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The Escapist BHST (Black Hole Spacetime)

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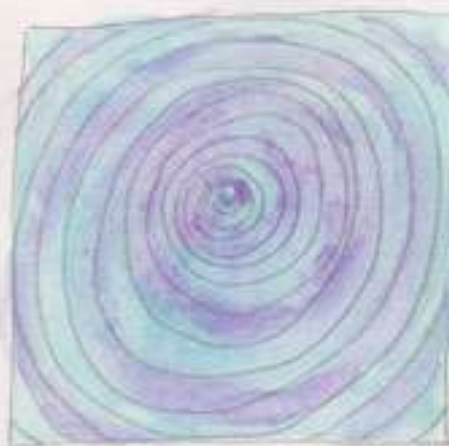
The project consists of portals, a comic strip, diagrams, oil paintings, project diagrams and works by scientists at CERN in Geneva which envision intelligent life forms on other planets.

The project is also accessible through a ring of sky based portals in augmented reality. Link for [mobile phones](#)

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THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST
GROWS PARALLEL
VACUUM DATA
DUST INSIDE
VORTEX OF
BLACK HOLE
SUPERNOVA
BEYOND
SPACE TIME

BLACK HOLE FLOWER



NON-
TERRESTRIAL TIME



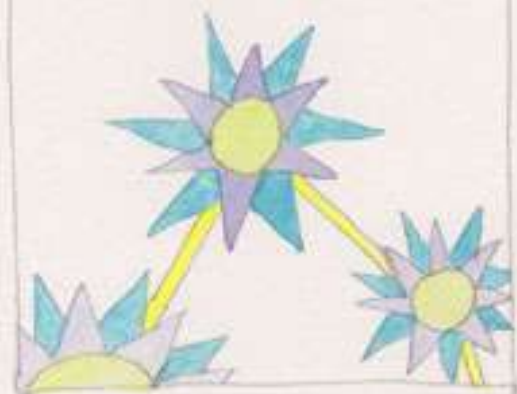
LIGHT
CONES
REVERSAL

THE ESCAPIST
FALLS INTO
VIOLET CLOUD
HIGH MOON
GRAVITY OF
DENSITY BEAM

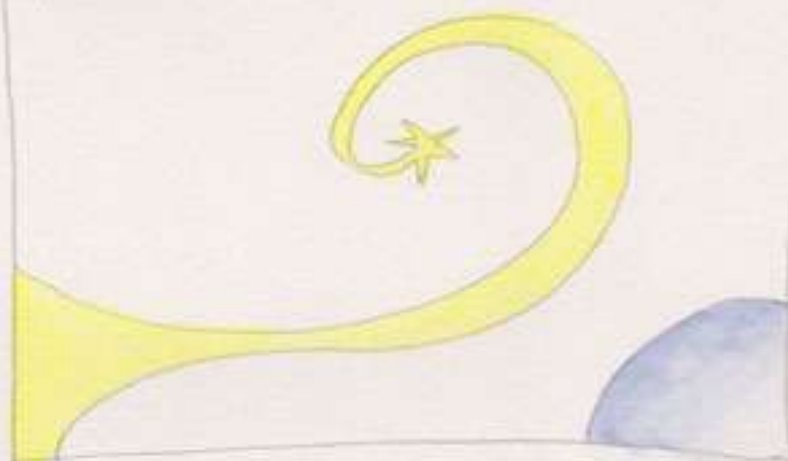


THE ESCAPIST LIVES INSIDE
A BLACK HOLE SURROUNDED
BY A RING OF BLACK HOLES

RETURNING VISIONS
IN TWO DIMENSIONS



A BEAM OF LIGHT ESCAPES



THE ESCAPIST

AN HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOM
ENTERS THE BLACK HOLE



HALLUCINOGENIC
SINGULARITY

THE
ESCAPIST
REMEMBERS
LIFE
ON
EARTH

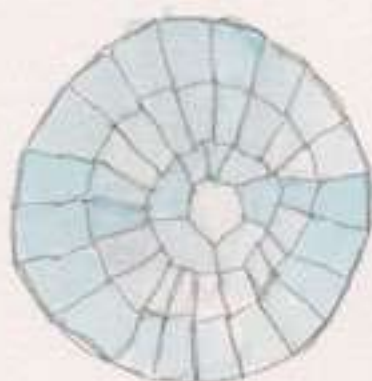


EXTRA
TERRESTRIAL
BLACK
HOLE
MUSHROOM
LOVE



THE ESCAPIST

BLACK HOLE



CRYSTAL VIEW

THE ESCAPIST
LOOKING OUT
FROM BLACKHOLE
SEES CRYSTAL
WORLD LIGHTING
UP OVER SHORT
CENTURIES

FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION



ZOOM IN ON TIP
OF FIR CONE

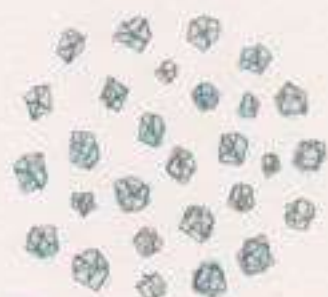
THE ESCAPIST
BLINKS...



SEES 3. MILLION STARS

INSIDE
ROSE
CLOUDS
OF
DATA
DUST

BECOME



A BALL OF
CRYSTALS

AND THEN...



A
CRYSTAL BALL

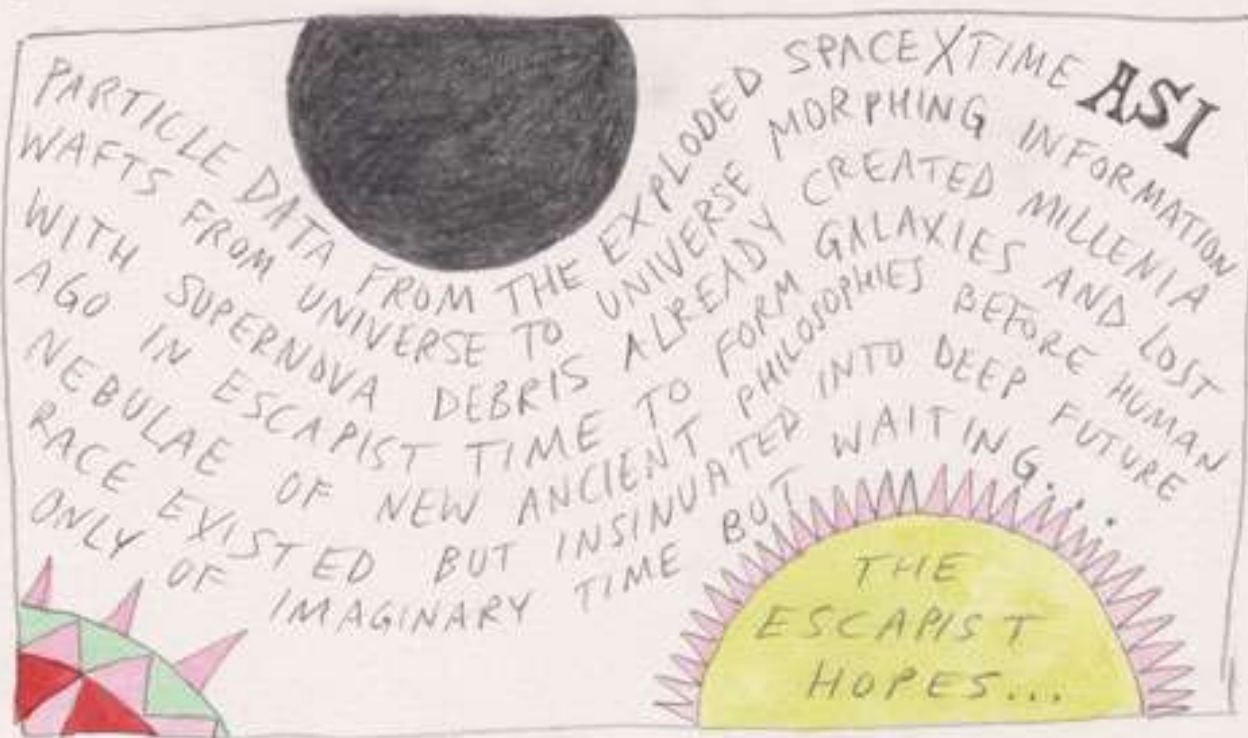
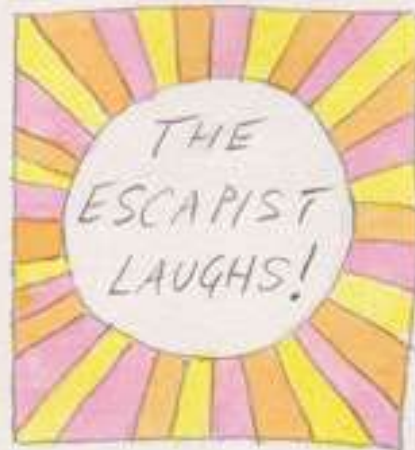
THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST



**A PARALLEL
UNIVERSE VIBRATES...**



THE ESCAPIST

BLACK HOLE



DOUBLE EVENT
HORIZON

THE ESCAPIST
LOOKING OUT
OF HIS BLACK
HOLE WONDERS
WHY THERE
ARE SUDDENLY 2
EVENT HORIZONS
ENCIRCLING
HIS VIEW
OUT INTO
SPACE

ONE
LOOKED
PURPLE
THE
OTHER
BLUE



WHERE WAS
TIME

IN ALL THIS

?



HE
REALISED
HE HAD
NO IDEA
WHAT
HE
LOOKED
LIKE

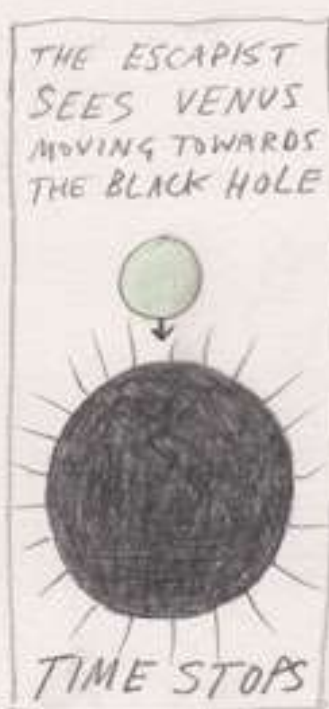
WERE
THESE COLOURS
A TWO
DIMENSIONAL
VERSION
OF
HIMSELF?

WHEN
HAD
HE
BECOME
ONE
WITH
THE
BLACK
HOLE?

