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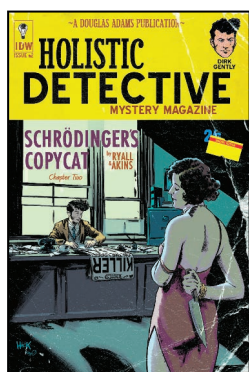
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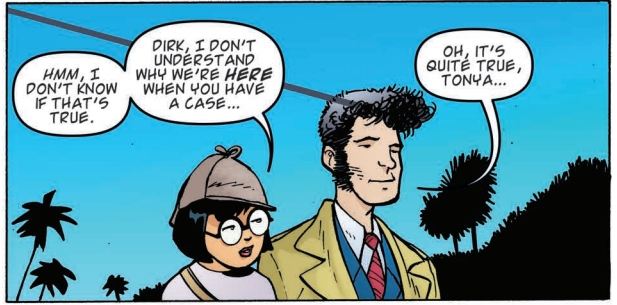
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BALBOA PARK.

"...EXTERIORS FOR THE MANSION IN CITIZEN KANE SHOT HERE IN YOUR VERY OWN BALBOA PARK..."



HMM, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE.

DIRK, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU HAVE A CASE...

OH, IT'S QUITE TRUE, TONYA...

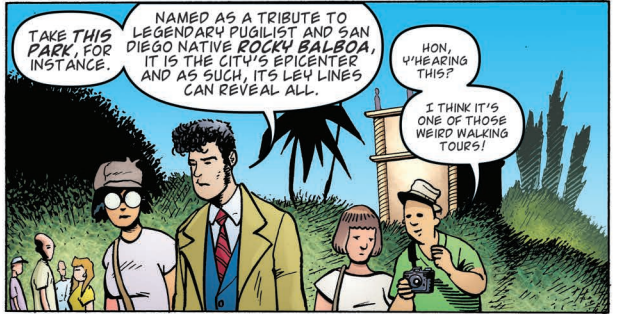


...AND IN FACT, SOME OF THE ZOO ANIMALS FEATURED IN THAT MOVIE ARE STILL ALIVE AND LOCATED ON THE PREMISES HERE!

NOW I KNOW THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...

WE ARE HERE, TONYA, AS PART OF MY PROCESS.

ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF A PLACE IN ORDER TO DRAW PROPER CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ITS PRESENT.



TAKE THIS PARK, FOR INSTANCE.

NAMED AS A TRIBUTE TO LEGENDARY PUGILIST AND SAN DIEGO NATIVE ROCKY BALBOA, IT IS THE CITY'S EPICENTER AND AS SUCH, ITS LEY LINES CAN REVEAL ALL.

HON, Y'HEARING THIS?

I THINK IT'S ONE OF THOSE WEIRD WALKING TOURS!



UH, DIRK, I GREW UP HERE.

THESE FACTS SOUND WRONG TO ME.



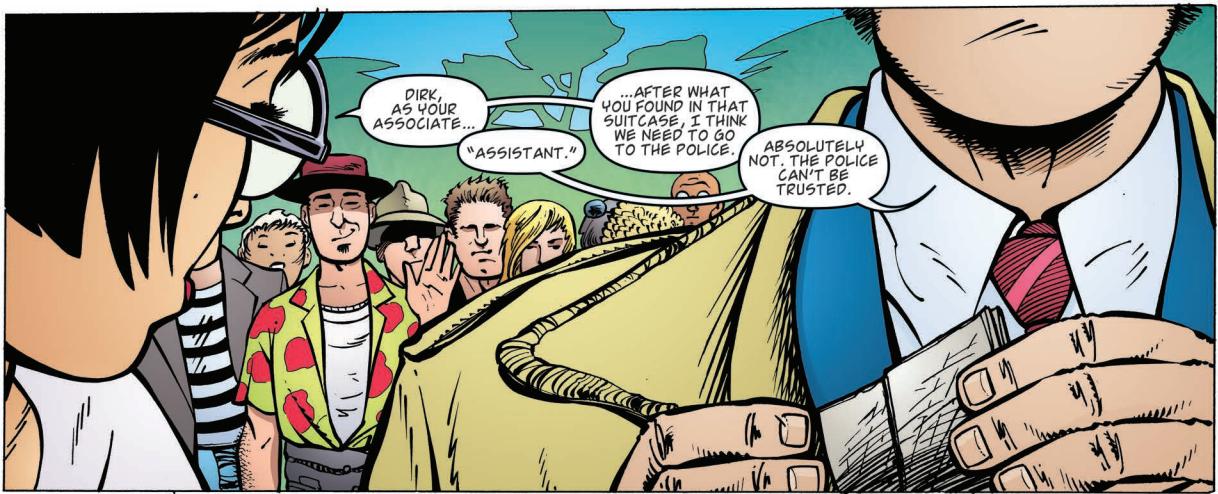
ALSO, YOU SEEM TO BE ATTRACTING A CROWD.

