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## **The Escapist BHST (Black Hole Spacetime)**

comic book component - pdf

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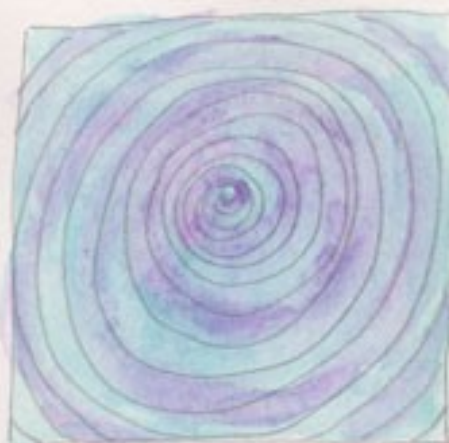
The project consists of portals, a comic strip, diagrams, oil paintings, project diagrams and works by scientists at CERN in Geneva which envision intelligent life forms on other planets.

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  
GLOWS PARALLEL  
VACUUM DATA  
DUST INSIDE  
VORTEX OF  
BLACK HOLE  
SUPERNOVA  
BEYOND  
SPACETIME

BLACK HOLE FLOWER

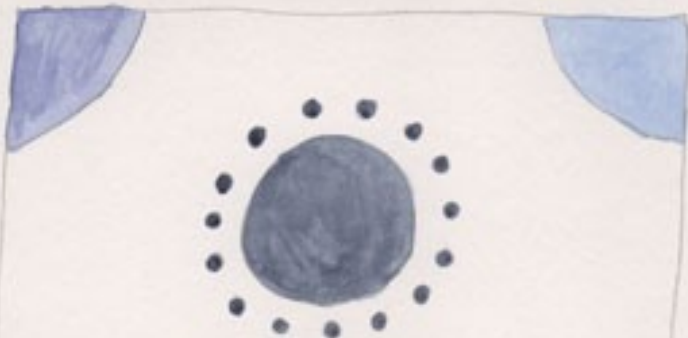


NON-  
TERRESTRIAL TIME



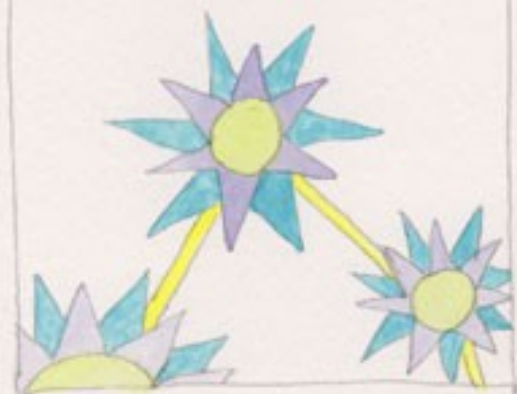
LIGHT  
CONES  
REVERSAL

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



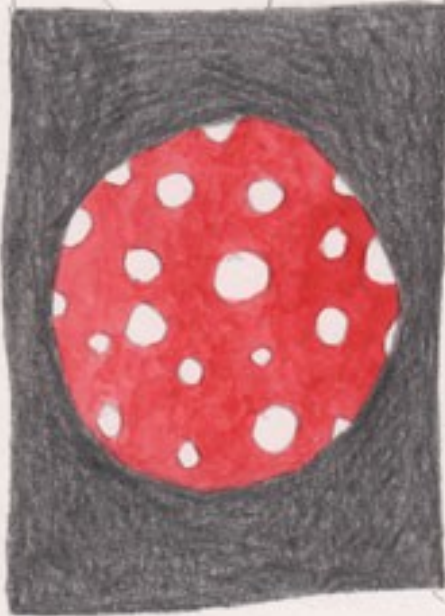
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AN HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOM  
ENTERS THE BLACK HOLE