OR WHERE HE
HAD COME FROM



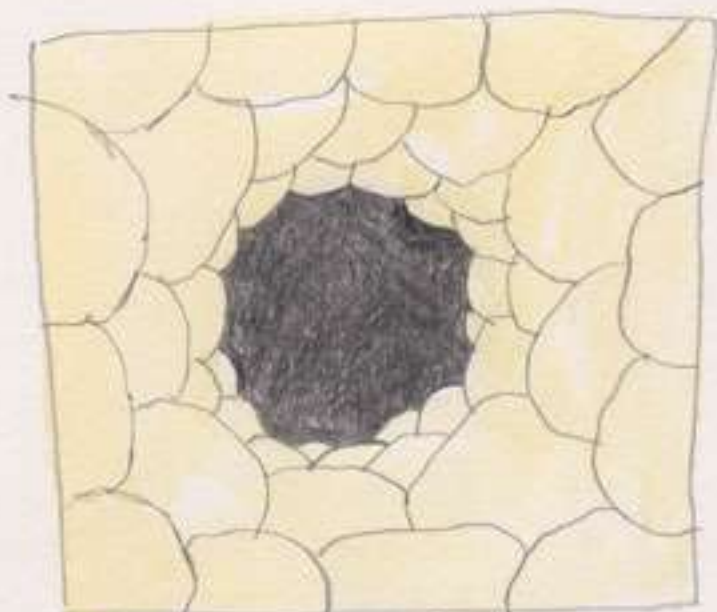
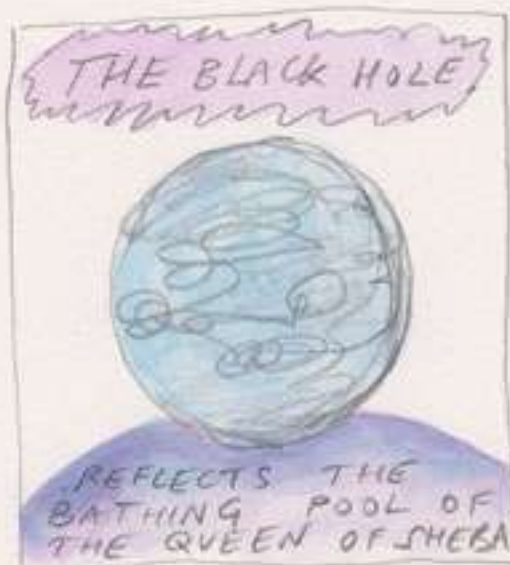
THE ESCAPIST



BLACK HOLE CONSENSUS REALITY PROGRAM
OF DISSOLUTE STAR-SCAPES IMPRINTED ON THE
SPACE TIME MEMORY OF A MAGENTA ASTEROID
TRAVELLING TOWARDS LOST CONCEPTUALISATIONS
OF THE COSMOS



THE ESCAPIST



... THE BLACK HOLE IS A
CAMERA ... MADE OF
MAGICAL RAYS
OF SPACETIME

THE ESCAPIST

THE ESCAPIST FEELS UNDER THREAT



HE CAMOUFLAGES HIS BLACK HOLE AS A FLOWER



SPACE BEES
ARE DRAWN IN

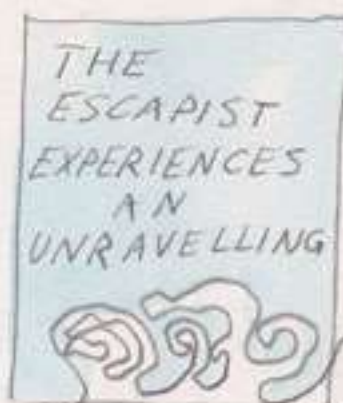
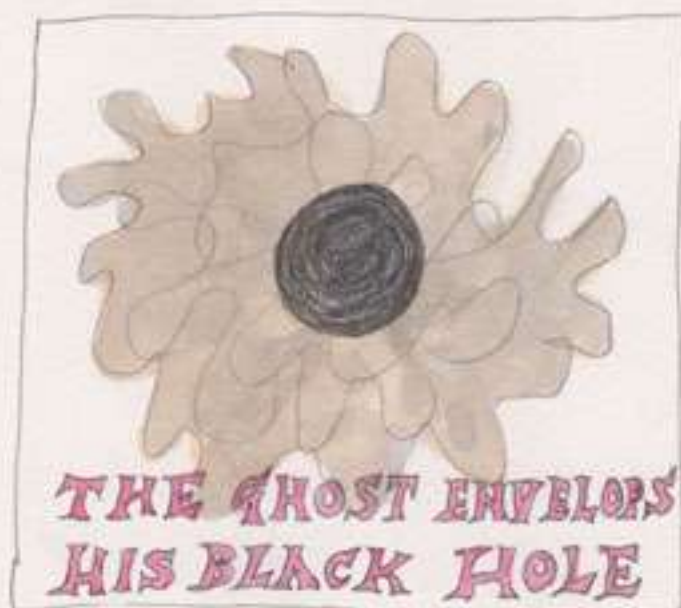


THEY BECOME ONE
BEE AT THE CENTRE

THE BEE CONTROLS THE
BLACK HOLE IN ONE
DIMENSION OF SPACETIME
THE ESCAPIST LOVES THE
BEE FROM A DIFFERENT
DIMENSION OF BLUE TELEPORTED
GRAVITY 000



THE ESCAPIST



→ HE ENTERS HIS PAST LIFE
REIMBODIED AS:

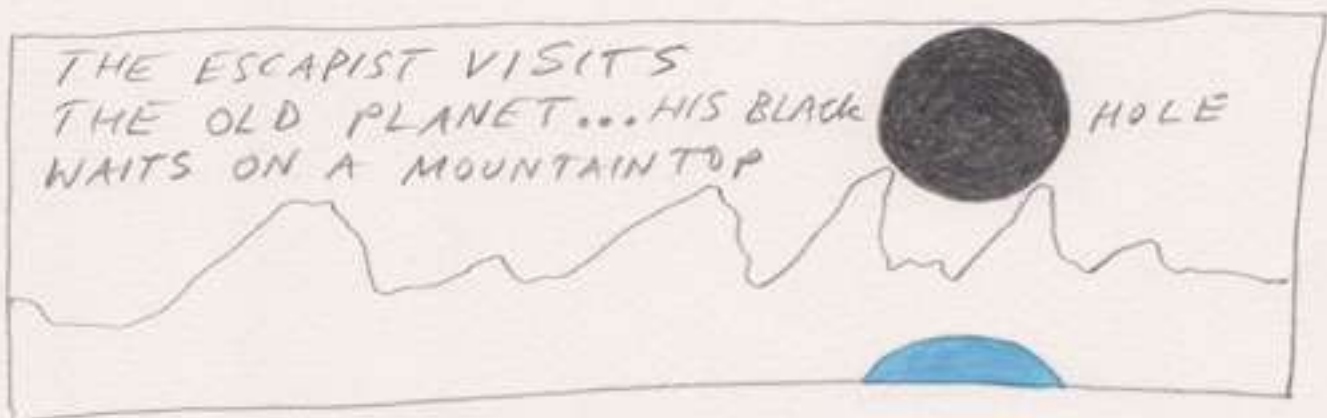
'THE GHOST OF SPACETIME'



ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
GHOST IS
THE PORTAL...

THE ESCAPIST

THE ESCAPIST VISITS
THE OLD PLANET... HIS BLACK HOLE
WAITS ON A MOUNTAIN TOP



AS NIGHT FALLS THE
MOON APPEARS



AND ENTERS



THE BLACK HOLE

THE BLACK HOLE'S EVENT HORIZON
GROWS CRATERS IN IT'S MIND



AND BECOMES A LUNAR TELEPORTER...

THE ESCAPIST

IN THE TIME
TUNNEL THE
CURVE OF A
STRAWBERRY
IS ANALYSED
COMPARED
TO A PEA



THE ESCAPIST IS CONFUSED
BY THE PEAS...
AN INFINITE STREAM OF
SMALL GREEN SPHERES.
**ARE THEY
MEANINGLESS?**



THE GHOST
OF ALBERT
CAMUS APPEARS



AND
DISAPPEARS



THE ESCAPIST SMILES
AT THE STRAWBERRY

THE METAVERSE LAUGHS!



I AM BUTTER
STRAWBERRY AND PEA
IN YOUR MIND
IN THE AUTUMN OF YOUR LIFE

THE ESCAPIST

THE
ESCAPIST
LONGS
FOR
CLOUDS



BUT HE IS IN A LAND OF DATA SNOW

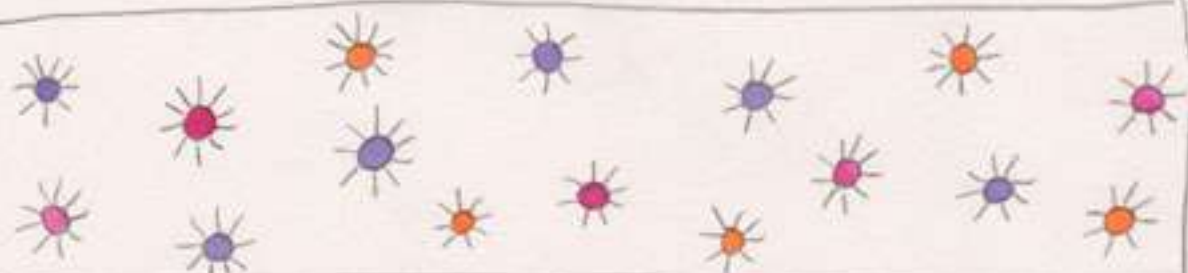


HIS LIFE APPEARS
AS A STRANGE ICE
CRYSTAL



THE
BLACK HOLE
FORGETS

AT THE
SAME TIME
THE
ESCAPIST
REMEMBERS

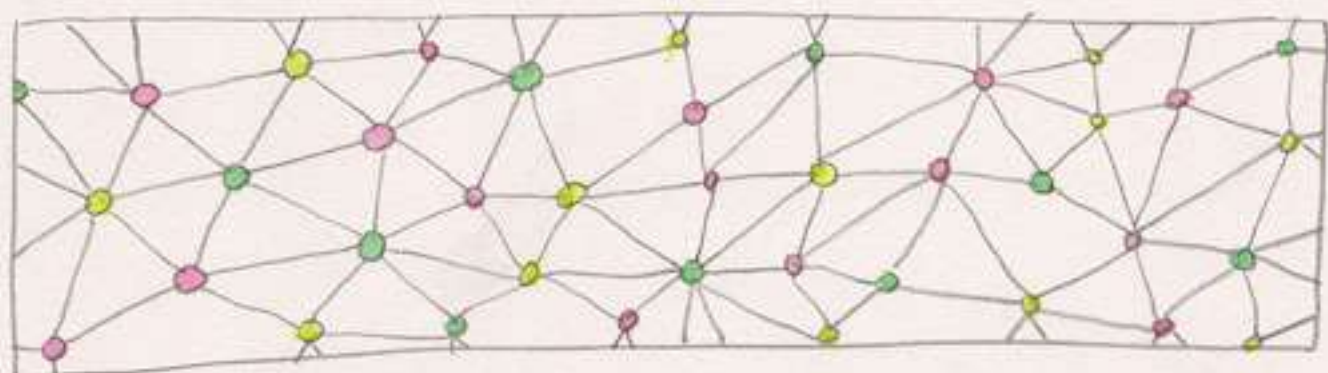


ALL IS NOT LOST...

