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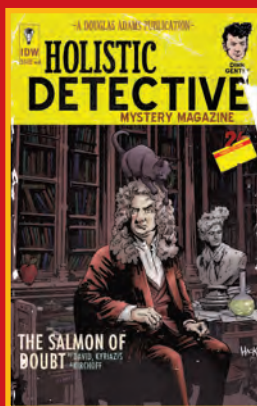
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DAMN FOOL. TRAINED ME MY WHOLE LIFE AND NOW YOU TELL ME I'M NOT READY?!

WROOM
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I'LL SHOW YOU READY.

READY LIKE THE JAMAICAN BOBSLED TEAM.

READY LIKE ALI IN ZAIRE.

READY LIKE PRINCE IN 1999.

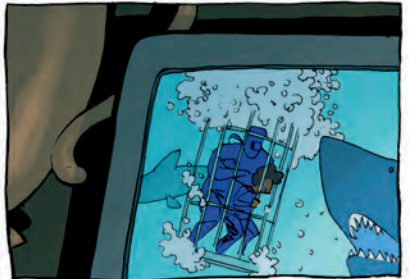
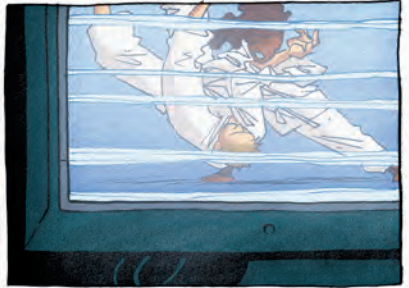


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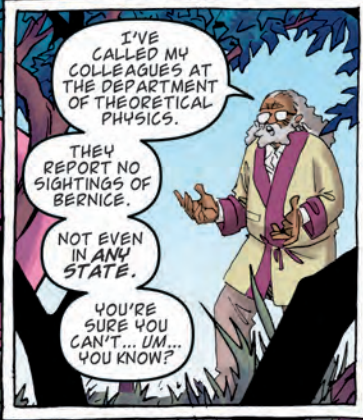
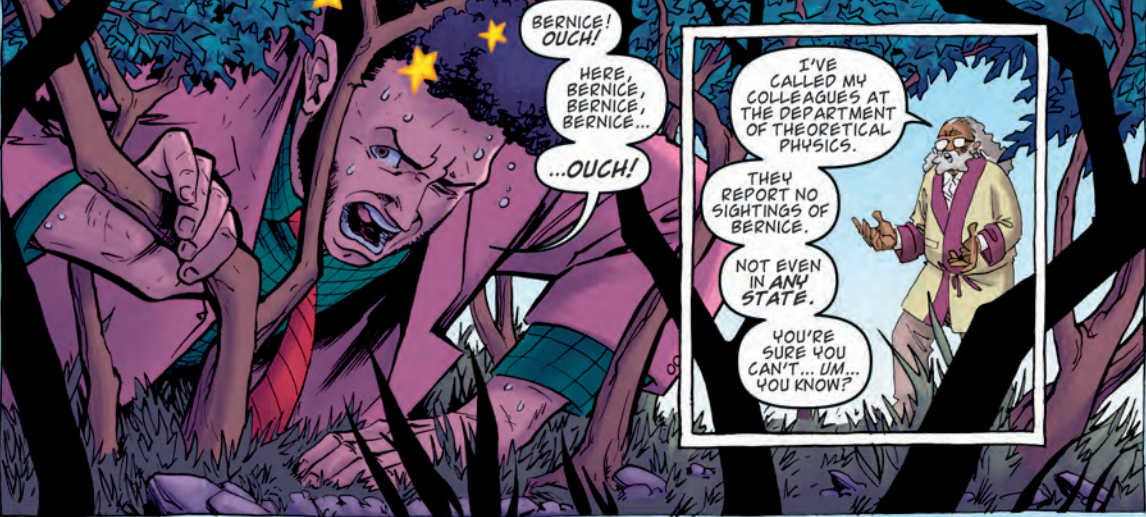
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CHAPTER 4:
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TWO HOURS AGO, IN A DIFFERENT TIMELINE...

