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• REC

Okay.
We're rolling.

Beans!
Stop picking your nose.
We're starting.

I'm not picking!
I was just scratching!

Also, you're supposed
to say 'take one' when
you start. Like they do
in the movies.

Take one!

Oh, hello there!
Yes, it's me, world-famous
Detective Beans.

Welcome to
my memoir.

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This isn't a memoir.
It's a collection of short stories.

Oh.

They're all still
about me though, right?

Yeah.

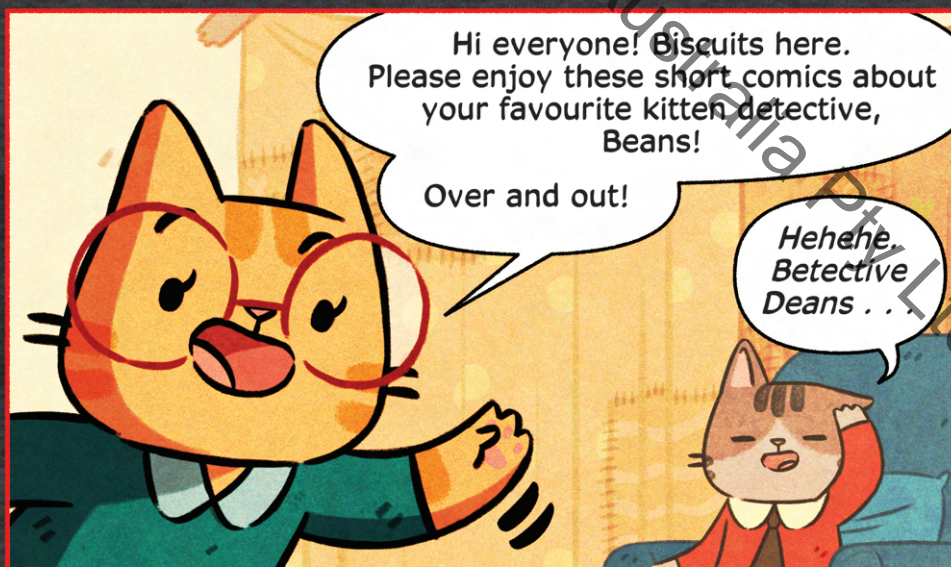
Okay, good.

Take two!

Ahem.

Hello there!
It's me, world-famous
Detective Dean-

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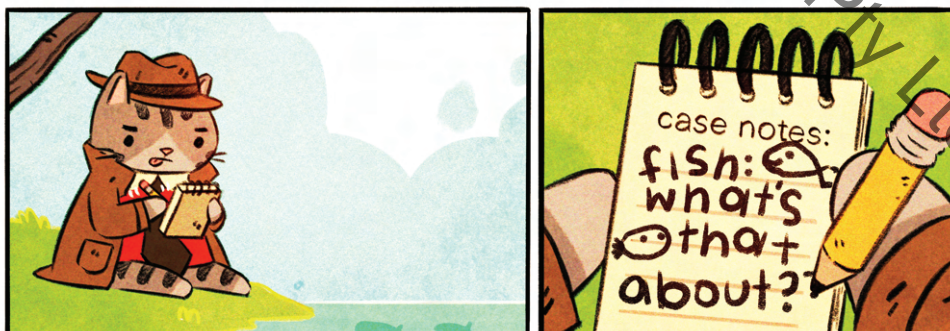
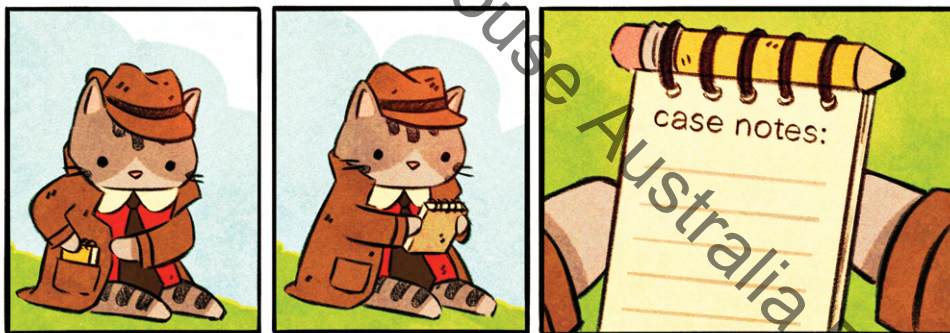
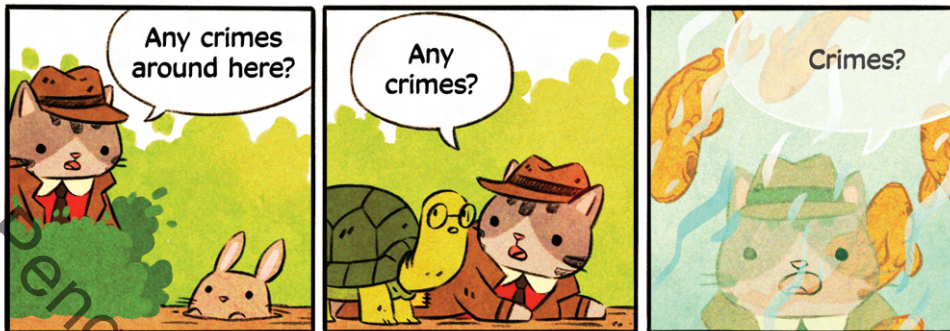
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BEANS FINDS A CASE





BEANS AND THE DONUT THIEF





• REC

I never did
crack that case.

Beans,
I think your mum
was talking about
you.

Me?

Wait a
minute . . .

I do usually
strike at that time
of day . . .

I am about
that tall . . .

And I *am*
pretty cute!

• REC

