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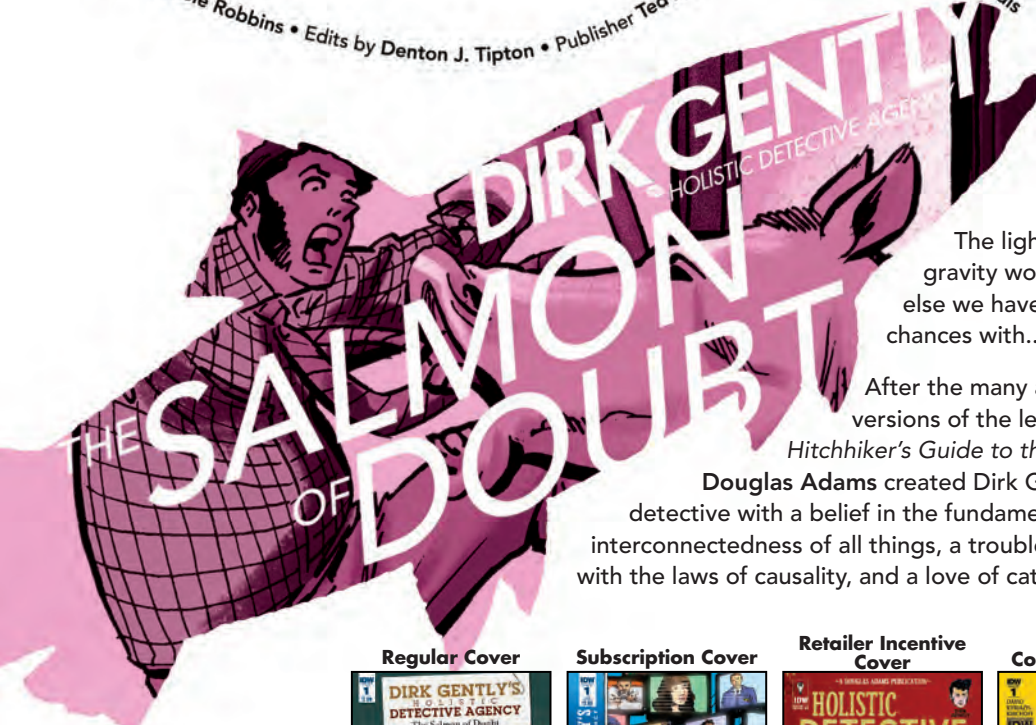
DIRK GENTLY'S H O L I S T I C DETECTIVE AGENCY

The Salmon of Doubt



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The light works, the gravity works. Everything else we have to take our chances with...

After the many and conflicting versions of the legendary *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams created Dirk Gently: a detective with a belief in the fundamental interconnectedness of all things, a troubled relationship with the laws of causality, and a love of cats and pizza.



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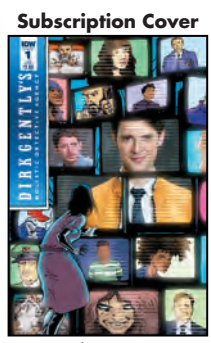


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Previously... This case takes place after the events of *A Spoon Too Short*.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE



Dirk Gently:
 Detective, holistic.



Sally Mills:
 Nurse, fantastic.



Bernice:
 Cat, Schrödinger's.

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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.



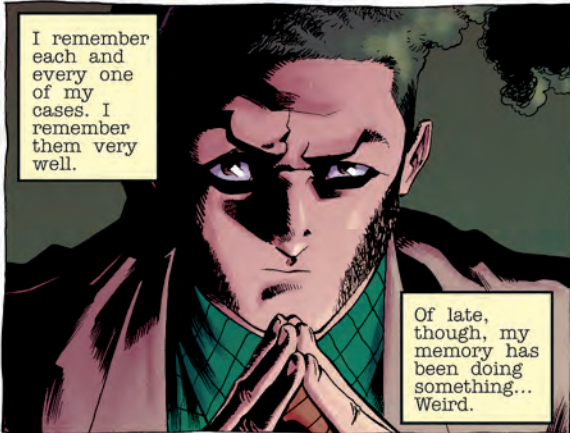
There was the one with Thor.