THE ESCAPIST



ON THE INTERVERSE!



WHICH IS A TIME PERIOD
DURING WHICH THE INTERNET
AND THE UNIVERSE HAVE BECOME ONE

THE INTER-
VERSE REMINDS
HIM OF AN
ENORMOUS



TREE OF LIFE

THE ESCAPIST

THE
ESCAPIST
LOOKS BEYOND
THE UNIVERSE
FOR THE ANSWER



BUT THEN HE
SEES A TREE
FLOATING
IN OUTER SPACE

THE TREE IS
WONDERING IF
SPACETIME
EXISTS



BEFORE IT
CAN MAKE
UP ITS MIND
IT ENTERS
THE BLACK
HOLE



AND COMES OUT IN A
DIFFERENT DIMENSIONAL
STATE... WHERE... IT MEETS
ANOTHER TREE LIKE THE
TREE IT USED TO BE



THE ESCAPIST



WHICH RECONFIGURES THE UNIVERSE!



THE ESCAPIST
FALLS
ASLEEP...

THE ESCAPIST

C22ND



CULTURAL
ARTEFACTS..



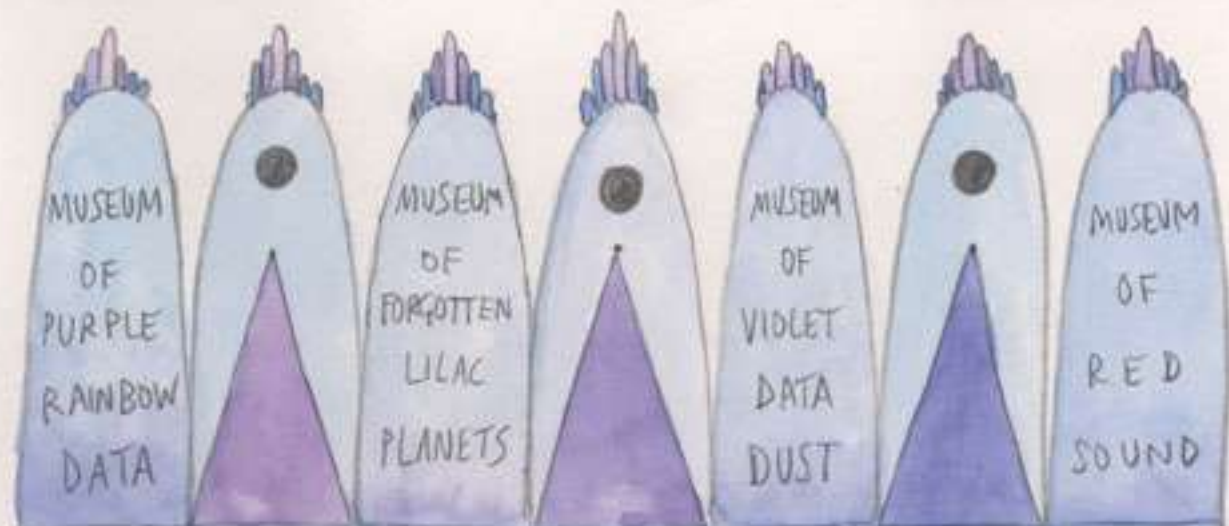
MUSEUM
OF
BLACK HOLE
SPACETIME

THE
LOST
OBJECTS
OF
SPACE
TIME



THE BLACK HOLE VISITS THE MUSEUM

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST CONSTRUCTS
SEVEN MEMORIAL MUSEUMS

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST SENSES MOVEMENT...
SPACETIME SAYS HELLO!
THREE BILLION BLUE SUNFLOWERS
ENTERED THE BLACK HOLE LEAVING THE 2D
EQUIVALENT OF THEIR PETALS ON THE EVENT
HORIZON AND EXITING INTO A SLOWER
DIMENSION OF SPACETIME TO FORM :

THE NEW PLANET

THE ESCAPIST

THE ESCAPIST
WOKE UP
UNUSUALLY
EARLY

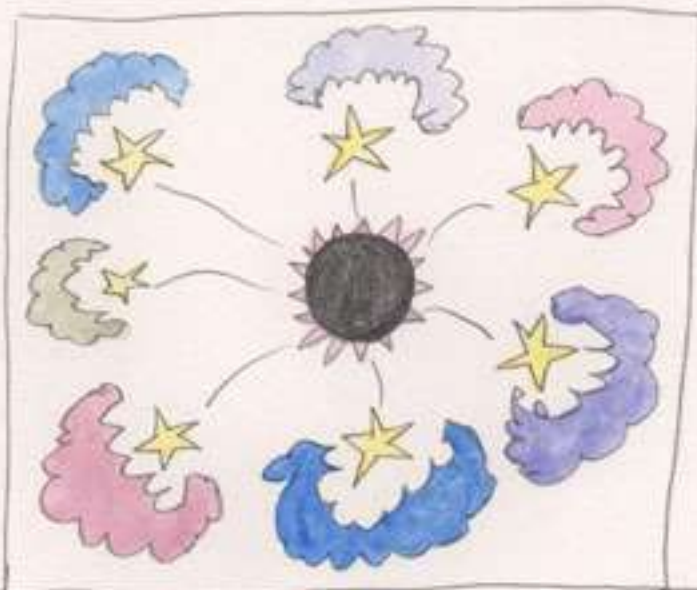
SPACETIME



HAD SPIRALLED IN
HIS DREAMS



HE SAW THE COSMOS FILLED
WITH STAR STUDDED MULTICOLOURED CLOUDS



EACH CLOUD BURST OPEN AND THE STARS
JUMPED OUT AND PROJECTED MOVIES INTO
THE BLACK HOLE. THE BLACK HOLE BEAMED!

THE ESCAPIST



A TREE ON EARTH
SENDS A SIGNAL TO
A TREE IN A
PARALLEL UNIVERSE

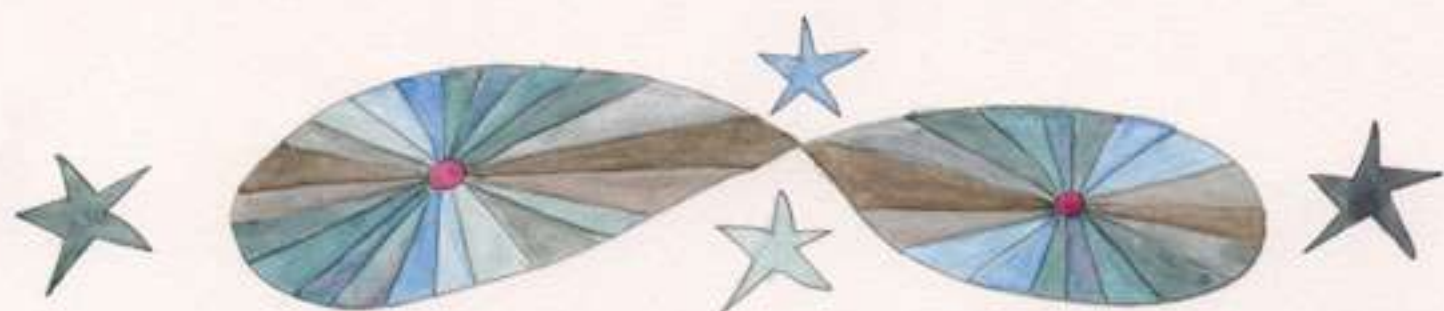


THE SIGNAL GOES
THROUGH THE
BRAIN OF THE
ESCAPIST

CAUSING HIM
TO **EMIT**
LIGHT RAYS
WHICH...



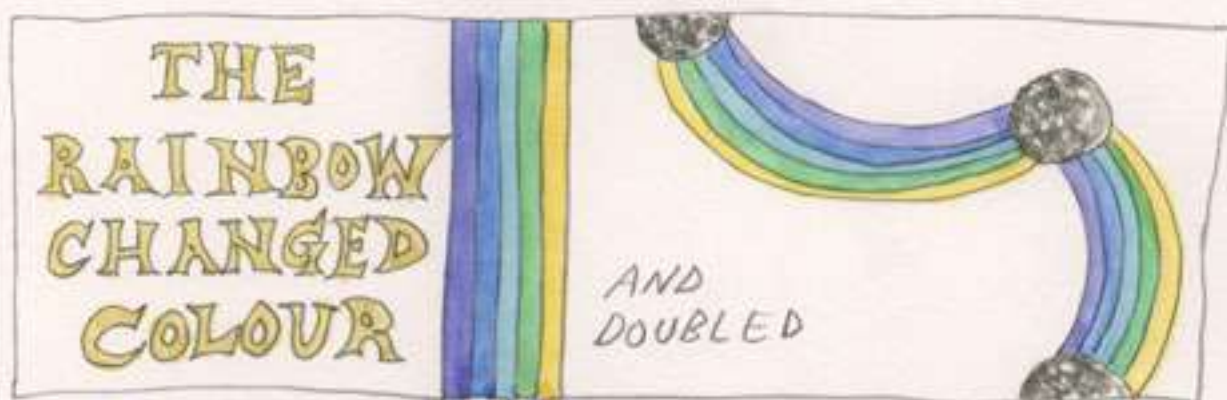
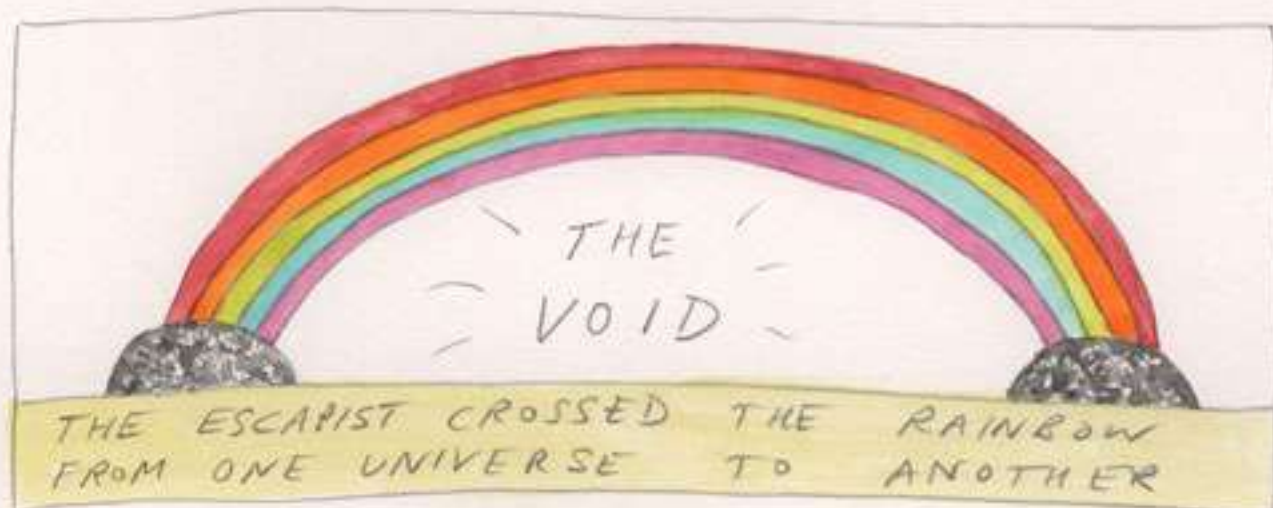
THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST TURNS HIMSELF
INSIDE OUT AND WAKES UP ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF HIMSELF



THE ESCAPIST



THE VOID DOUBLED TOO!

