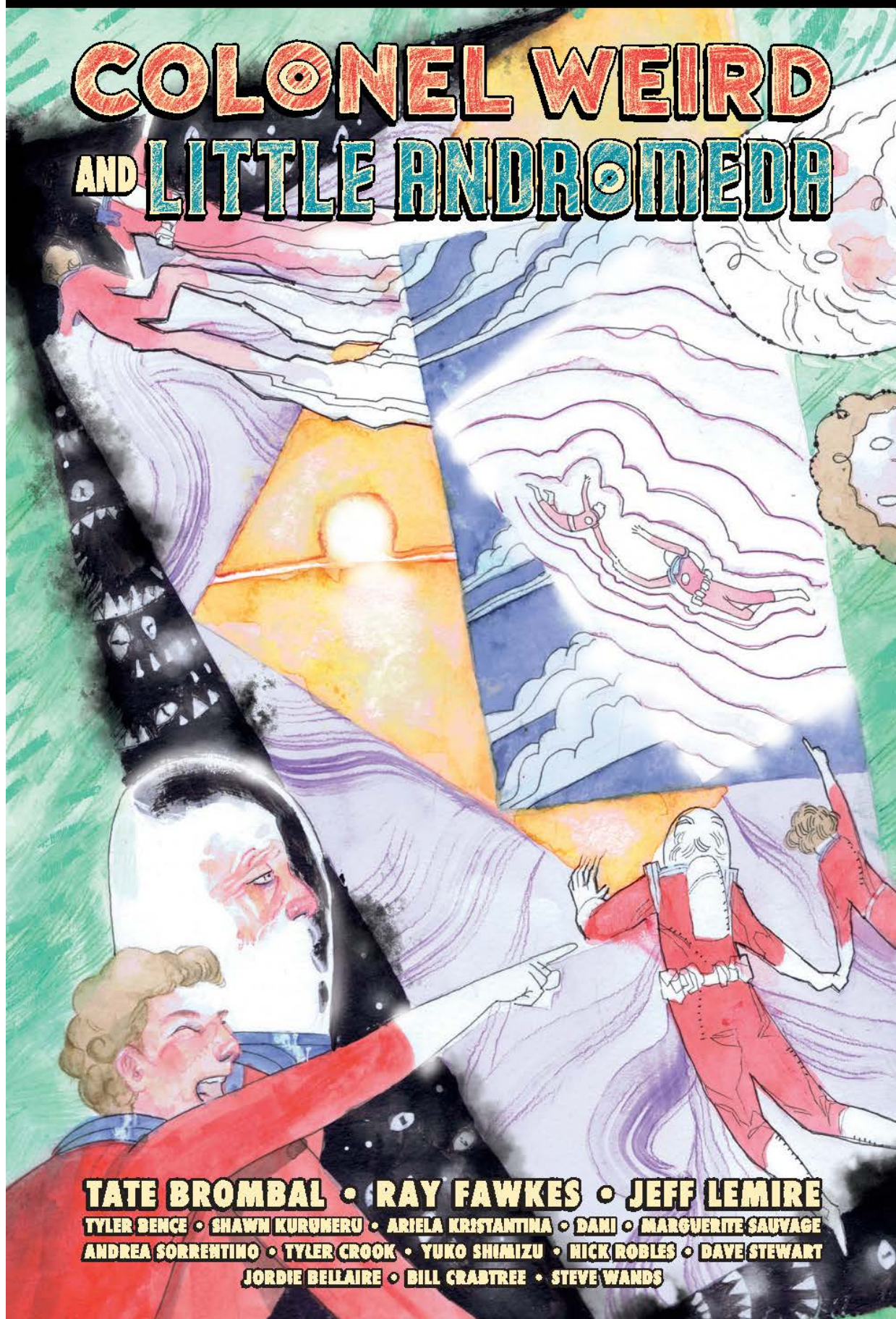


FROM THE WORLD OF BLACK HAMMER

COLONEL WEIRD AND LITTLE ANDROMEDA



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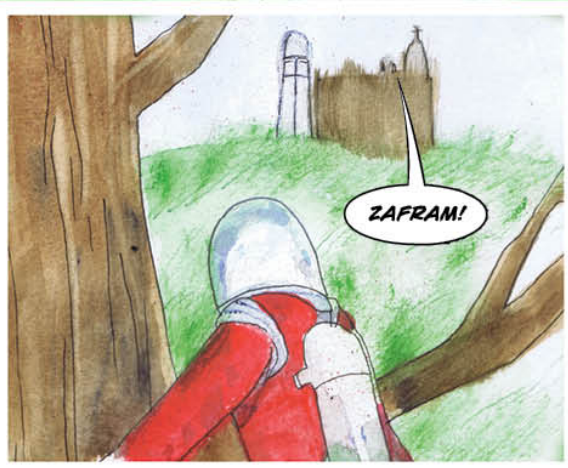




OH,
YES...