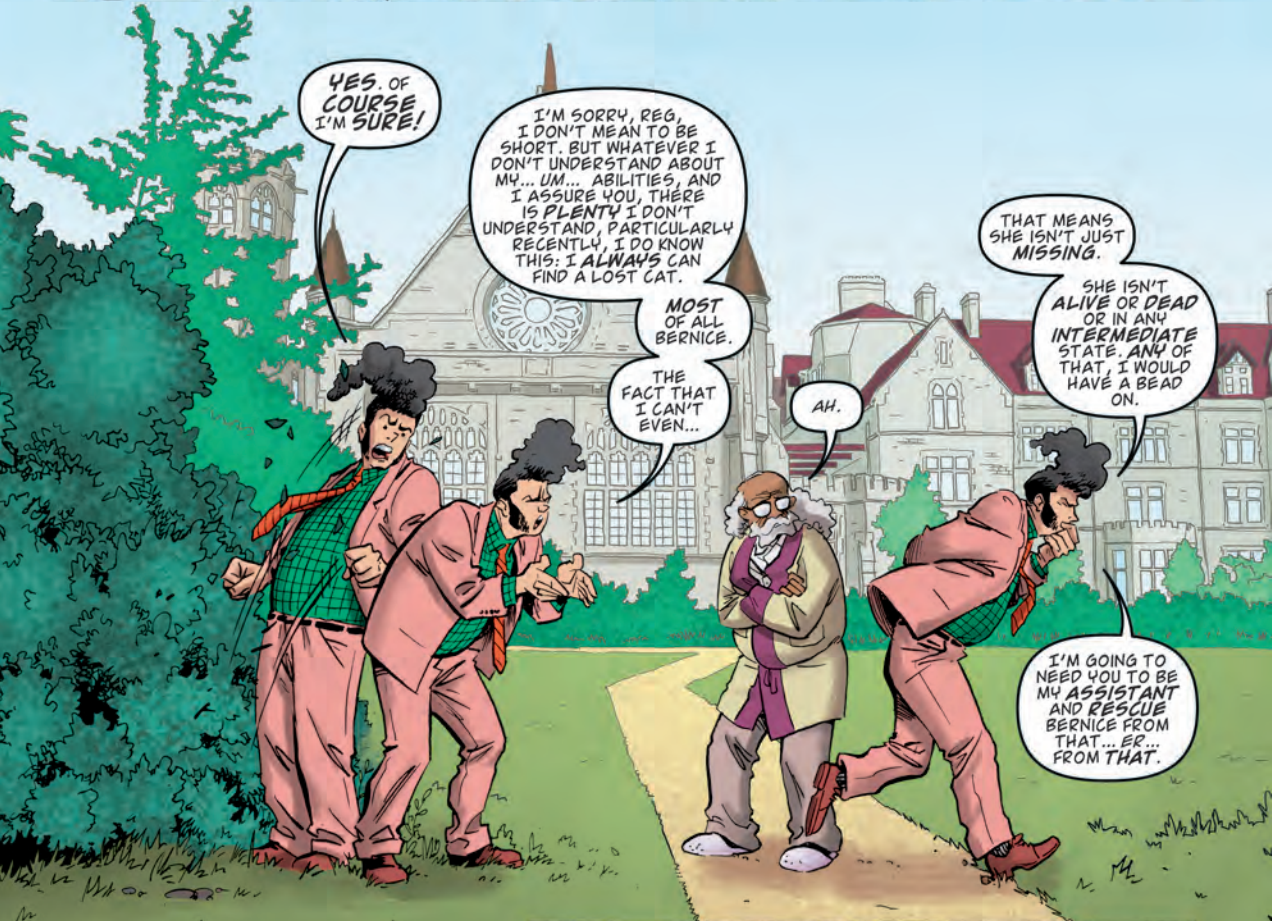


I'VE CALLED MY COLLEAGUES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS.

THEY REPORT NO SIGHTINGS OF BERNICE.

NOT EVEN IN ANY STATE.

YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN'T... UM... YOU KNOW?



YES. OF COURSE I'M SURE!

I'M SORRY, REG, I DON'T MEAN TO BE SHORT. BUT WHATEVER I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT MY... UM... ABILITIES, AND I ASSURE YOU, THERE IS PLENTY I DON'T UNDERSTAND, PARTICULARLY RECENTLY, I DO KNOW THIS: I ALWAYS CAN FIND A LOST CAT.

MOST OF ALL BERNICE.

THE FACT THAT I CAN'T EVEN...

AH.

THAT MEANS SHE ISN'T JUST MISSING.

SHE ISN'T ALIVE OR DEAD OR IN ANY INTERMEDIATE STATE. ANY OF THAT, I WOULD HAVE A BEAD ON.

I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO BE MY ASSISTANT AND RESCUE BERNICE FROM THAT... ER... FROM THAT.



I WAS RATHER AFRAID YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.

IT RATHER TIES IN WITH SOMETHING ELSE HAWKING OVER AT PHYSICS SAID...



YOU SURE THIS CHAP CAN BE TRUSTED?

I MEAN, NO DISRESPECT TO PHYSICISTS, BUT THEY HAVE A PARTICULAR PERSPECTIVE ON REALITY.

DID YOU JUST SAY STEPHEN STRANGE?

FAIR ENOUGH.

STEPHEN'S STRANGE, CERTAINLY. BUT I'VE FOUND HE'S SELDOM WRONG.

NO.

WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AROUND CAMBRIDGE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE, DIRK—AND AT THIS POINT, I SUSPECT I AM SOMETHING OF A RECORD HOLDER—YOU COME TO REALIZE THAT REALLY JUST ABOUT EVERY SENIOR FELLOW IS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT BAT-SHIT CRAZY.



WELCOME, REG.

AND THIS IS THAT PRIZE PUPIL OF YOURS.

GOOD TO MEET YOU, JERK GENTLY.



THAT'S ACTUALLY... DIRK GENTLY.

MY APOLOGIES. MY SYNTHESIZER HAS SOME LIMITATIONS WITH UNUSUAL NAMES.

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT CALLED MR. OBAMA.



EARLIER TODAY, OUR INSTRUMENTS RECORDED DISRUPTIONS IN THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM TAKING PLACE AROUND GREATER CAMBRIDGE.