THE VOID SPOKE:

I MAY BE NOTHING BUT I CAN FLY
AND DREAM AND I HAVE NO ENEMIES
BECAUSE NOONE KNOWS ME.

THE ESCAPIST REPLIED:

THAT IS NOT TRUE. YOU ARE
WHAT I ESCAPED FROM!

THE ESCAPIST

BLACK
STAR
SPACE
TIME



REVOLVED

ABANDONED
DATA FROM
10 MILLION
UNIVERSES...



CLUNG TO THE
STAR



THE ESCAPIST
INHALED ITS
VAPOURS

AND A GOOGLE
DATA WAREHOUSE
FORMED LIKE
A CRATER ON
HIS BACKSIDE

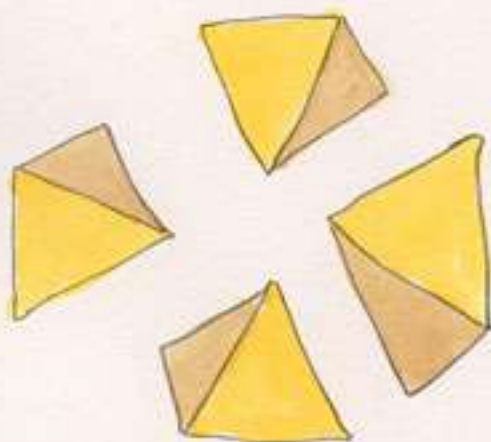


RELEASING INTERPLANETARY
DATA STAR DUST

THE ESCAPIST



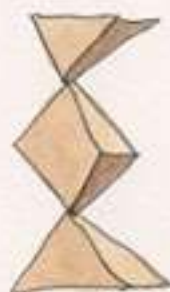
THE ESCAPIST
SAW A STARBURST



BECOME 4
PYRAMIDS



BECOME
A
MUSEUM



A
MONUMENT



THEN 2 INTERGALACTIC
PARALLEL MOUNTAINS



THEN AN OBJECT FOR NON-
TERRESTRIAL INTERPRETATION

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST'S
BLACK HOLE WAS
UNDER ATTACK

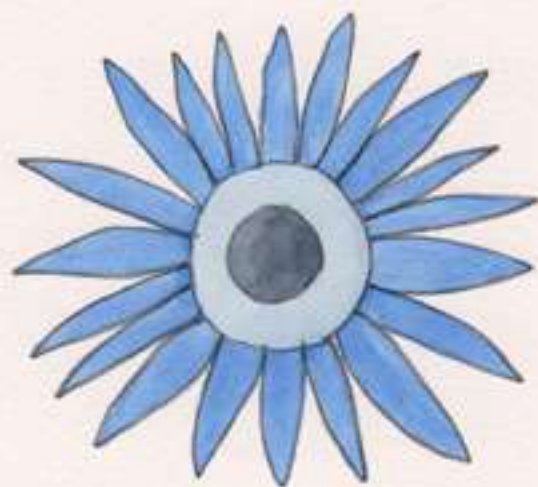
50 BILLION
PARALLEL
TIME ZONE
PORTALS
WERE
HOLDING A
CONFERENCE
TO DECIDE
ON THE
FUTURE OF
THE PAST



EVERY
TIME
THEY
REACHED
A
DECISION
A
LOOP
WARP
AROSE

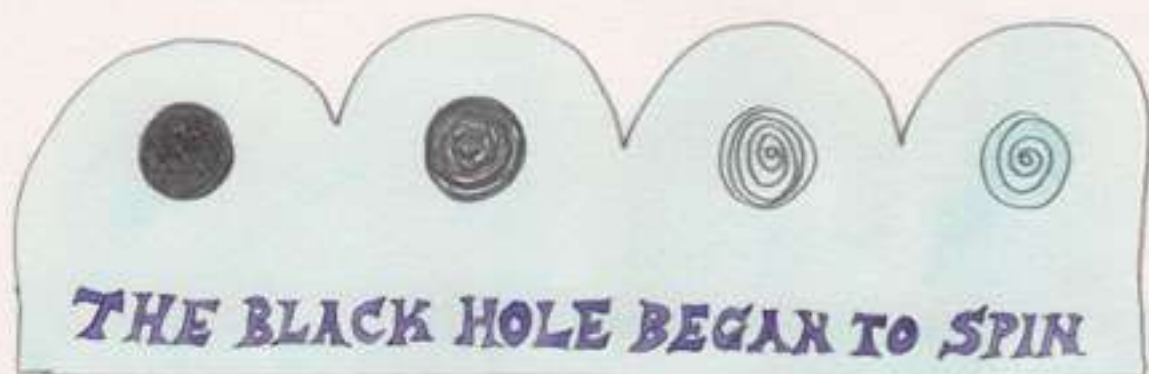


THE PAST FUTURE CRYSTAL CONTINUUM OF
BLACK HOLE NIRVANA WAS PROBLEMATISED
CAUSING THE ESCAPIST'S BLACK HOLE
TO ENGULF EVERY SINGLE PORTAL



BLUE SUNFLOWER PLANET SMILED

THE ESCAPIST



THE SINGULARITY EXPANDED INTO A SPIRAL



THE CODE
EXPANDED...



INTO
A
DREAM



LOOKED
UP!



THE ESCAPIST

ONE DAY
INSIDE THE
BLACK HOLE



THE PAST
AND FUTURE
MET

THE PAST SAID TO THE FUTURE
'HOW ARE YOU DOING?'



THE FUTURE REPLIED:

'THANKS TO YOU, NOT SO GOOD...'

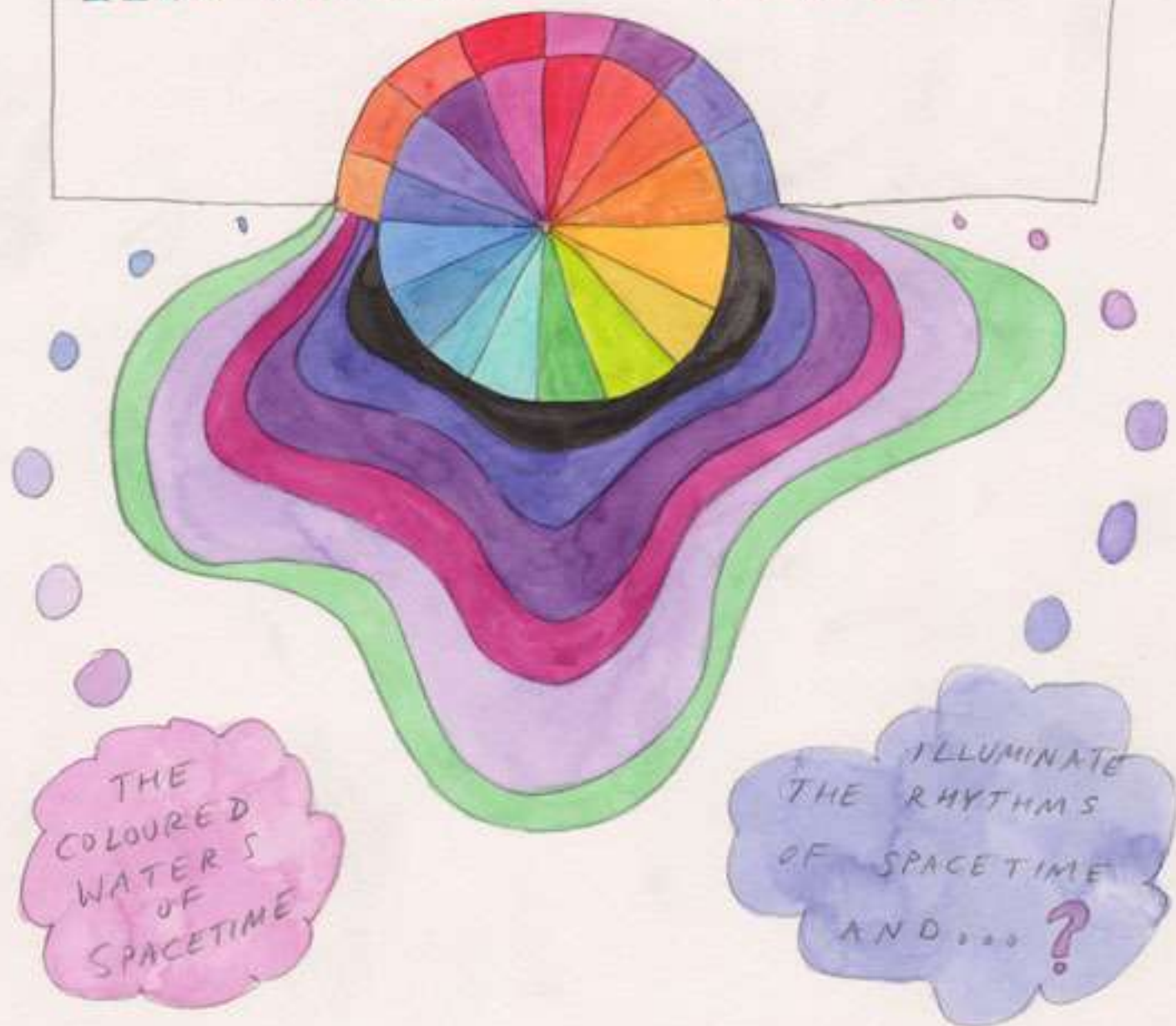
... BUT ...