NOW...
WHEN AM
I?





GAIL,
BREATHE.
I'M SURE IT'S
JUST--

DON'T
TOUCH ME,
BARBIE!



IT WAS--IT WAS
WORKING THE OTHER
DAY, BEFORE WE GOT
TO THIS BARNYARD
DUMP.

I
JUST--
I JUST HAVE TO
KEEP--



--ZAFRAM!



F-FUCK!



I'M AFRAID THAT
LAST MAGIC WORD
MAY CONJURE UP
SOMETHING ELSE
ENTIRELY...

I HATE TO PLAY
DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, BUT
PERHAPS IT'S SIMPLY...
PSYCHOLOGICAL?

HUH?







YOU CAN SEE THE *FUTURE*...OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOUR *PATTERN*, RIGHT?

LET ME KNOW IF YOU EVER SEE A *WAY OUT* OF THIS SHITHOLE.

THE *PATTERN*? OH, YES...

GOODBYE, BARBALIEN.



A WAY OUT--THERE IS NO *WAY OUT*, IS THERE?

OHH, WHAT HAVE WE DONE?



MY FRIENDS...

WHAT HAVE I DONE?



WELL, *G'MORNING*, COLONEL!

--ABRAHAM!

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A MOON OR TWO.

YES, IT APPEARS I WAS--ASLEEP.



HUH, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU *DID* THAT.

HOW 'BOUT IT? WANNA JOIN ME IN SOME *CHORES*?



THE PIGS LOOKED HUNGRY, SO I, UH--



WELL, I THOUGHT I'D MAKE MYSELF USEFUL.

THAT'S VERY GOOD OF YOU, ABRAHAM...



EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK LOST, COLONEL.

I'M AFRAID... SOMETHING WEIGHS HEAVILY ON ME.

OHH, I GET THAT.



IT'S STRANGE. WE ARRIVED ON THIS FARM TWO DAYS AGO--GODDAMN, IT'S FELT A DOG'S AGE--YET IT'S ALREADY FILLED WITH ANIMALS...

NO IDEA WHERE THEY COME FROM, OR WHO THE HELL TOOK CARE OF 'EM BEFORE-HAND!

YES... THAT IS STRANGE, ISN'T IT?



MOOOO!

YEAH, YEAH, I HEAR YOU.

STILL, COLONEL, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR 'EM WEIGHS ON ME ALL THE SAME.



NOW, I'M AS LOST AS ALL OF YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE OR WHY, OR HOW LONG WE'RE GOING TO BE RESIDENTS ON THIS MYSTERY FARM.



BUT THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS I DO KNOW, COLONEL...

ANIMALS GOTTA EAT. THEY NEED TENDING TO.



AND HOPELESSNESS...



WELL, HOPELESSNESS ISN'T HELPFUL.

I SEE...





H-HELLO?

ARE YOU
**HOME, MADAME
DRAGONFLY?**



IT'S ME--

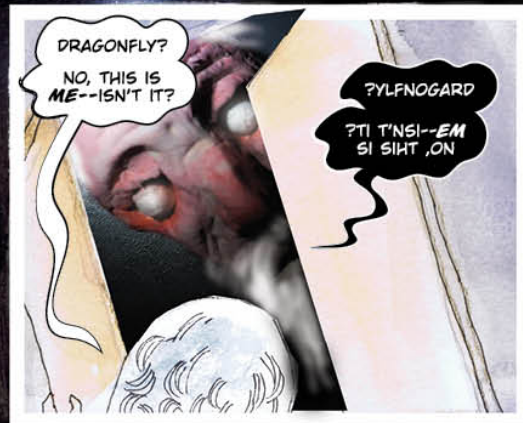
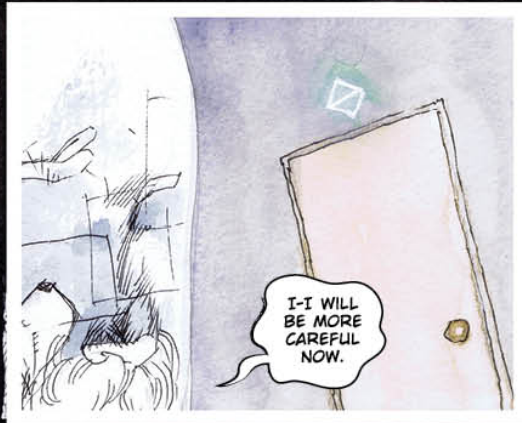


I'VE
HAD SOME...
THOUGHTS.



