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The Rules—Suitable for Framing

“The theories which I have expressed there, and which appear to you to be so chimerical, are really extremely practical—so practical that I depend upon them for my bread and cheese.”

—SHERLOCK HOLMES, *A STUDY IN SCARLET*

Here is a list of the rules. Memorize them. Tape them to your wall. Tape them to all of your walls. (Coming soon: Debugging Rules wallpaper, for the seriously decor-challenged home office; definitely *not* recommended by feng shui experts.)

☞ **DEBUGGING RULES** ☞

UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM

MAKE IT FAIL

QUIT THINKING AND LOOK

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

CHANGE ONE THING AT A TIME

KEEP AN AUDIT TRAIL

CHECK THE PLUG

GET A FRESH VIEW

IF YOU DIDN'T FIX IT, IT AIN'T FIXED

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