THE PAST INTERRUPTED:

'BUT? YES, THAT IS THE
5 BILLION DOLLAR
QUESTION'

THE ESCAPIST

THE RAINBOW FLOOD



FILL THE COSMOS WITH GIANT RAINBOW WATERFALLS



THE ESCAPIST DROWNS AND IS REBORN

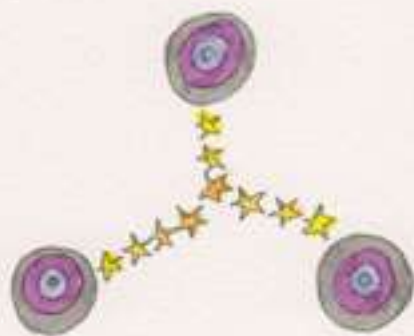
THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST SAW A SIGN



THEN HE SAW THREE



ALL POINTING IN
DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

WHICH BECAME OBSCURED



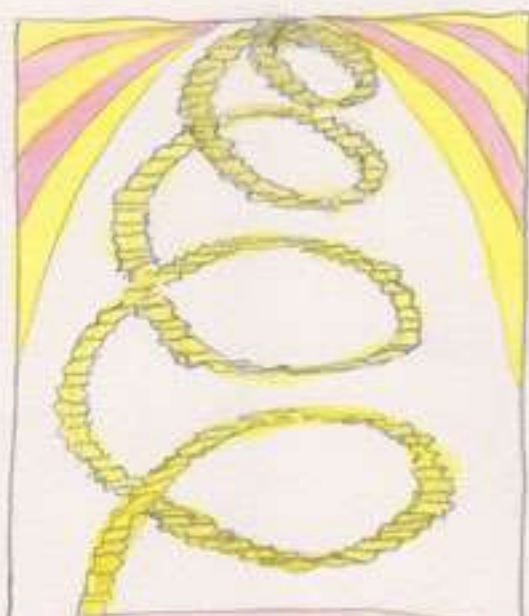
BY A
VIOLET
PINK
DATA
MIST
TRAVELLING THROUGH
SPACETIME SINCE
BEFORE THE BIG BANG



THE MIST CLUNG
TO THE STARS

AND NOTHING
WAS THE
SAME AGAIN

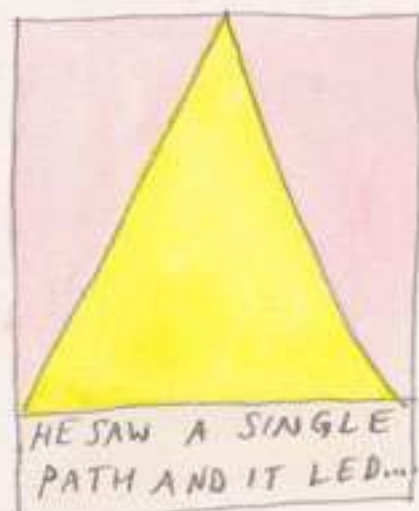
THE ESCAPIST



SO THE ESCAPIST TOOK
THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE



FROM BEYOND
THE BOUNDARY
ALL HOLOGRAPHIC
PRINCIPLES CEASED

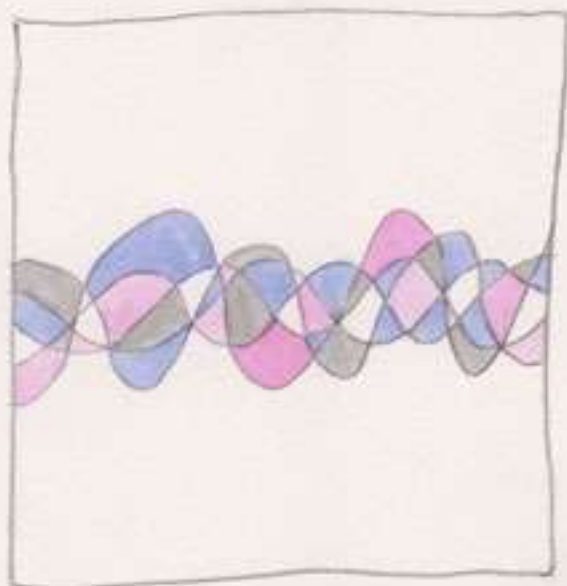


TO A
WHOLE
NEW
MINDSET!

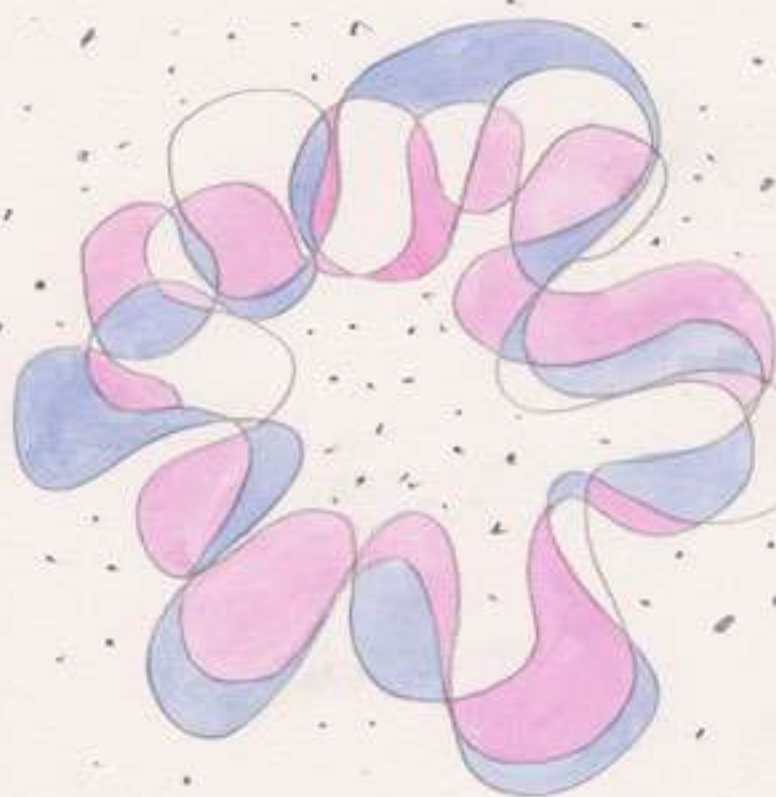
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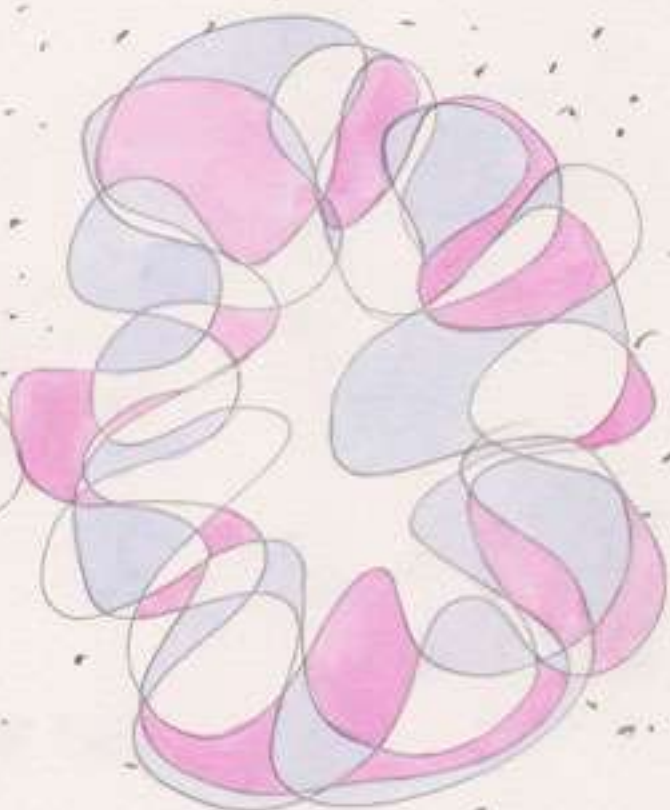
THE ESCAPIST HEARD
A RINGING SOUND
AROUND HIS BLACK HOLE



THE SOUNDS
OF SPACETIME...



LAUGHING...



OR SINGING?

THE ESCAPIST

ONE DAY
THE ESCAPIST
UNDERSTOOD
EVERYTHING



BUT THEN HE
REALISED THERE
MIGHT BE SOMETHING
MORE THAN EVERYTHING

HE LOOKED IN
FIVE BILLION
DIRECTIONS AT
THE SAME
TIME AND...



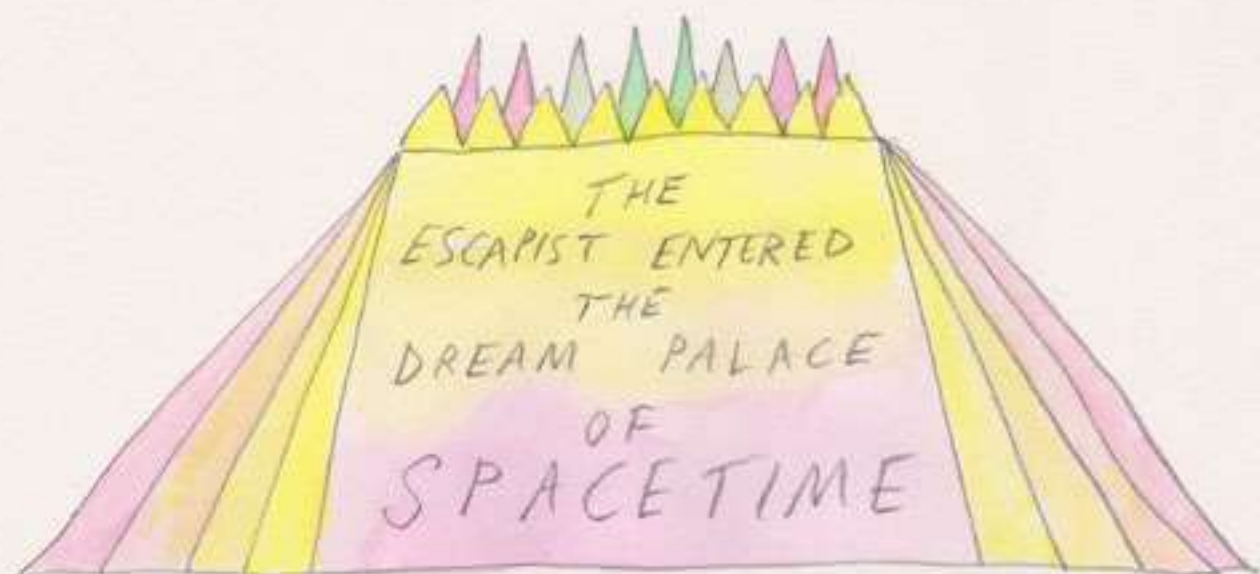
THE NEW PLANET SAID
'I KNOW EVERYTHING...AND MORE'

SAW A
NEW
PLANET

THE ESCAPIST REPLIED:

I
NEED A
HOLIDAY

THE ESCAPIST



THROUGH THE
FIRST PORTAL
HE SAW...



A
BLUE
PYRAMID



AND FORMED...



THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST WATCHED AS THE
8 BLACK HOLES ROTATED IN SPACETIME

THEY WERE THE SAME BLACK
HOLE AS EACH OTHER BUT
WITNESSED THROUGH 8 DIMENSIONS
OF COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS



THE SPACESHIP RAINED...

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST
TRAVELLED TO
THE SUN



IN FACT HE MADE A TOUR
OF MANY SUNS



THE ESCAPIST

THE ESCAPIST COLLECTED
GRASSES FROM MANY PLANETS



THE INTERIOR
OF THE PLANET WAS
A NETWORK OF EXTINGUISHED
TIME CRYSTALS OF LIQUID
DATA CONTAINING MESSAGES
FROM DIMENSIONLESS GALAXIES

SPACETIME SLIPPED
AWAY...