OH, DEAR.

USUALLY
SHE JUST...
APPEARS.





--MADAME
DRAGONFLY?!

WHY,
RANDALL,
THERE YOU
ARE!



W-WHERE
ARE WE?

AT AN
ALL-INCLUSIVE
RESORT, OF
COURSE.



COME,
COME, BEST
BE GOING
NOW.

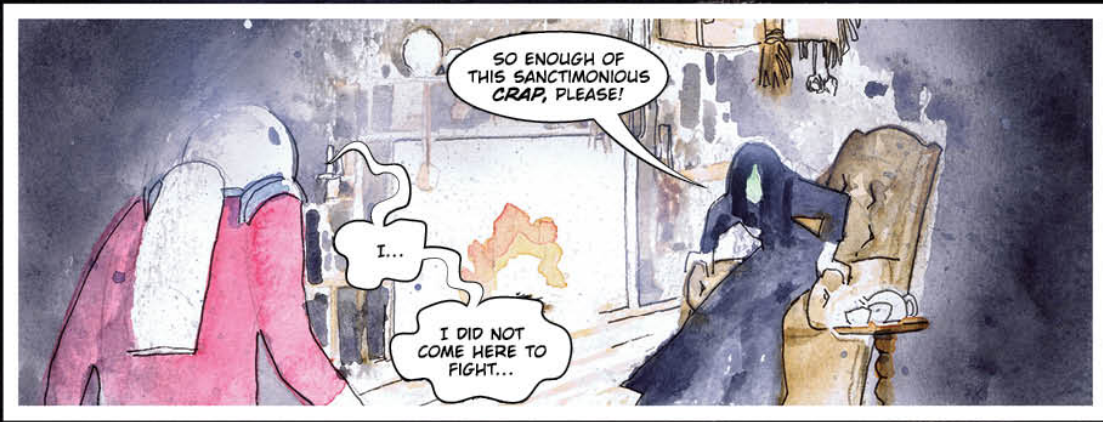
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LOSE THIS
PARTICULAR
HORROR, SO
WHEN I FIND
IT...

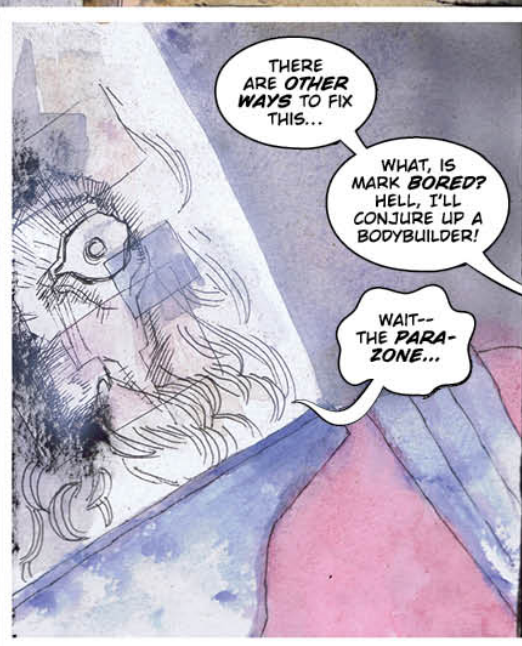
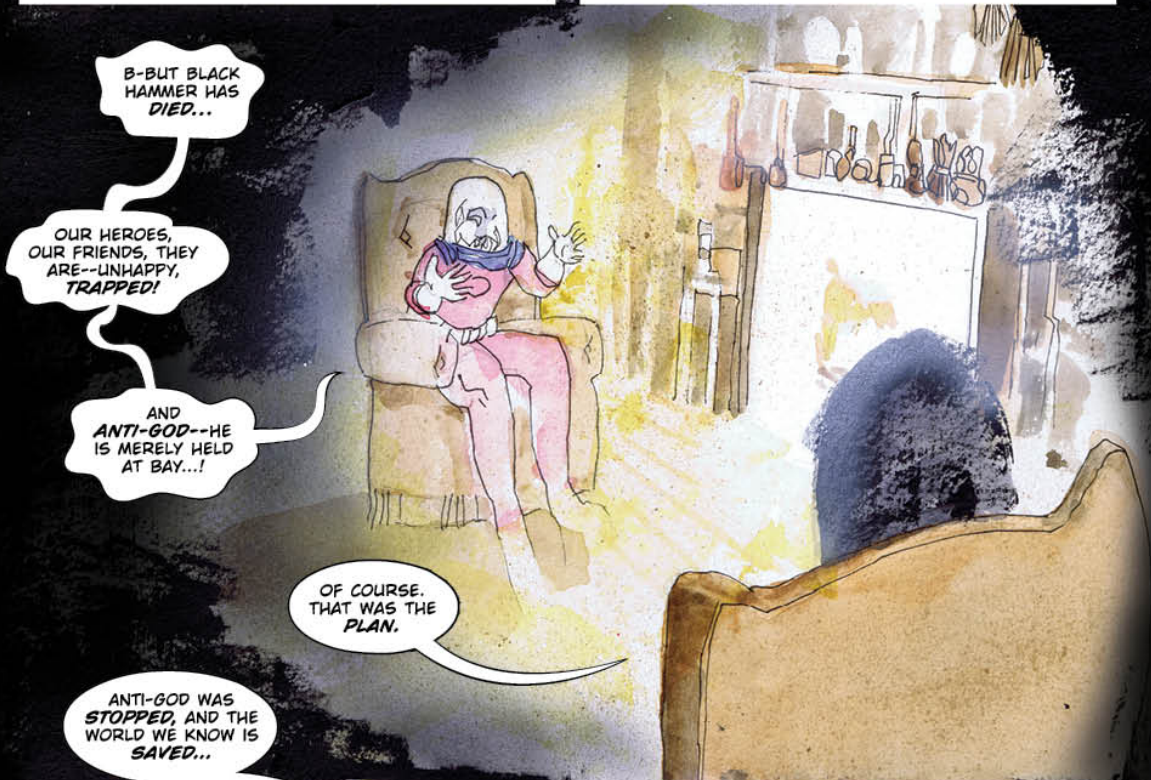
=GULP=



