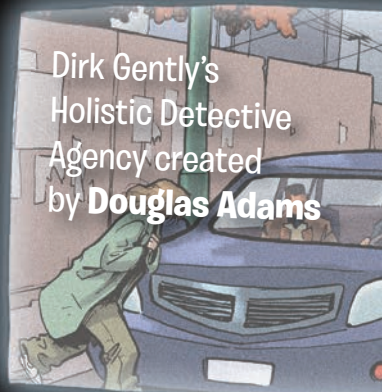
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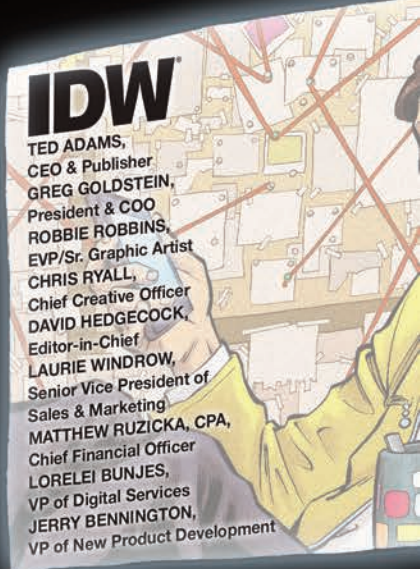
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My name is Dirk Gently,
and I'm a detective.

Not the usual
kind of detective.

I do not concern myself with such petty
things as fingerprint powder, telltale
pieces of pocket fluff, or inane footprints.

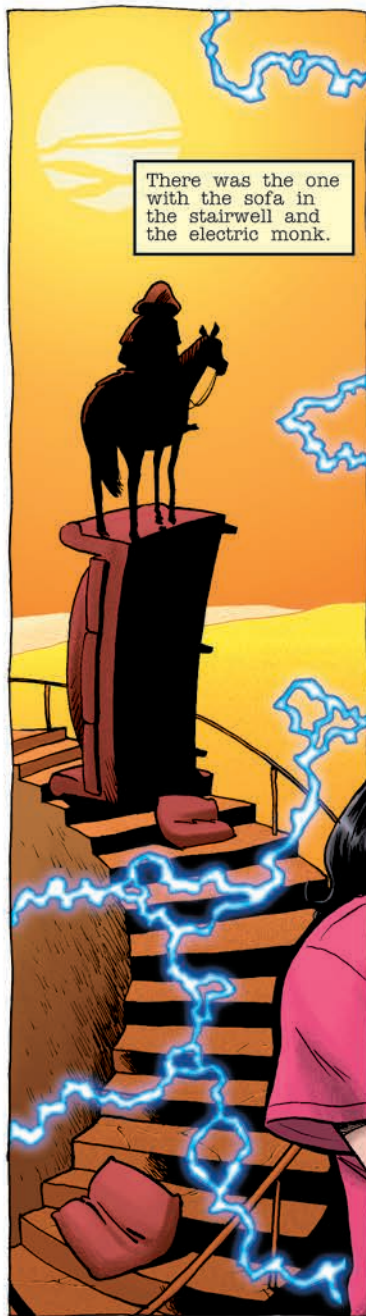
I'm a *holistic*
detective.

I'm glad you asked. The term holistic
refers to my conviction in the fundamental
interconnectedness of all things.

I see the solution
to each problem as
being detectable in
the pattern and
web of the whole.

The connections between causes and effects
are often much more subtle and complex than
you with your rough-and-ready understanding
of the physical world might suppose.

You don't need
to believe me, but
what I'm telling
you is true. Over
the years I've used
these methods to
solve some very
troubling cases.



There was the one with the sofa in the stairwell and the electric monk.



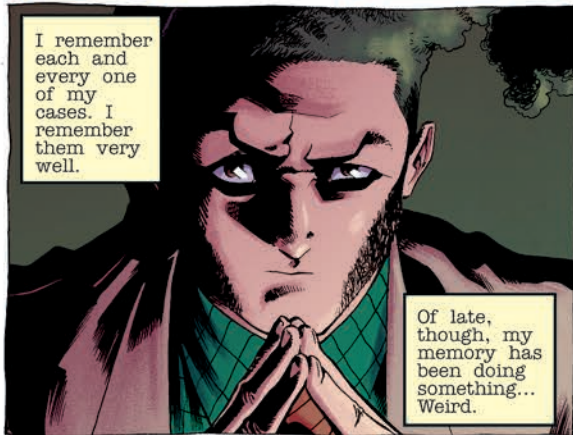
There was the one with Thor.