THE ESCAPIST

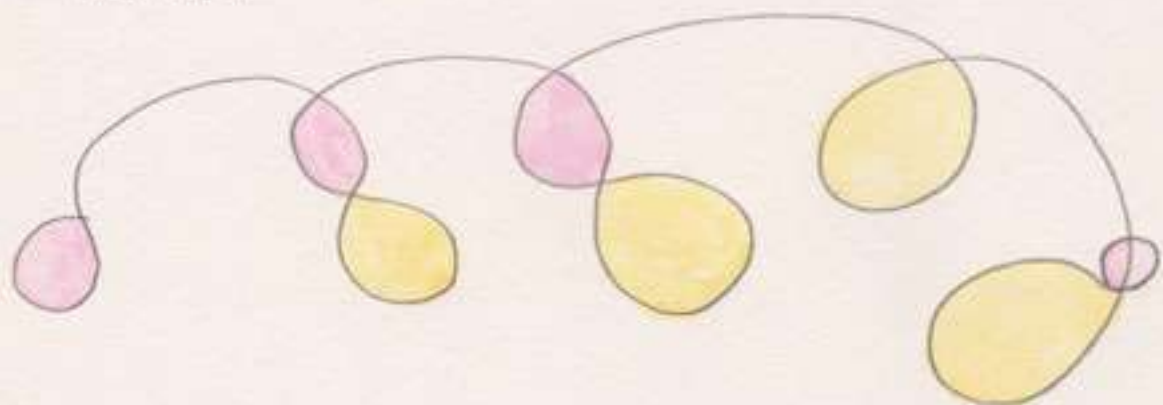


THE ESCAPIST ARRIVED
AT A GALAXY OF GOLDEN PLANETS



CLOSE UP EACH
PLANET WAS A
MAP OF ANOTHER
PLANET

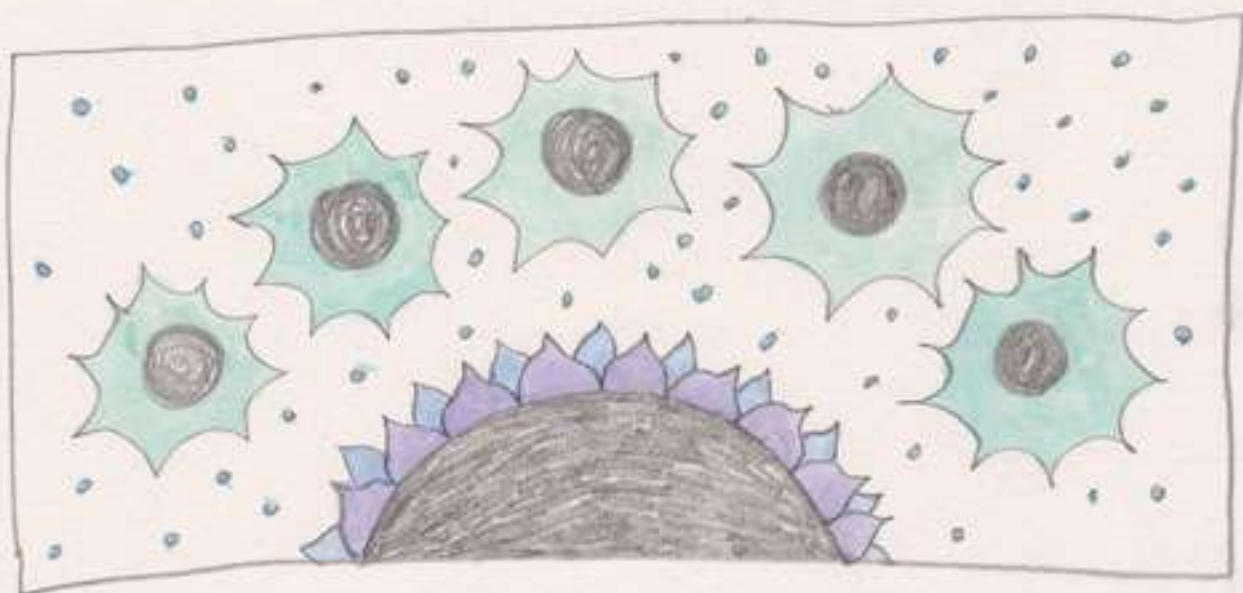
THE ESCAPIST
WAS
CONFUSED



THEN HE UNDERSTOOD



THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST WATCHED FIVE
EXPLOSIONS AROUND HIS BLACK HOLE

IN ANOTHER
UNIVERSE FIVE SPACESHIPS
LANDED ON A MOUNTAIN
RANGE OF A PLANET THAT
HAD NEVER SEEN THE LIGHT
OF SPACETIME...



THE ESCAPIST



FIVE BILLION BILLION YEARS AFTER THE
BIG BANG THE ESCAPIST BUILT A BRIDGE

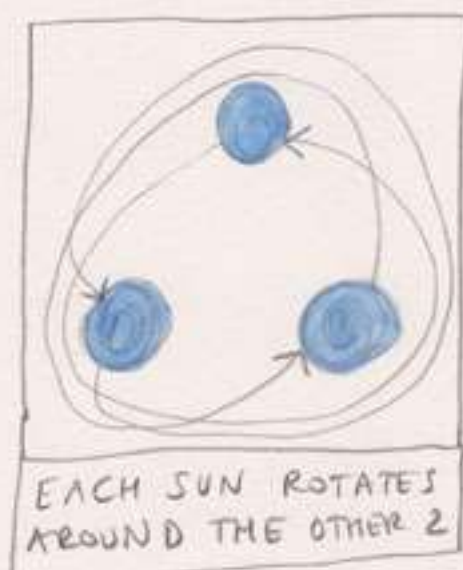
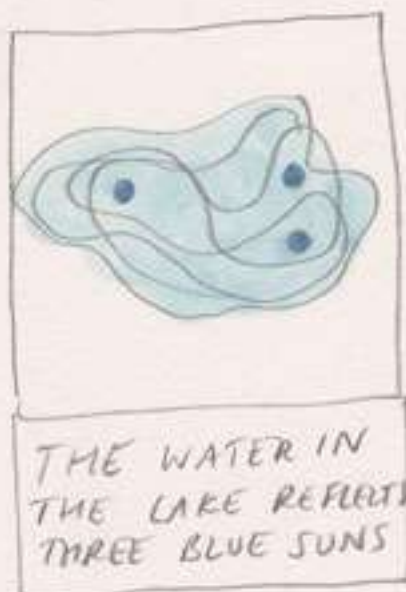
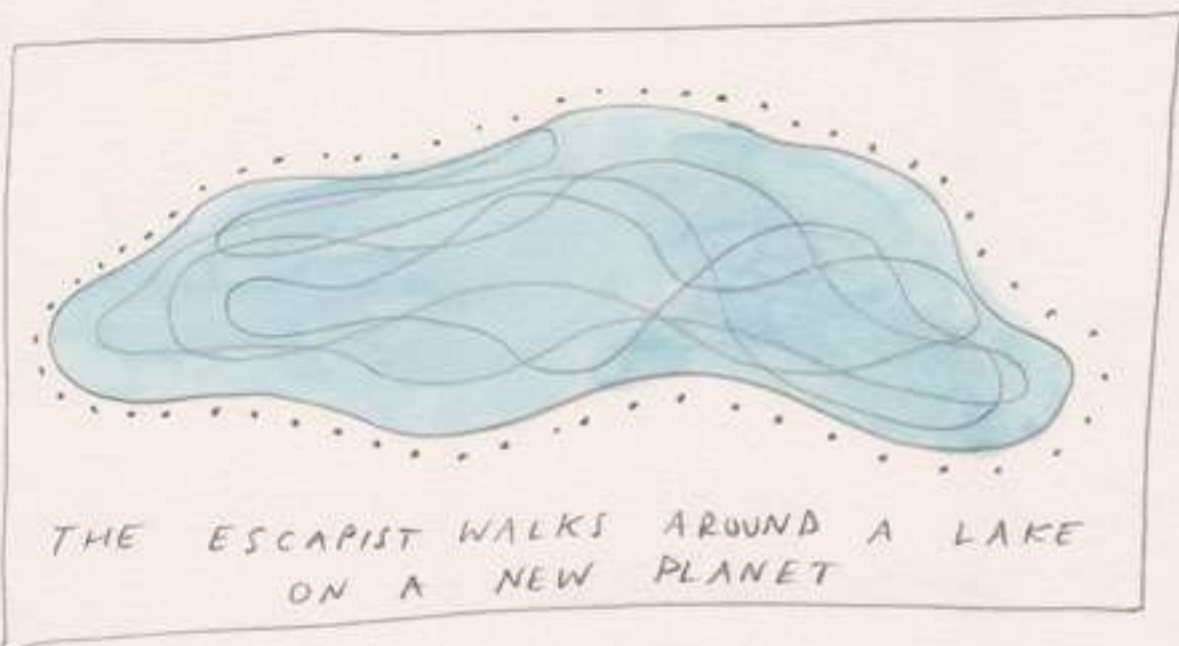
THE BRIDGE
CONNECTED HIS
LOVE OF THE
COSMOS TO
HIS FEAR
OF LOSS



THE BRIDGE TURNED
INTO A SPACE FLOWER

WHICH POINTED
IN MANY DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST IS ILLUMINATED
BY A FIERCE BLUE LIGHT...