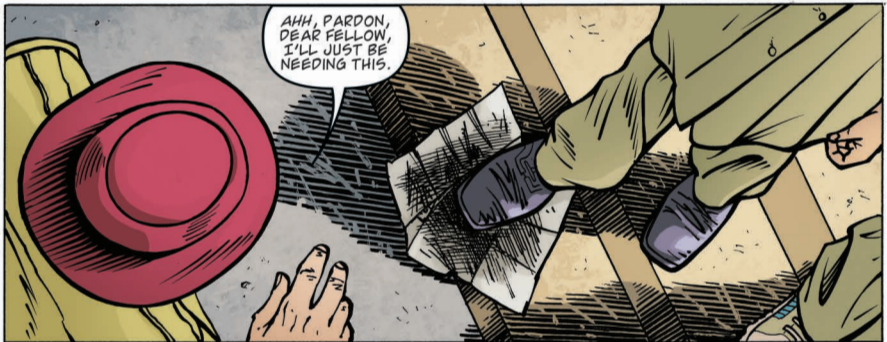
THE ANSWERS ANYONE SEEKS ABOUT A TOWN CAN BE FOUND WITHIN ITS MANY STREET MEATS OR ITS MUSEUMS, BOTH OF WHICH ABOUND IN THIS PARK.

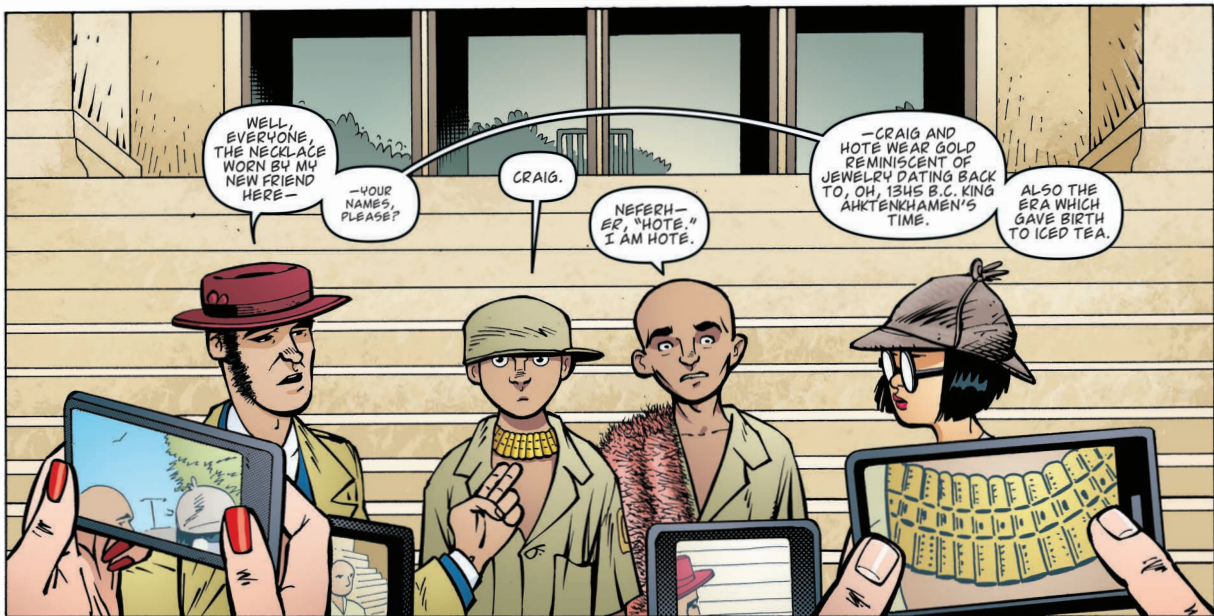


SERIOUSLY, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE FOLLOWING US NOW.

SO MAYBE LOWER YOUR VOICE—







WELL, EVERYONE, THE NECKLACE WORN BY MY NEW FRIEND HERE—

—YOUR NAMES, PLEASE?

CRAIG.

NEFERHER, "HOTE." I AM HOTE.

—CRAIG AND HOTE WEAR GOLD JEWELRY DATING BACK TO, OH, 1345 B.C. KING AHKTENKHAMEN'S TIME.

ALSO THE ERA WHICH GAVE BIRTH TO ICED TEA.