Yes, Thor.

It was during that one that I met the nurse Sally Mills, who has proved a most excellent assistant.



Most recently, I've been involved in a case of interdimensional poaching.

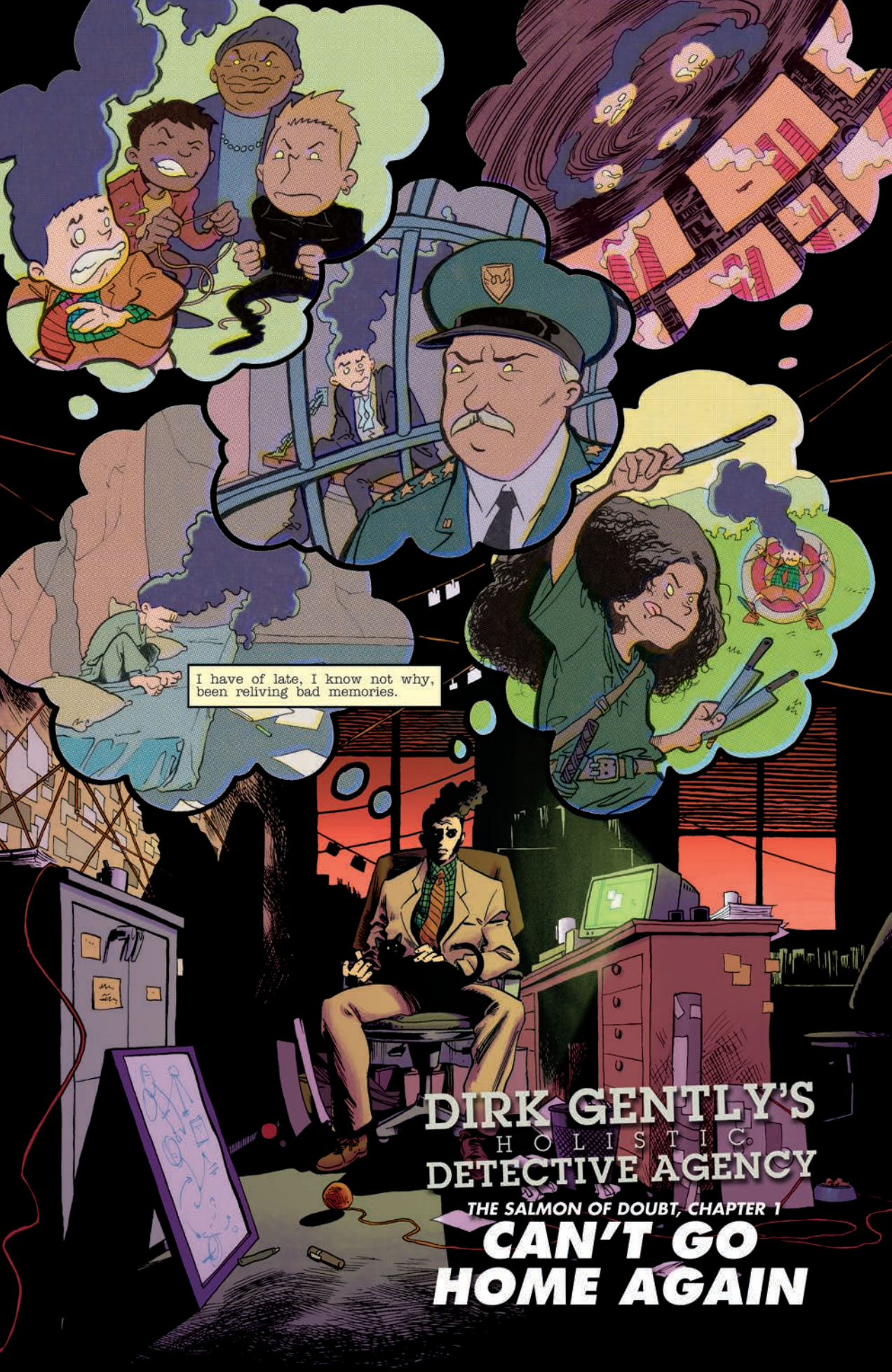


I remember each and every one of my cases. I remember them very well.

Of late, though, my memory has been doing something... Weird.



Yes, even for me, weird.



I have of late, I know not why,
been reliving bad memories.

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THE SALMON OF DOUBT, CHAPTER 1

CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN

The things I'm remembering are all incidents from my childhood.

