INTRODUCTION

Imagine a world without telepathy. How would we know the truth? From what people said? From their pulse? Their blinking? Their sweat glands?

The cold fact is that interrogation without telepathy is unthinkable!

Everyone at Torchwood undergoes basic psychic training and development – providing useful defences against mental attack for everyone, but also allowing us to notice strong psychic talent, and develop that.

It’s a new science. We hope to one day be able to read minds clearly – we’ve already achieved a standard where most of our telepathically-trained operatives can read strong emotional states (such as, vitally, True and False) with a high degree of accuracy.

The brain is, we’ve learnt, developing and evolving rapidly, and the stimulation provided by standard psychic exercises can rarely result in a transition from voluntary empathy (reading emotional states at will) to involuntary telepathy (unscreened thought reception).

The following simple pamphlet should help you be aware of enhanced mental activity in your team, providing you with the tools to recognise, respond and react accordingly, providing an outcome for the good of you, your team and Torchwood.
This is Pamela.

Pamela’s started to Think Differently. Can you spot what could be suspicious about the following simple sentences?

Good Morning, Geoff. You’ve had another rough night.

I just know you’d like another cup of coffee, Mr Wilson. And stronger this time.

Stop worrying, Bill! You’re in plenty of time for that train.
Did you spot it? That’s right. **Pamela has started MAKING ASSUMPTIONS** in her small talk.

Normal social interaction and small talk is based on small questions about obvious things – Did a tired-looking colleague sleep well, should an empty cup of coffee be refilled, and is Pamela’s boss still in time for his train?

It isn’t that Pamela’s stopped asking these questions – she’s asking them, but with her brain!

So, our first lesson is to always be aware of a colleague who always seems One Step Ahead, and is Confident.

**Can you tell what Pamela is up to now?**
Correct. **Pamela has started TRANSMITTING.** A lot of social interaction involves the seeking of small affirmations of our own self beliefs. Pamela’s brain is now so strong that is has started unconsciously projecting opinions into the thoughts of others.

So, our second lesson is to be aware of when we start Noticing The Little Things that our colleagues do, and Remarking Positively on them.

So, we’re now suspicious that Pamela’s Brain is telepathic. Poor Pamela! It’s worth reiterating here that it’s nothing to be ashamed of – Telepathy is an overall boon to operations, but such abilities are best recognised swiftly, and if necessary, teams restructured to best cope with enhanced mental powers.

Your best next step as a manager is to make a Positive Determination of Pamela.

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**What can I do?**

You’d be surprised how little is needed to pick out a telepath. Look at the following exercises.

1) Put a letter in the Out-Tray, but forget to address the envelope. Will Pamela open it to readdress it, or just write the address out? You’d be surprised.

2) Ask Pamela to make you a cup of tea, and say “with a custard cream, please”, but think “bourbon.” Check for a look of confusion – and see which biscuit she brings you!

3) Why not take Pamela out into the field on a simple hunt for a suspect. Will she have a strong idea where the fugitive is? Look out for traces of self-awareness, such as “I’m sure I saw something over there!” or “Did you hear that?” The only things to see and hear are in Pamela’s brain!
What happens next?

Ask to have a quiet word with Pamela, and bring her in for a short meeting with Psych Assessment. Reassure her – there is nothing for her to be worried about. She’ll probably be anxious and have concerns about her heightened mental state, and about how people will react to her.

Don’t worry about Pamela. She’ll be well looked after, and soon be back on operational duty, using her newly discovered and refined abilities for the good of Torchwood.