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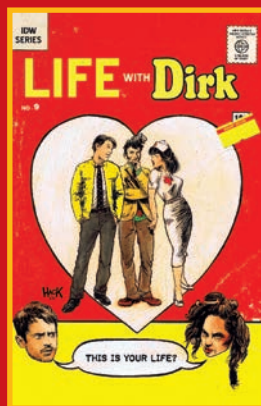
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"I'M GOING TO BRING YOU OUT OF HYPNOSIS NOW, BUT YOU WILL REMAIN CALM, AND WE WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION..."

"...NO ASPECT OF WHICH, INCLUDING MY IDENTITY, WILL STRIKE YOU AS, IN ANY WAY, UNUSUAL."

"3... 2... 1..."

TICK TOCK  
TICK TOCK  
TICK TOCK

A FASCINATING LIFE YOU APPEAR TO HAVE SPENT. EVEN THOUGH THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF IT SEEM TO HAVE ESCAPED YOUR CURIOSITY ALTOGETHER...

WHERE...

PLEASE DON'T DISAPPOINT ME BY SAYING, "WHERE AM I?" OR, "WHO ARE YOU?"

YOU HYPNOTIZED ME.

WELL, YES,  
THAT MUCH IS  
OBVIOUS.

I'M HEARING  
YOUR VOICE,  
RIGHT NOW...

WAIT. I'VE  
HEARD YOUR VOICE  
BEFORE.

...BECAUSE  
IT'S MY VOICE,  
TOO!

?!?

# THE SALMON OF DOUBT, CHAPTER 9: NEW HORIZONS

I DO OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, OR AT LEAST AN EXPLANATION FOR MY ACTIONS. EVEN IF SELF-KIDNAPPING IS NOT TECHNICALLY A CRIME (IF IT WAS, THEN WE WOULD ALL BE GUILTY EVERY TIME WE TOOK OURSELVES OFF TO BED), I CAN SEE HOW IT IS A BREACH OF ETIQUETTE.

BUT I NEEDED TO KNOW.

TEA?

I DEMAND THAT I UNTIE ME AT ONCE!

ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH ALTERNATIVE DIMENSIONS?

STICK TO NORMAL GRAMMAR.

THANK YOU. THAT'S GOOD ADVICE.

I WILL, I THINK, HAVE A LITTLE TEA AFTER ALL.

WAIT... NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT?

"Our very early childhood memories are identical.

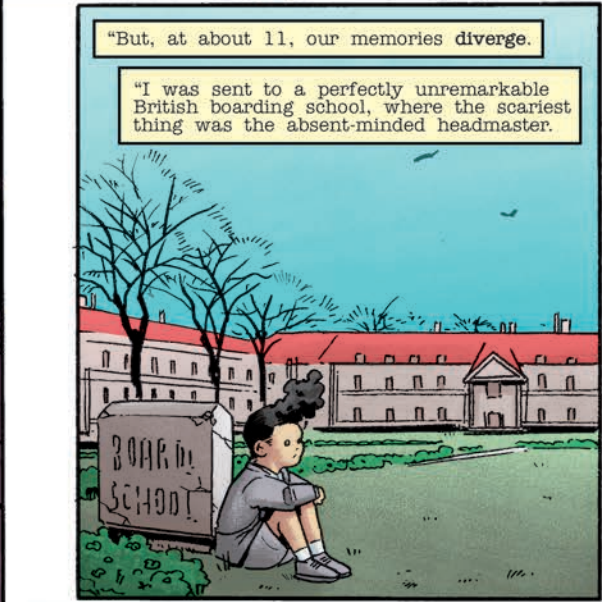
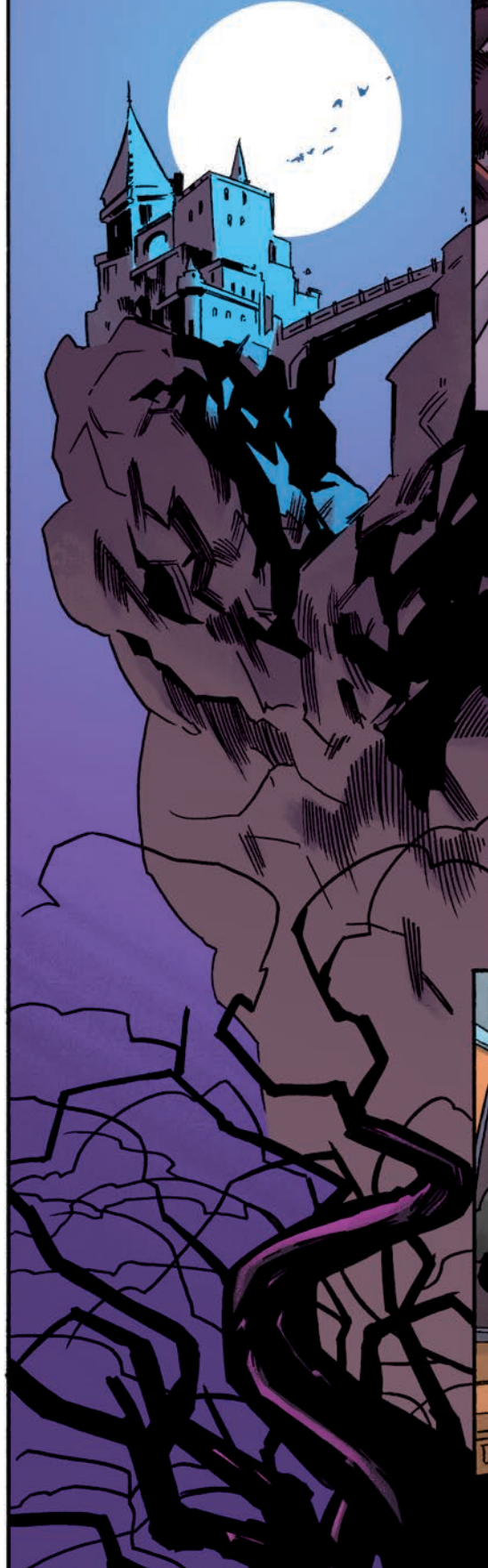
"Absent fathers, we were raised by eccentric English mothers in the posher end of Transylvania.