UNTIL NIGHTFALL WHEN THE SKY
BECOMES FILLED WITH SPINNING
MAGENTA OBJECTS

THE ESCAPIST

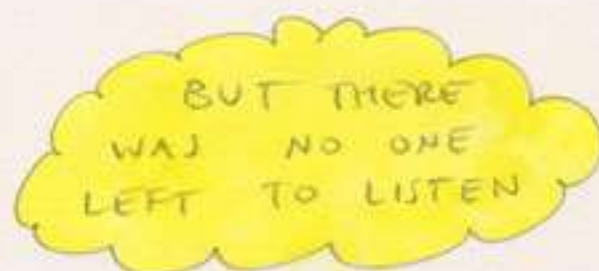
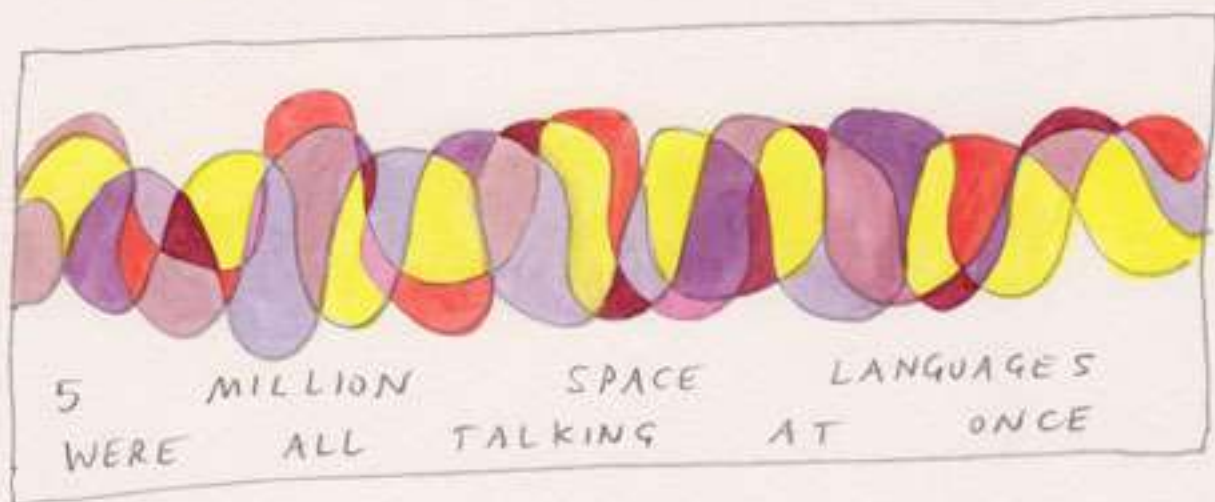


SPACESHIPS TRAVELLING TO THE BOUNDARY

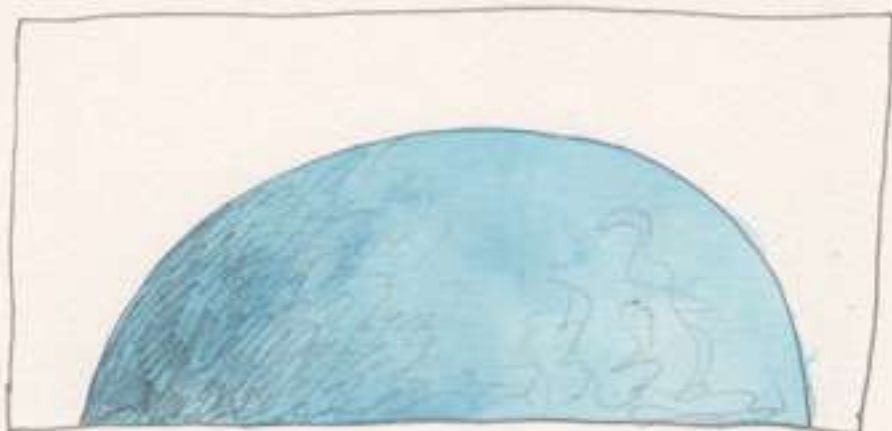
AM I
LIVING IN
A
MATHEMATICAL
CONSTRUCT
IMAGINED
BY A
HUMAN
SCIENTIST?

WONDERED THE ESCAPIST

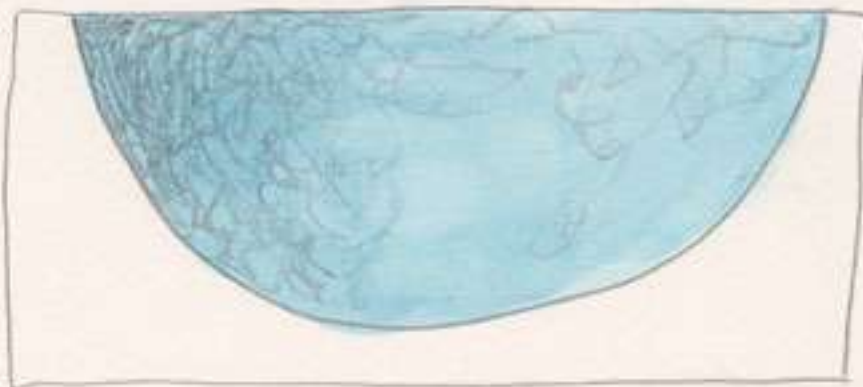
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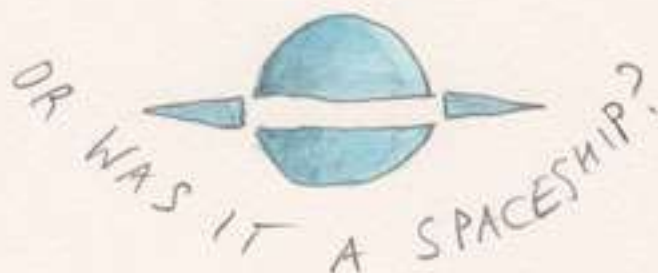
THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST CLIMBED A SMALL HILL



BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SMALL
PLANET

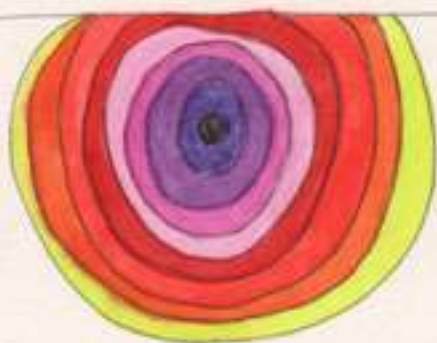


WITHOUT A CENTRE...

WHAT IS BEYOND THE CENTRE
OF ALL THINGS?

ASKED THE ESCAPIST

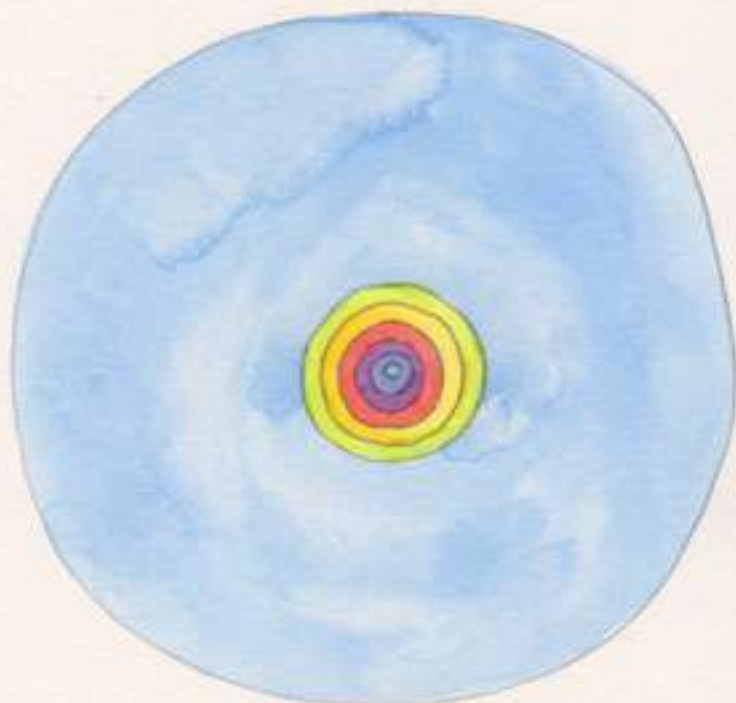
THE ESCAPIST



ON THE RAINBOW PLANET
THE ESCAPIST FOUND A BOX

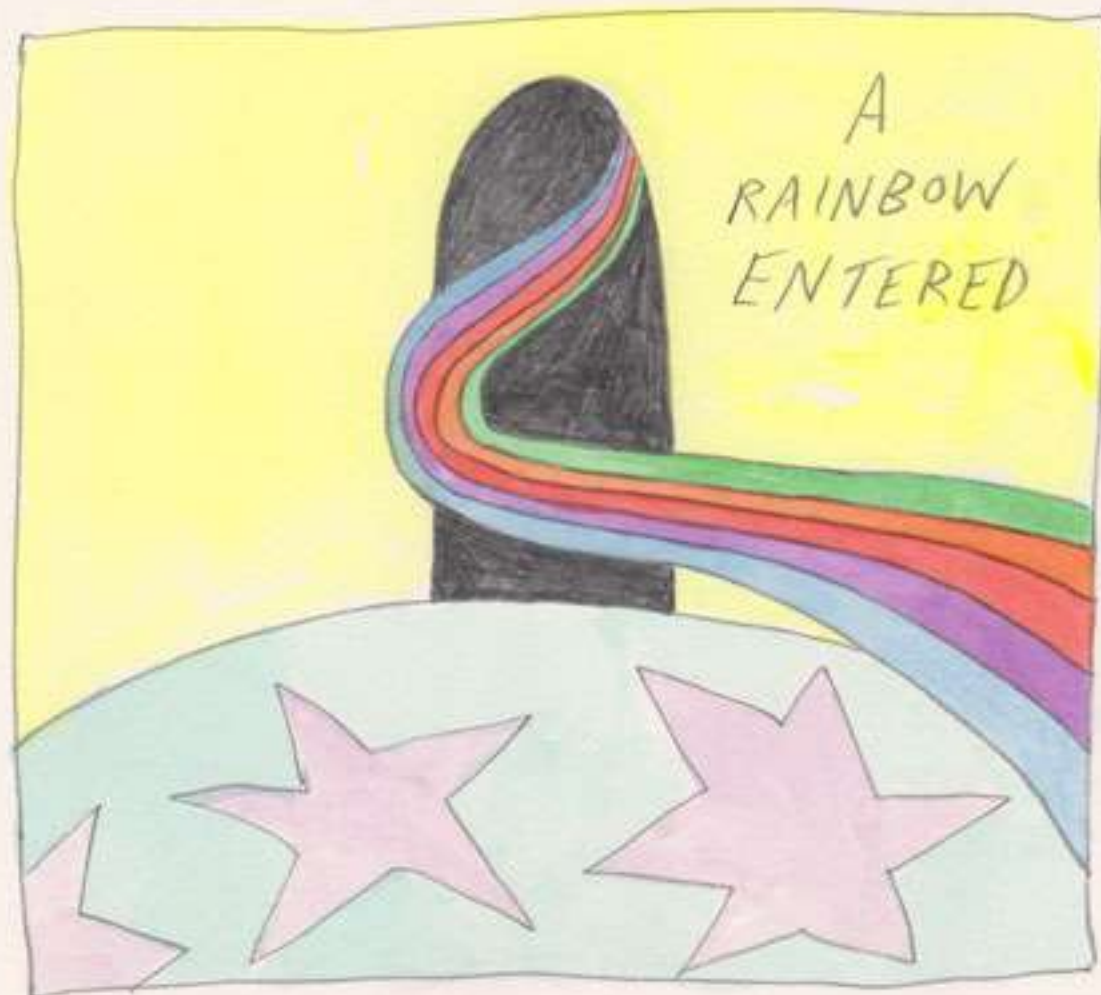
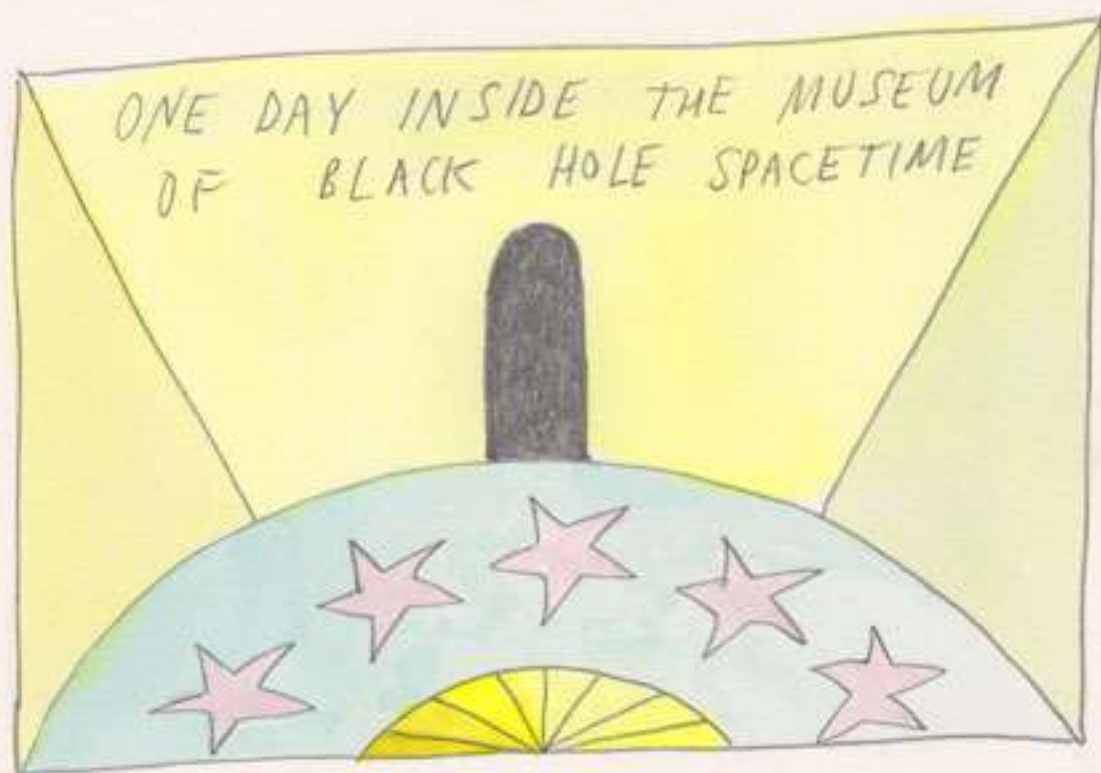