HALLUCINOGENIC  
SINGULARITY

THE  
ESCAPIST  
REMEMBERS  
LIFE  
ON  
EARTH

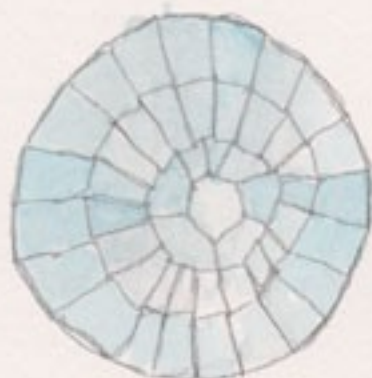


EXTRA  
TERRESTRIAL  
BLACK  
HOLE  
MUSHROOM  
LOVE



# THE ESCAPIST

BLACK HOLE



CRYSTAL VIEW

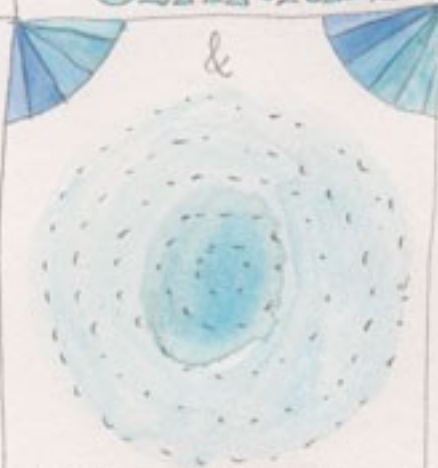
THE ESCAPIST  
LOOKING OUT  
FROM BLACKHOLE  
SEES CRYSTAL  
WORLD LIGHTING  
UP OVER SHORT  
CENTURIES

FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION



ZOOM IN ON TIP  
OF FIR CONE

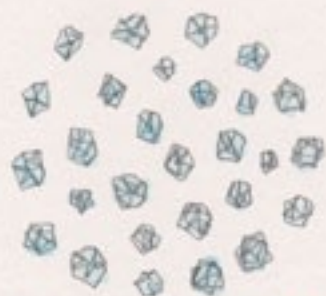
THE ESCAPIST  
BLINKS...



SEES 3 MILLION STARS

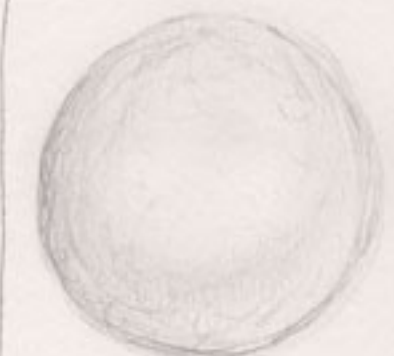
INSIDE  
ROSE  
CLOUDS  
OF  
DATA  
DUST

BECOME



A BALL OF  
CRYSTALS

AND THEN...



A  
CRYSTAL BALL

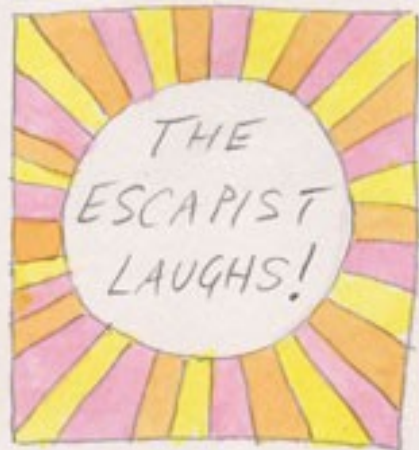
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A PARALLEL  
UNIVERSE VIBRATES...

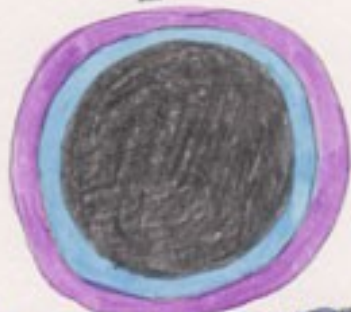


PARTICLE DATA FROM THE EXPLODED SPACEXTIME ASI  
WAFTS FROM UNIVERSE TO UNIVERSE MORPHING INFORMATION  
WITH SUPERNOVA DEBRIS ALREADY FORMED GALAXIES AND LOST  
AGO IN ESCAPIST TIME TO UNIVERSE PHILOSOPHIES BEFORE HUMAN  
NEBULAE OF NEW ANCIENT TIME INTO DEEP FUTURE  
RACE EXISTED BUT INSINUATED BUT WAITING...  
ONLY OF IMAGINARY TIME

THE  
ESCAPIST  
HOPES...