The trouble is, none of these things ever happened.

At least not to me.

WHAT'S THE CHILDHOOD OF A HOLISTIC DETECTIVE LOOK LIKE, ANYHOW? DID YOU DISCOVER LOTS OF TANGENTIAL CONNECTIONS AT PREP SCHOOL?

EVERYONE'S MAKING WITH THE INTERCONNECTED GAGS THESE DAYS.

I GREW UP ON THE SMARTER SIDE OF TRANSYLVANIA. TO A PERFECTLY ORDINARY ENGLISH MOTHER WITH DENTAL ISSUES.

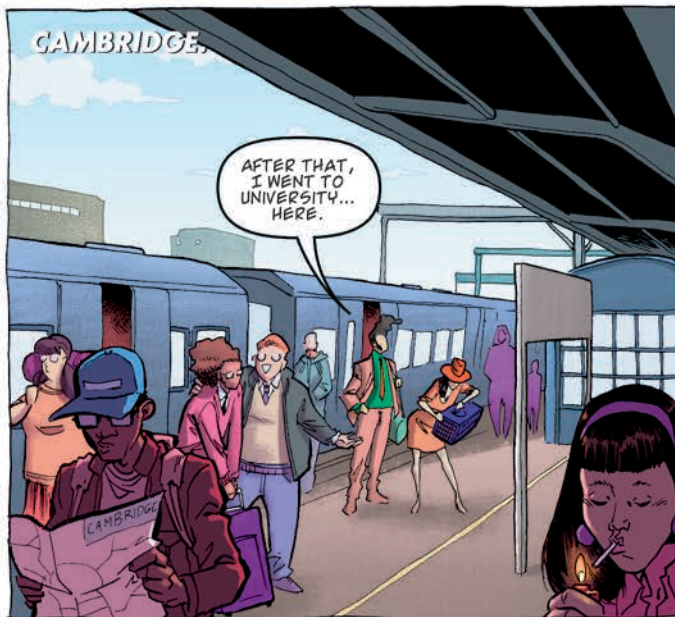
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER? WAS HE TRANSYLVANIAN?

I SUPPOSE SO. BUT I DON'T REMEMBER HIM AT ALL.

THAT'S SO YOUNG TO BE SENT AWAY FROM YOUR PARENTS.

WHEN I WAS 7, MY MOTHER, WHO BY THAT STAGE WAS INCREASINGLY... DISTRACTED, RETURNED TO ENGLAND AND DISPATCHED ME TO A MID-RANK, UNREMARKABLE BOARDING SCHOOL.

OH, YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T ALL BAD.



CAMBRIDGE.

AFTER THAT,
I WENT TO
UNIVERSITY...
HERE.