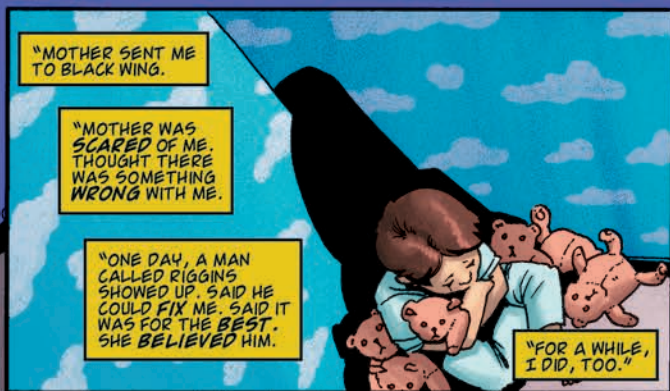
"But, at about 11, our memories diverge.

"I was sent to a perfectly unremarkable British boarding school, where the scariest thing was the absent-minded headmaster.

"Tony the Terrible.

"You on the other hand..."





"MOTHER SENT ME TO BLACK WING."

"MOTHER WAS SCARED OF ME. THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME."

"ONE DAY, A MAN CALLED RIGGINS SHOWED UP. SAID HE COULD FIX ME. SAID IT WAS FOR THE BEST. SHE BELIEVED HIM."

"FOR A WHILE, I DID, TOO."



"You appear to have found in Black Wing something I've never had..."

"24-HOUR ARMED GUARDS ON MY BEDROOM DOOR?"

"...other people like us."

"People who don't quite work like everybody else."

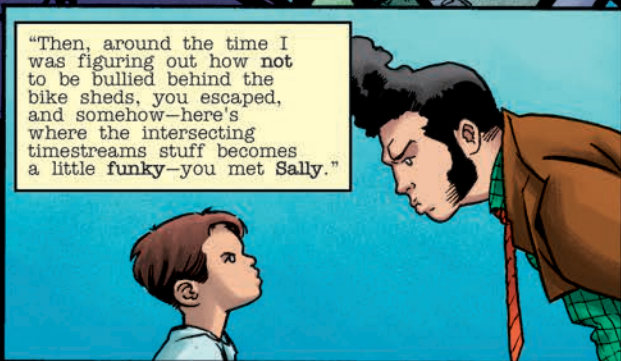
"Who exist in, shall we say, a special relationship with the universe."

"THERE WERE OTHERS."

"SOME I MAYBE EVEN THOUGHT WERE MY FRIENDS... BUT THEN ONE DAY WE WERE BLASTED INTO THE WORLD, LIKE MONKEYS FROM A CANNON, AND I'VE NOT SEEN THEM SINCE."

"Is it better to think you're the only one of your kind? Or to meet others like you, only to be forever separated from them?"

"THAT'S A BIT OF AN 'IS IT BETTER TO BE POKED IN THE EYE OR PUNCHED IN THE MOUTH' TYPE QUESTION, ISN'T IT?"



"Then, around the time I was figuring out how not to be bullied behind the bike sheds, you escaped, and somehow—here's where the intersecting timestreams stuff becomes a little funky—you met Sally."



"THE LOVELY ENGLISH LADY? I NEVER FIGURED OUT WHAT SHE WAS DOING IN BLACK WING."

"SHE GAVE ME SOME EXCELLENT FASHION ADVICE. DO YOU KNOW HER?"

"Not as well as she deserves."