# 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





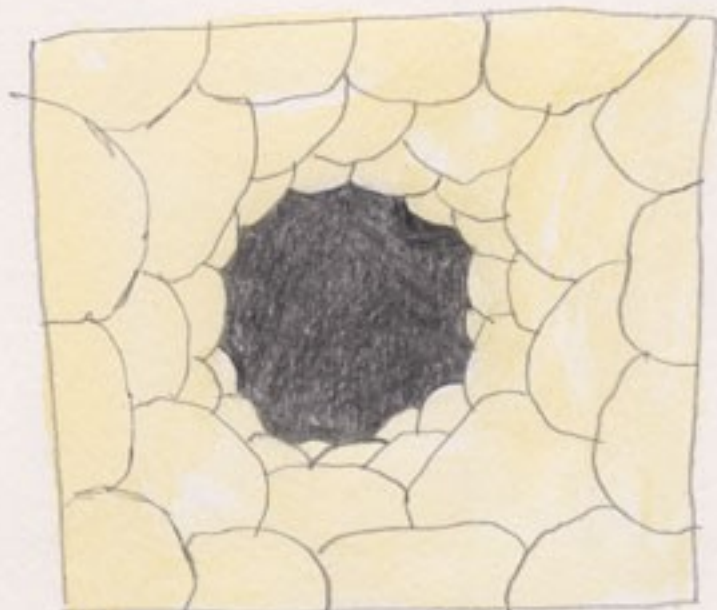
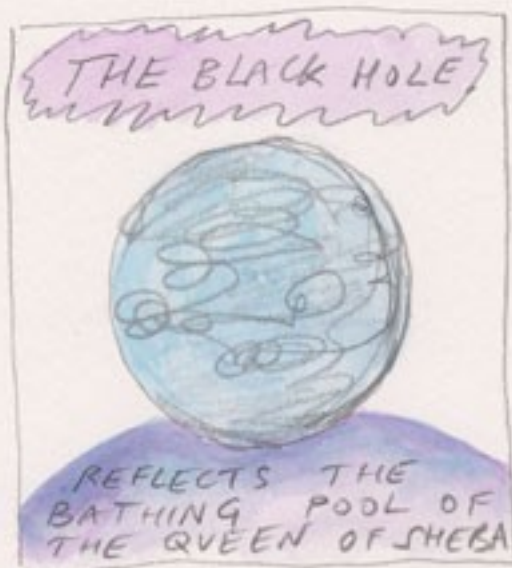
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BLACK HOLE CONSENSUS REALITY PROGRAM  
OF DISSOLUTE STAR-SCAPES IMPRINTED ON THE  
SPACE TIME MEMORY OF A MAGENTA ASTEROID  
TRAVELLING TOWARDS LOST CONCEPTUALISATIONS  
OF THE COSMOS