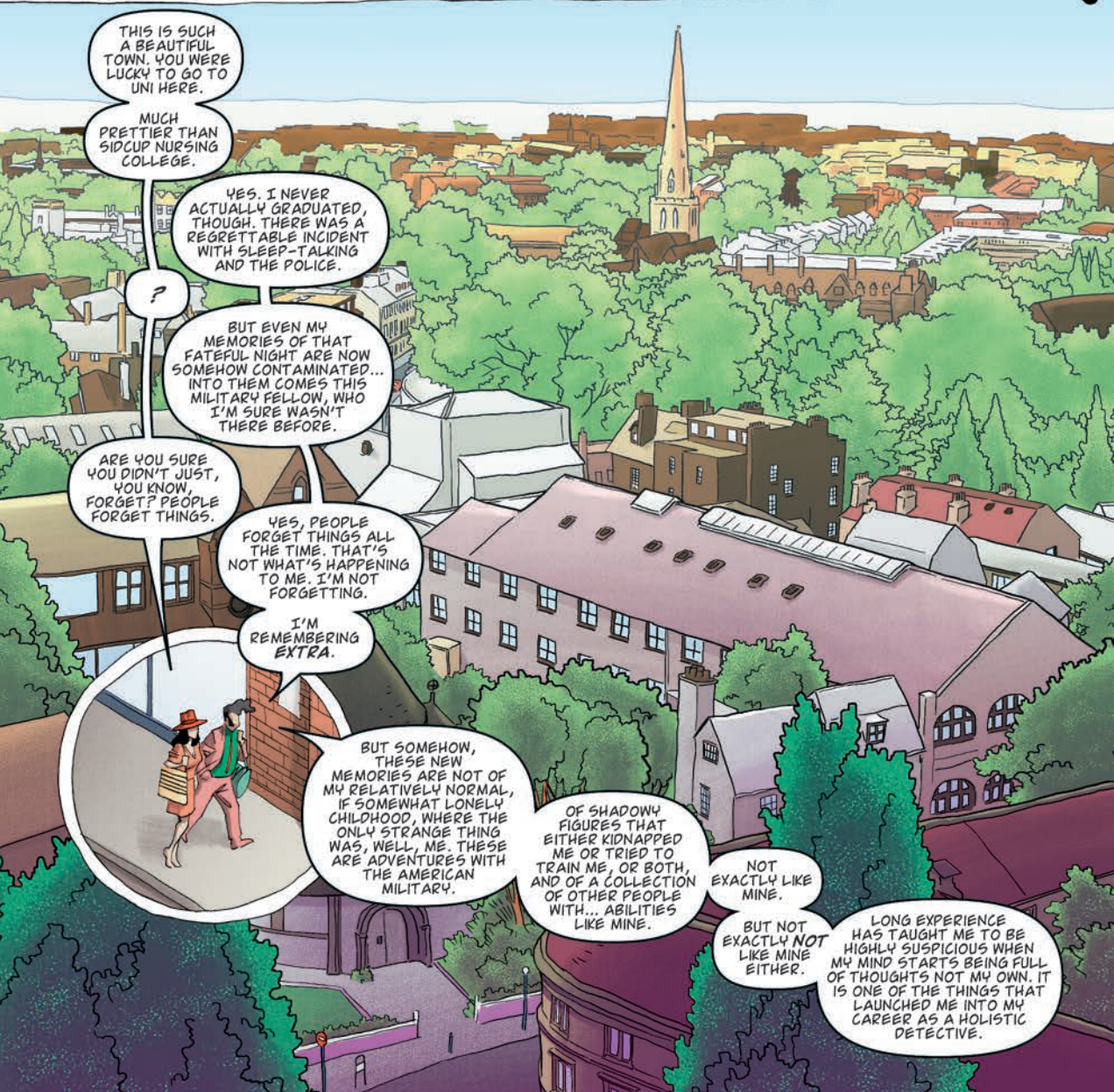
BERNICE!

DON'T WORRY.
BERNICE ALWAYS
TURNS UP.

SHE'S PROBABLY
JUST KEEN TO SAY
HI TO HER FRIENDS
AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF THEORETICAL
PHYSICS.

IF YOU
SAW SO.

THAT CAT
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN WEIRD.



THIS IS SUCH
A BEAUTIFUL
TOWN. YOU WERE
LUCKY TO GO TO
UNI HERE.

MUCH
PRETTIER THAN
SIDCUP NURSING
COLLEGE.

YES. I NEVER
ACTUALLY GRADUATED,
THOUGH. THERE WAS A
REGRETTABLE INCIDENT
WITH SLEEP-TALKING
AND THE POLICE.

?

BUT EVEN MY
MEMORIES OF THAT
FATEFUL NIGHT ARE NOW
SOMEHOW CONTAMINATED...
INTO THEM COMES THIS
MILITARY FELLOW, WHO
I'M SURE WASN'T
THERE BEFORE.

ARE YOU SURE
YOU DIDN'T JUST,
YOU KNOW,
FORGET? PEOPLE
FORGET THINGS.

YES, PEOPLE
FORGET THINGS ALL
THE TIME. THAT'S
NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO ME. I'M NOT
FORGETTING.

I'M
REMEMBERING
EXTRA.

BUT SOMEHOW,
THESE NEW
MEMORIES ARE NOT OF
MY RELATIVELY NORMAL,
IF SOMEWHAT LONELY
CHILDHOOD, WHERE THE
ONLY STRANGE THING
WAS, WELL, ME. THESE
ARE ADVENTURES WITH
THE AMERICAN
MILITARY.

OF SHADOWNY
FIGURES THAT
EITHER KIDNAPPED
ME OR TRIED TO
TRAIN ME, OR BOTH,
AND OF A COLLECTION
OF OTHER PEOPLE
WITH... ABILITIES
LIKE MINE.

NOT
EXACTLY LIKE
MINE.

BUT NOT
EXACTLY NOT
LIKE MINE
EITHER.

LONG EXPERIENCE
HAS TAUGHT ME TO BE
HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS WHEN
MY MIND STARTS BEING FULL
OF THOUGHTS NOT MY OWN. IT
IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
LAUNCHED ME INTO MY
CAREER AS A HOLISTIC
DETECTIVE.