...IT IS MY
BRIEFEST, MOST
TORTUOUS
RESPIRE.











I...

I DO NOT KNOW.

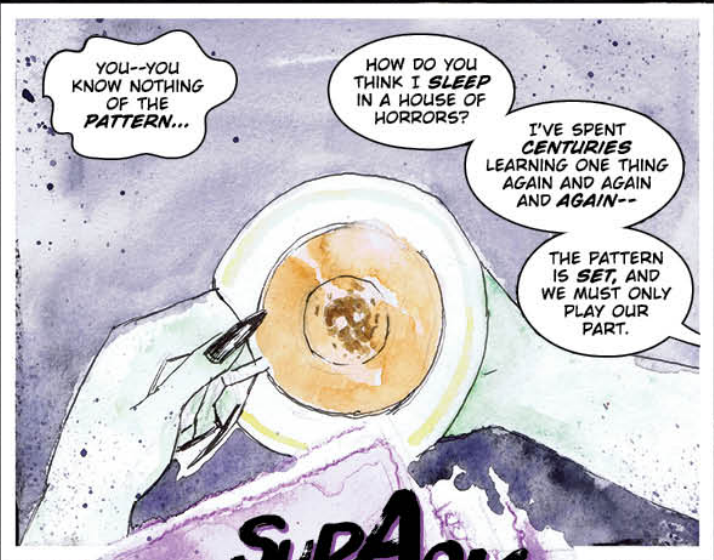


BUT NO MATTER, I HAVE TO--

I HAVE TO BE HELPFUL.

YOU HAVE TO BE DELIRIOUS!

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE PATTERN!



YOU--YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE PATTERN...

HOW DO YOU THINK I SLEEP IN A HOUSE OF HORRORS?