# THE ESCAPIST



SPACE TIME BURSTS  
FORTH FROM THE  
WATERS OF  
ABYSSINIA



... 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

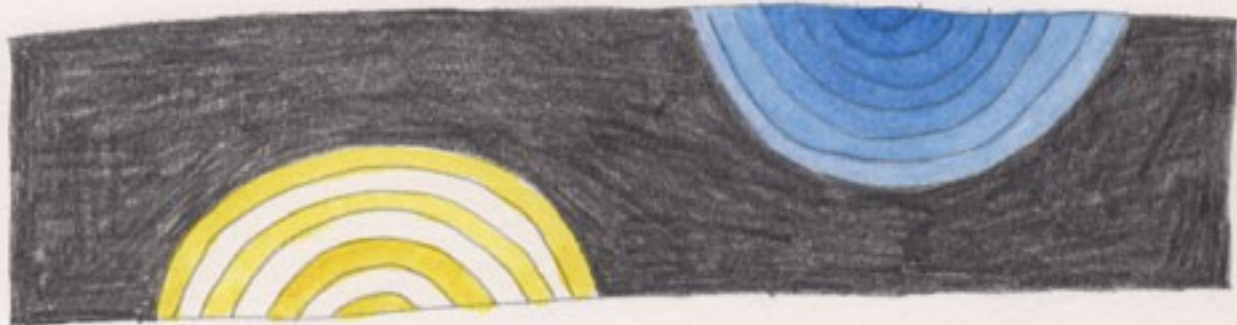


SPACE BEES  
ARE DRAWN IN

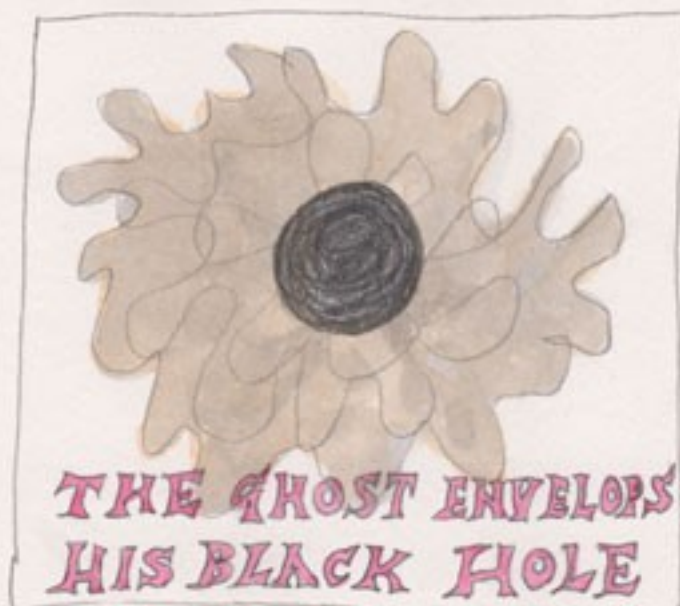


THEY BECOME ONE  
BEE AT THE CENTRE

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

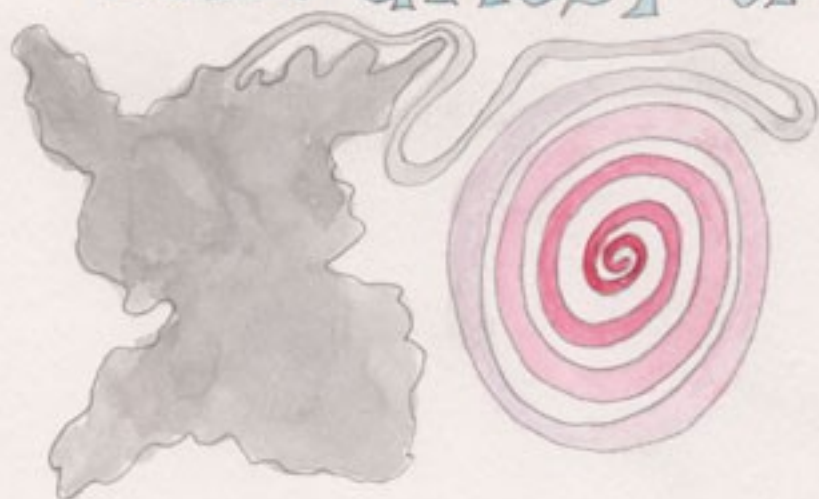


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→ HE ENTERS HIS PAST LIFE  
REIMBODIED AS:

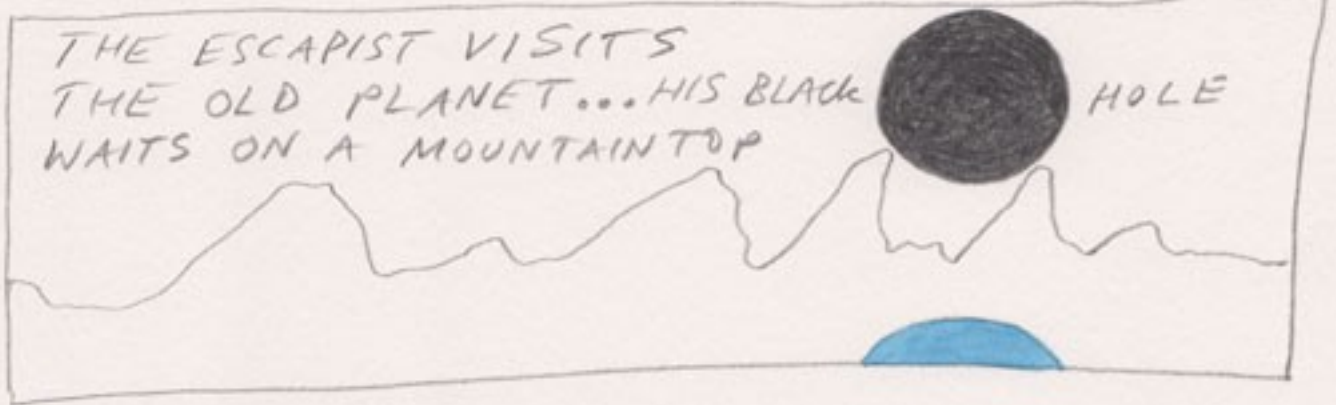
'THE GHOST OF SPACETIME'