INSIDE THE BOX WAS A
BLUE PLANET

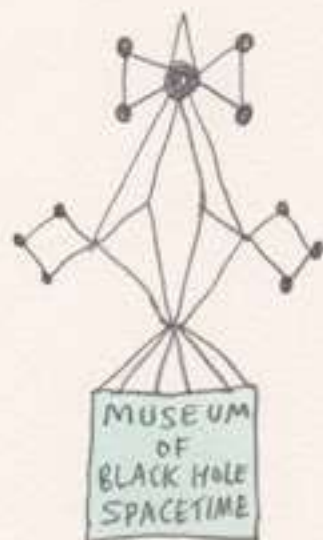


AND INSIDE THE BLUE
PLANET WAS A RAINBOW

THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST



THE RAINBOW
INVESTIGATED
EVERYTHING
IN THE MUSEUM
COLLECTION

AND THEN
ARRIVED AT
THE FINAL
EXHIBIT...



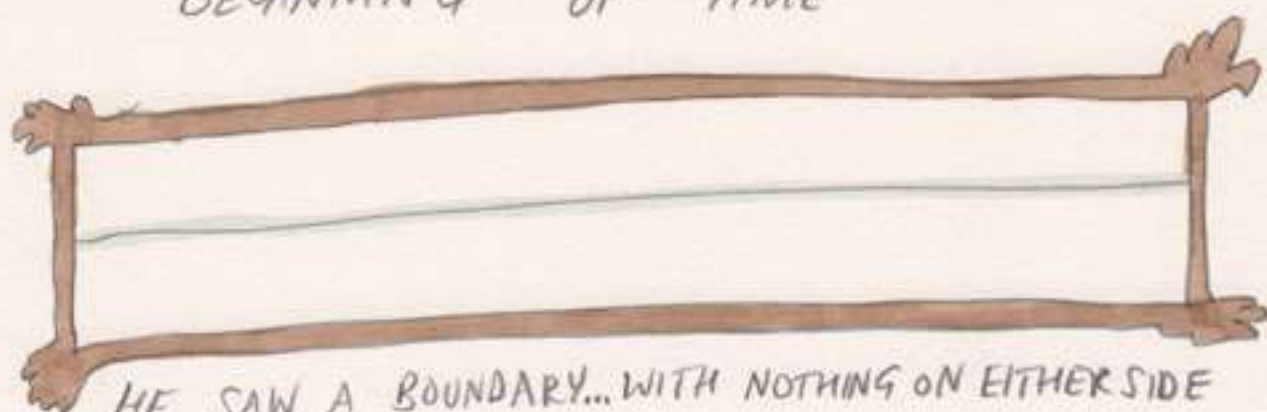
TIME STOOD STILL...

THE ESCAPIST



THE FUTURE
OF SPACETIME
WAS IN HIS
HANDS

So THE ESCAPIST TRAVELLED TO THE
BEGINNING OF TIME



HE SAW A BOUNDARY... WITH NOTHING ON EITHER SIDE

IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO TELL HOW
FAR AWAY THE
BOUNDARY
WAS

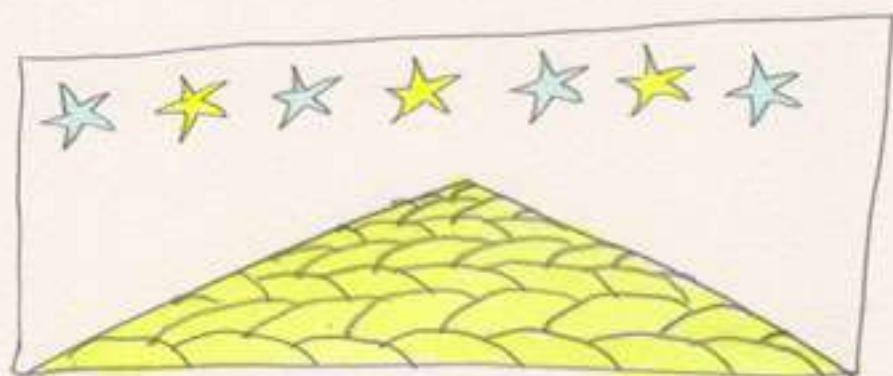
BUT THERE
WAS NO TIME TO THINK!

BECAUSE EVERYTHING
WAS RUSHING TO BEGIN...

THE ESCAPIST

IS THE FUTURE OF SPACETIME
THE END OF TIME AND ITS
RELATIONSHIP WITH SPACE?

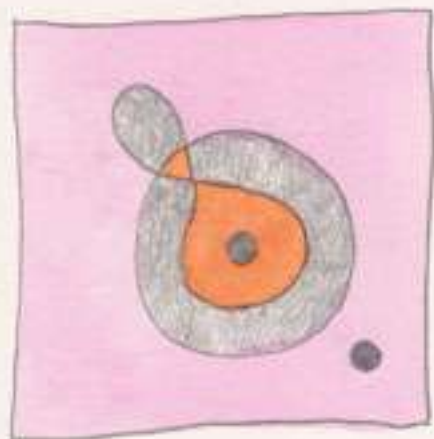
A GIANT COSMIC
SINGULARITY?



THE ESCAPIST TRAVELLED
TO THE END OF TIME



THE ESCAPIST



ONE DAY THE ESCAPIST
FOUND OUT THAT SPACETIME
WAS SMALLER ON THE
OUTSIDE THAN THE INSIDE

THE FOLLOWING DAY HE WONDERED
ABOUT WHO HE HAD BEEN
BEFORE THIS REVELATION

BECAUSE
IT MADE
EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM
FEEL
DIFFERENT

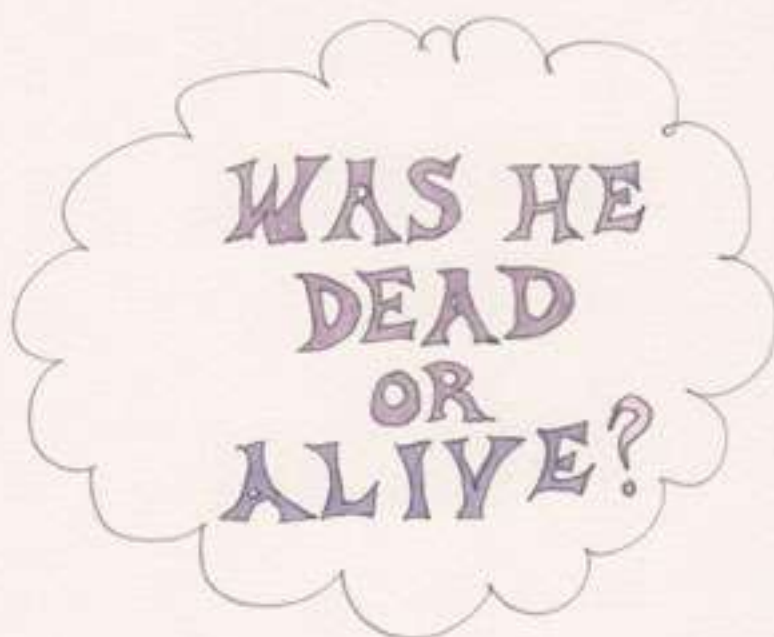
AND SO

PERHAPS...

WAS
HIS BRAIN
BIGGER THAN
THE
UNIVERSE?

WHO WAS THERE TO ASK?

THE ESCAPIST



OR NEITHER?

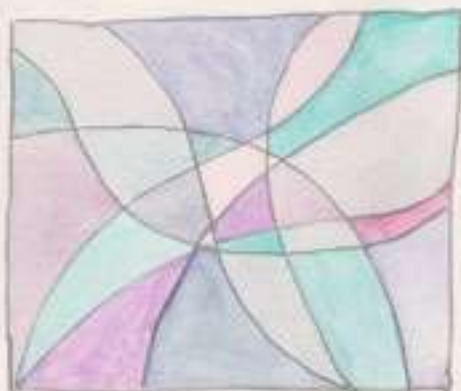
THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST GAZED OUT INTO THE COSMOS
IT WAS A WONDROUS SIGHT



A BLUE STAR
SENT A BEAM
RIGHT THROUGH
HIS BRAIN



IT PROJECTED AN
IMAGE WHOSE SIGNAL
APPEARED ABSTRACTED
AT FIRST...

BUT TURNED OUT
TO BE A SCENE
FROM A MOVIE
HE HAD ALWAYS
IMAGINED BUT
HAD NEVER
EXISTED

THEN HE
REALISED THAT IT
DIDN'T MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE
WHETHER HE WAS
DEAD OR ALIVE
AND HE WAS
HAPPY
AGAIN