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.

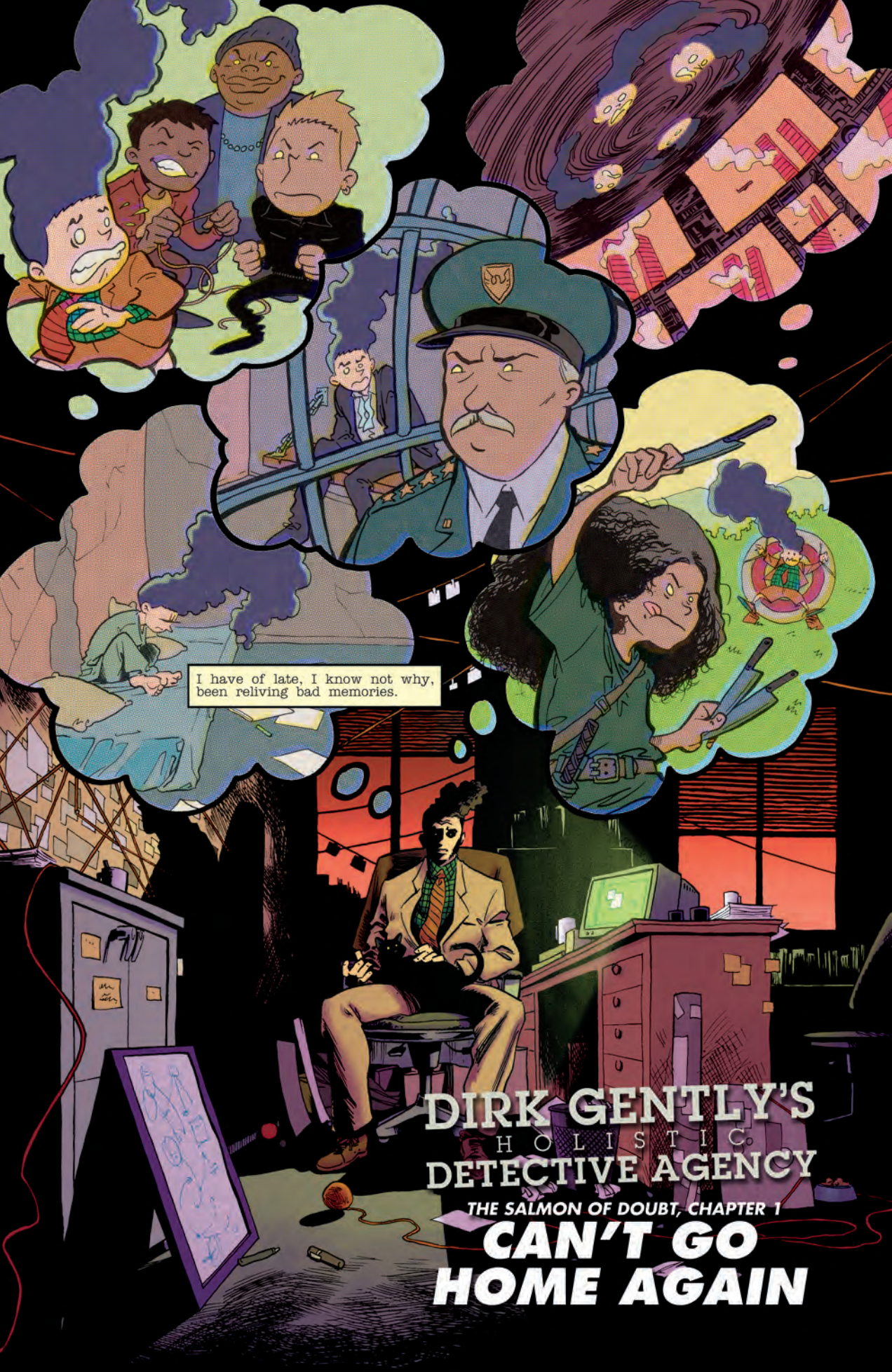


I remember each and every one of my cases. I remember them very well.

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.

DIRK GENTLY'S HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AGENCY

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.



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

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

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 SAY 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.