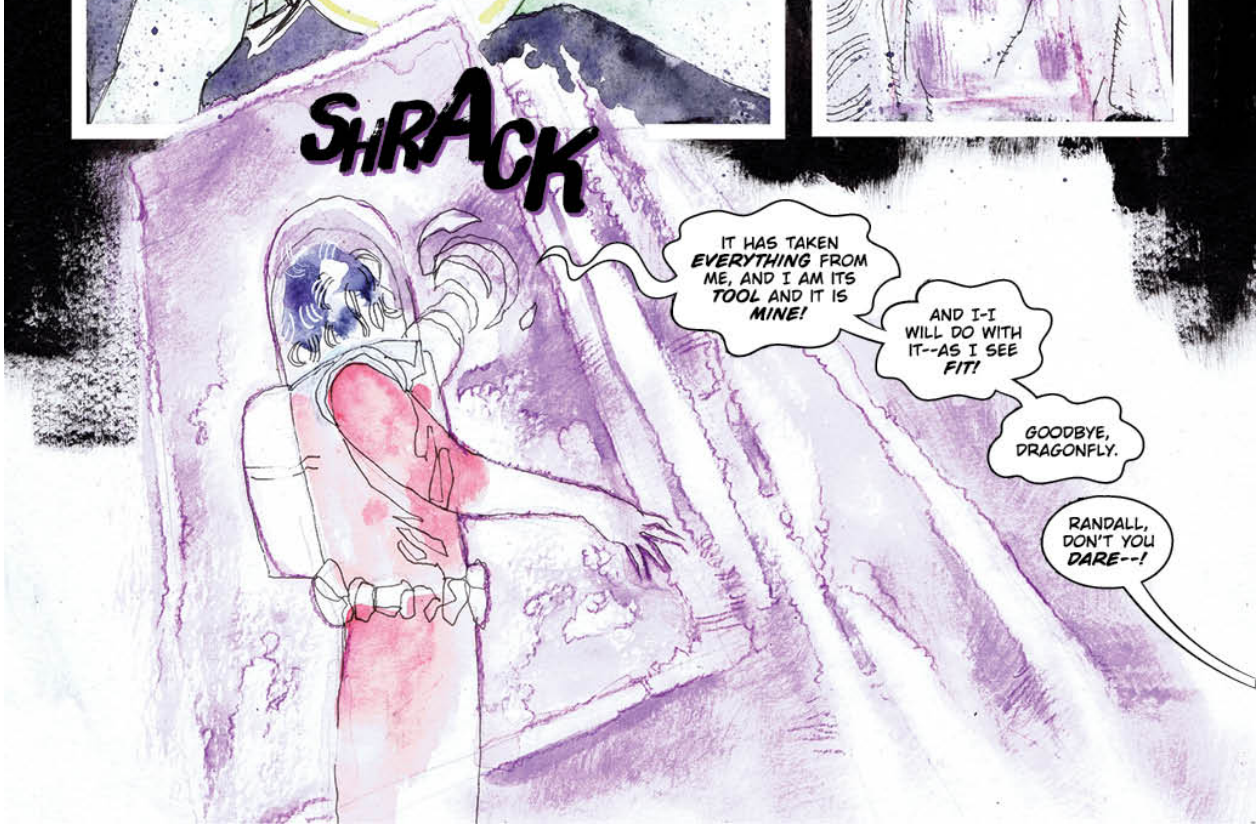
I'VE SPENT CENTURIES LEARNING ONE THING AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN--

THE PATTERN IS SET, AND WE MUST ONLY PLAY OUR PART.



N-NO!

I AM THE PATTERN!



