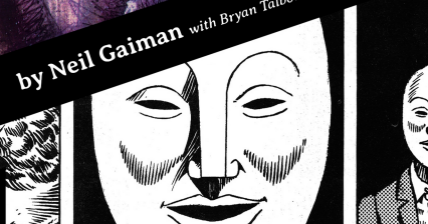




An Honest Answer and Other
Stories



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An Honest Answer

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"Where do you
get your ideas?"

IT'S A QUESTION
WRITERS ARE ASKED
ALL THE TIME. AND WE
DON'T TELL ANY OF YOU
HOW WE GET OUR IDEAS
BECAUSE IT'S A SECRET
—DEEPLY, INEXTRICABLY
LINKED WITH THE
ENTIRE CREATIVE
PROCESS

NOW, I HAVE
RECEIVED EXCLUSIVE
PERMISSION TO LIFT THE
LID ON THE CREATIVE
PROCESS — JUST
THIS ONCE

LIKE YOU,
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT WONDERS
ARE IN STORE
FOR US

HELLO?
INFINITE? IT'S
ME, NEIL.
TOO HOO

I NEED
AN IDEA FOR A
FOUR-PAGE
COMIC STRIP

RAY CLOSE
ATTENTION. WE'RE
GOING TO FOLLOW THE
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
THAT WILL GIVE US
THIS VERY STRIP

NOW — THE
SECRET IS, YOU
OPEN YOURSELF
TO THE INFINITE

IT'S A DODDLE
— WATCH

OH, AND WHILE YOU'RE
THERE, IF YOU'VE GOT ANY-
THING FOR THIS INTRODUCTION
I PROMISED TO WRITE FOR AN
ANTHOLOGY OF MINOR LATE
SEVENTEENTH CENTURY
METAPHYSICAL POETS —
I'D APPRECIATE IT

THEN
YOU MAKE
A CUP OF
TEA

HELLO?
INFINITE?
IT'S ME AGAIN
— NEIL

STILL OPEN.
UM. HELLO...
....?