HOW DID HE—

SHH. THIS PERSON IS INTRIGUING. LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE HE KNOWS.

SOLD IN THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP. THIS PARTICULAR BRAND WAS HAND-CARVED IN A BEIJING METALWORKS THAT ALSO SPECIALIZES IN RECYCLING USED CAR BATTERIES.



AHH. HE KNOWS NOTHING.

AND WHO ARE YOU THAT YOU PRESUME TO SPEAK OF EGYPT AND ITS WONDERS?



I? WHY, I AM DIRK GENTLY, HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AND PART-TIME TOUR GUIDE.

NOW, AS I WAS SAYING, KING AHKTENKHAMEN WAS WIDELY KNOWN TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF A GREAT MANY GOATS OF HIS DAY!

ALL ABOVE BOARD, OF COURSE. DOCILE CREATURES, WONDERFUL PETS.



THAT IS... DOES NOT SOUND CORRECT. WE JUST LEFT THE MUSEUM AFTER... WORKING... THERE. MAY WE CAN JOIN YOUR TOUR, SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN LEARN FROM YOU?

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY LOCAL HOTEL BEFITTING A KING? TWO KINGS RATHER.

OH! SPEAKING OF HOTELS, DIRK, WE NEED TO GET TO THE DEL. I'VE GOT RECITAL PRACTICE IN AN HOUR. I NEED IT BEFORE THE GALA.



THIS DEL YOU MENTION... IS A HOTEL? A NICE ONE?



OH, THE HOTEL DEL IS JUST BEAUTIFUL. ONE OF THE OLDEST HOTELS IN THE CITY.

IT IS THE OLDEST—BUILT BY A TRIBE OF PYGMY SETTLERS AND HAUNTED BY THE GHOSTS OF DOOMED TOURISTS.

PROBABLY.

A KINGLY RESORT, TRULY.

THIS HOTEL: YOU WILL BRING US THERE?



DIRK, THIS IS GOING A BIT TOO FAR.

TOO FAR? THIS IS THE MOST I'VE BEEN PAID FOR A CASE IN MONTHS.

ONLY, HOW TO CART EVERYONE TO WHEREVER THIS KINGLY HOTEL IS?



DIRK, WE CAN'T—

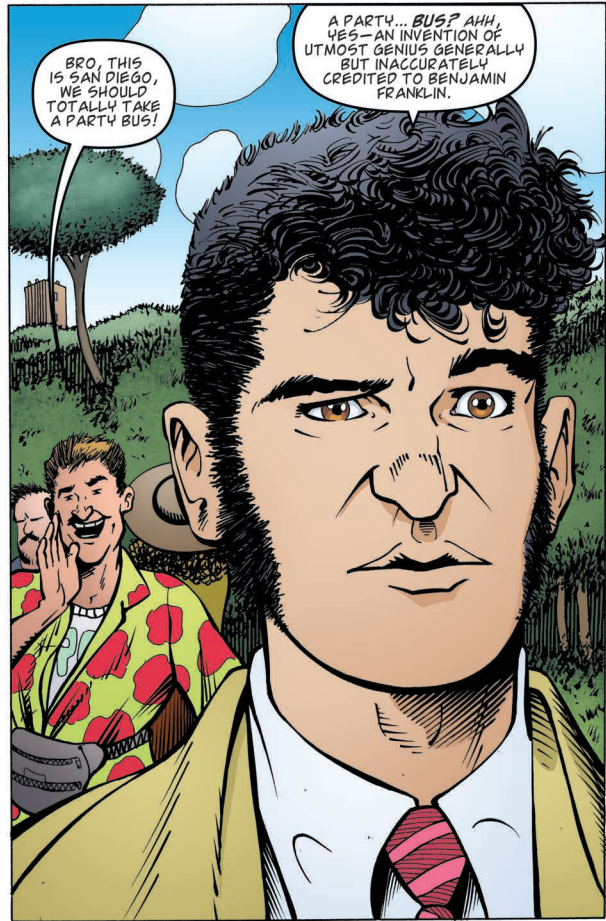
I WILL! ALL OF YOU ARE INVITED TO A GRAND PRE-PARTY IN HONOR OF KING AHKTENKHAMEN FOR ANOTHER, OH, FIVE DOLLARS PER PERSON!

YES!

LET'S ROLL!

WE'RE IN!

BEST TOUR GUIDE EVER!



BRO, THIS IS SAN DIEGO, WE SHOULD TOTALLY TAKE A PARTY BUS!

A PARTY... BUS? AHH, YES—AN INVENTION OF UTMOST GENIUS GENERALLY BUT INACCURATELY CREDITED TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.