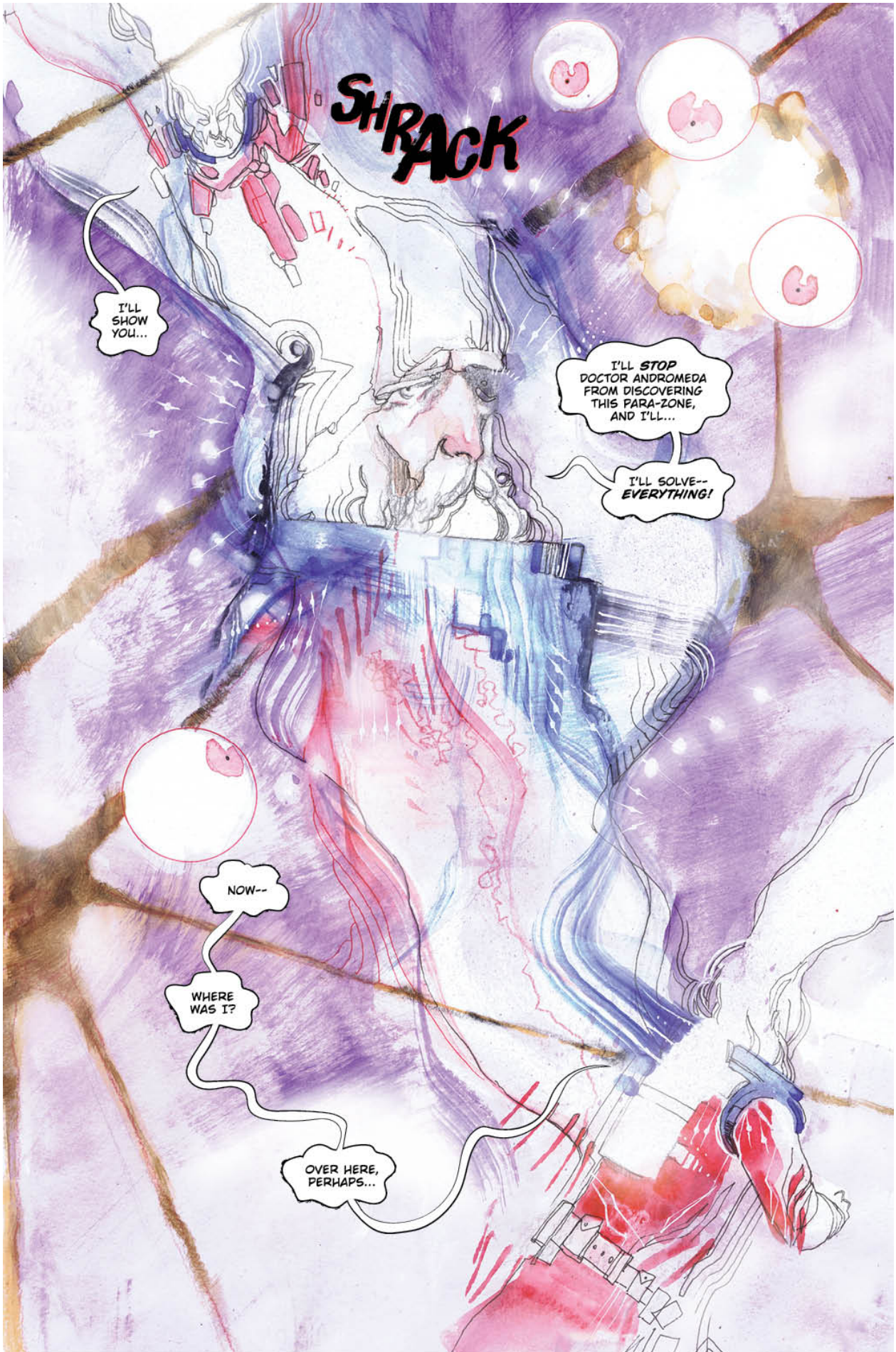
SHRACK

IT HAS TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM ME, AND I AM ITS TOOL AND IT IS MINE!

AND I-I WILL DO WITH IT--AS I SEE FIT!

GOODBYE, DRAGONFLY.

RANDALL, DON'T YOU DARE--!



SHRACK

I'LL SHOW YOU...

I'LL STOP DOCTOR ANDROMEDA FROM DISCOVERING THIS PARA-ZONE, AND I'LL...

I'LL SOLVE-- EVERYTHING!

NOW--

WHERE WAS I?

OVER HERE, PERHAPS...



THAT IS...
ME.

SO
YOUNG--SO
UNAWARE.

AND THAT'S
MY...EVE.

...I AM SO
SORRY.

I NEED--THE
BEGINNING.

BEFORE
IT ALL.

YES,
THERE HE
IS--

DR. JIMMY
ROBINSON.

FURTHER
BACK NOW.

I AM SO
CLOSE...



YES!

THIS IS THE
MOMENT THAT
CHANGED--
EVERYTHING.



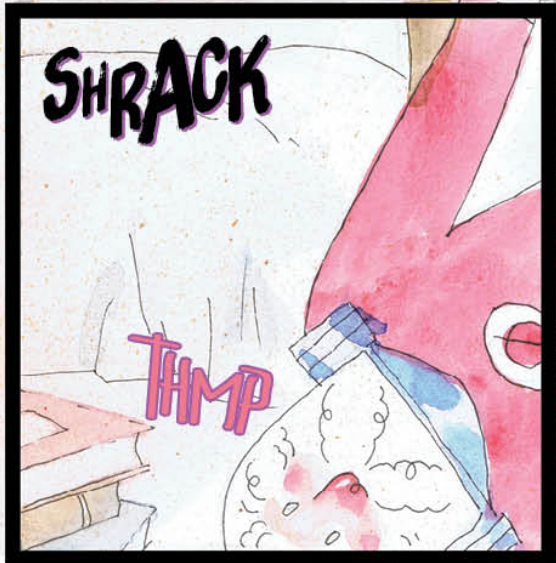
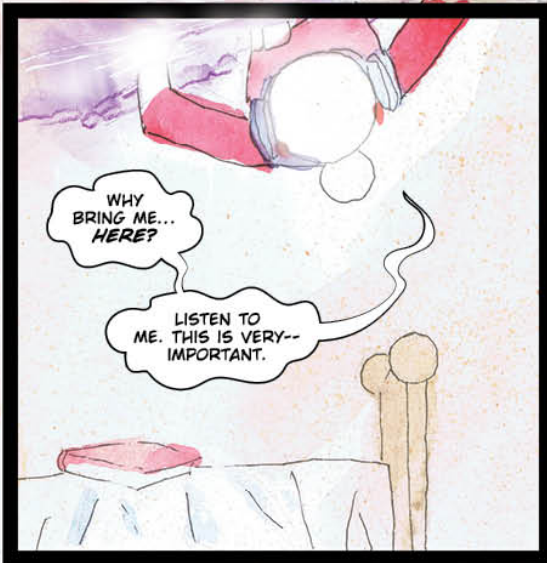
HERE I AM.

HERE I WAS.

HERE I WILL BE.

IT IS TIME TO SOLVE...









I SHOULD NOT...BE HERE.

OKAY!
IT SURE WAS NICE TO MEET YA, MISTER.



GOODBYE.



KNOCK KNOCK

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO, JIMMY?

A
SPACEMAN!

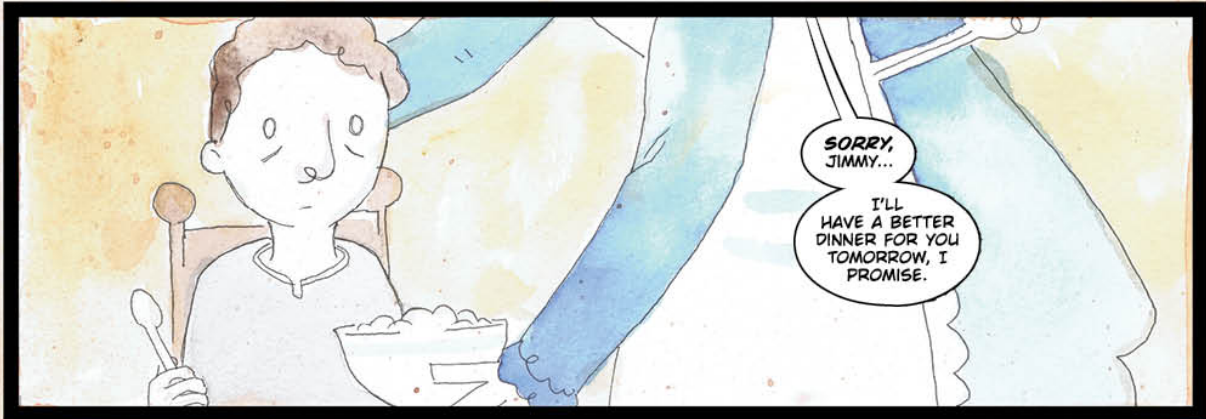


...I KNOW YOU DREAM **BIGGEST** WHEN YOU'RE **HUNGRY**, JIMMY.

DON'T WORRY, TOMORROW WE'LL EAT BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER. I PROMISE.

GOOD NIGHT, MOMMA.





SORRY,
JIMMY...

I'LL
HAVE A BETTER
DINNER FOR YOU
TOMORROW, I
PROMISE.



"I COULD TELL
YOU MY ADVENTURES--
BEGINNING FROM THIS
MORNING," SAID ALICE A
LITTLE TIMIDLY...

"BUT IT'S NO
USE GOING BACK TO
YESTERDAY, BECAUSE
I WAS A DIFFERENT
PERSON THEN."

...WOW.



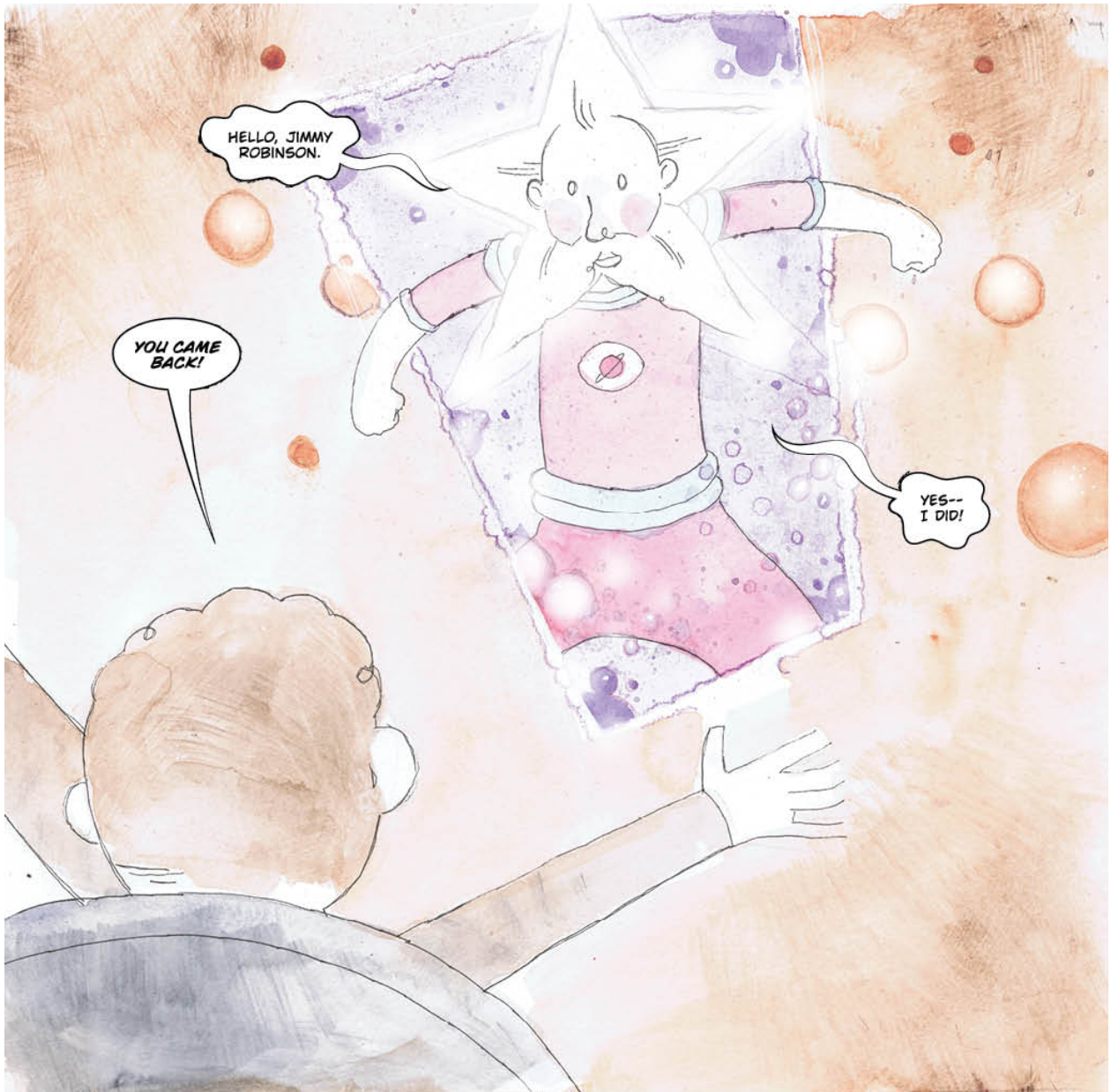
GOOD NIGHT,
MOMMA.

GOOD NIGHT,
MOON.

SWEET
DREAMS...



SHRACK



HELLO, JIMMY ROBINSON.

YOU CAME BACK!

YES-- I DID!



WOW!

IS THAT FOR ME?!

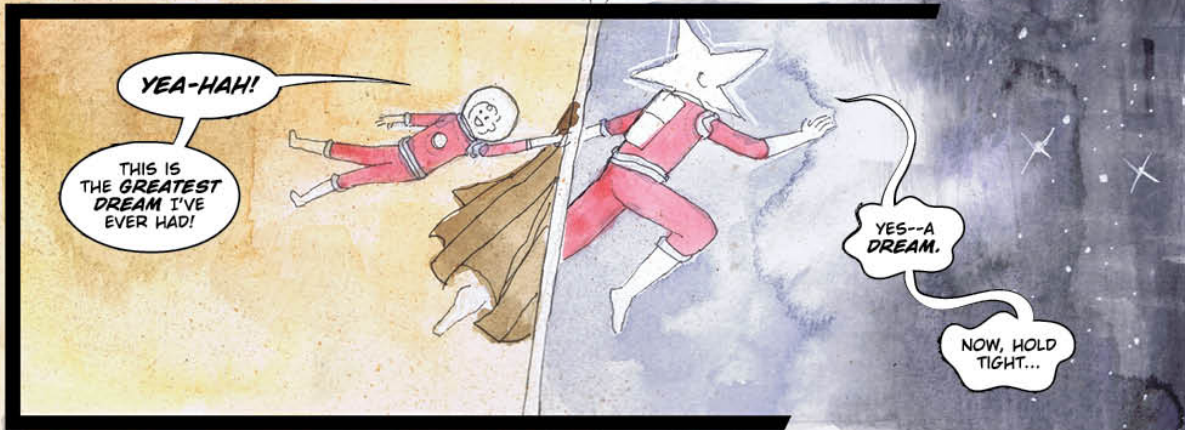
I WAS SEARCHING FOR--A DIFFERENT YOU...

BUT, PERHAPS, ANY LITTLE ANDROMEDA WILL DO.



OH, BOY...!

ARE WE HAVING AN ADVENTURE?





WOW-WEE!

I CAN SEE MY SCHOOL FROM HERE!

EYES AHEAD, CHILD... OR THEY'LL BE STOLEN--

THE PARA-ZONE IS ALWAYS LOOKING-- FOR ANOTHER PAIR.

THE PARA-ZONE?!

YES--THE PARA-ZONE.

YOUR GREATEST DISCOVERY, JIMMY ROBINSON...



THE PLACE
BEYOND
PLACES.

THE TIME
BEYOND
TIME.

WOW!

AM I
DEAD?

NO!

YOU
ARE--SAFE
WITH ME, I
PROMISE.

WOOOHOOOO!

I'M ALIVE,
AND I'M
FLYING!

NOW--HOLD
YOUR BREATH,
AND--

HERE...
WE...GO!