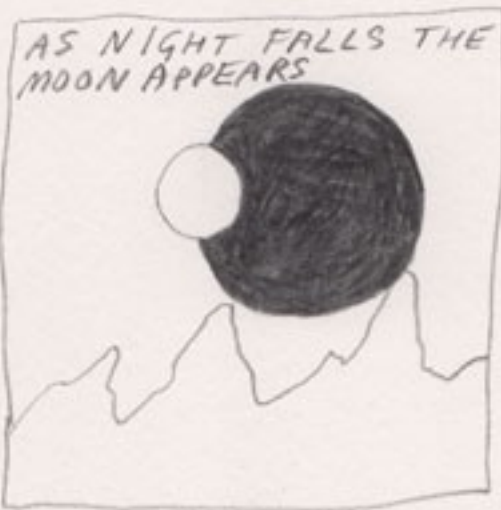
ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
GHOST IS  
THE PORTAL...

# THE ESCAPIST

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



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 METAYVERSE 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

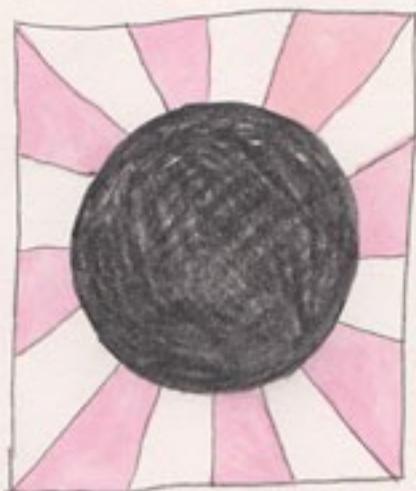


THE  
BLACK HOLE  
FORGETS

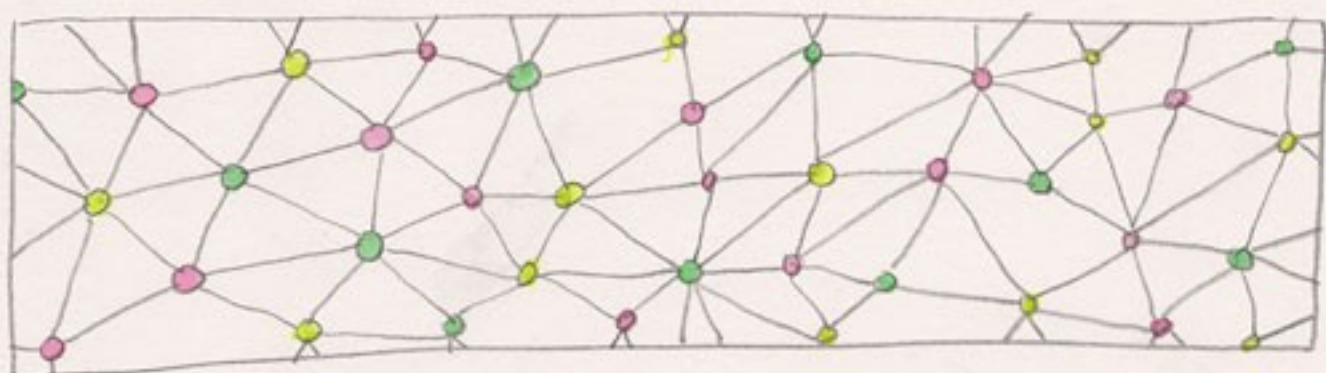
AT THE  
SAME TIME  
THE  
ESCAPIST  
REMEMBERS

**ALL IS NOT LOST...**

# THE ESCAPIST



ON THE INTERVERSE!



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

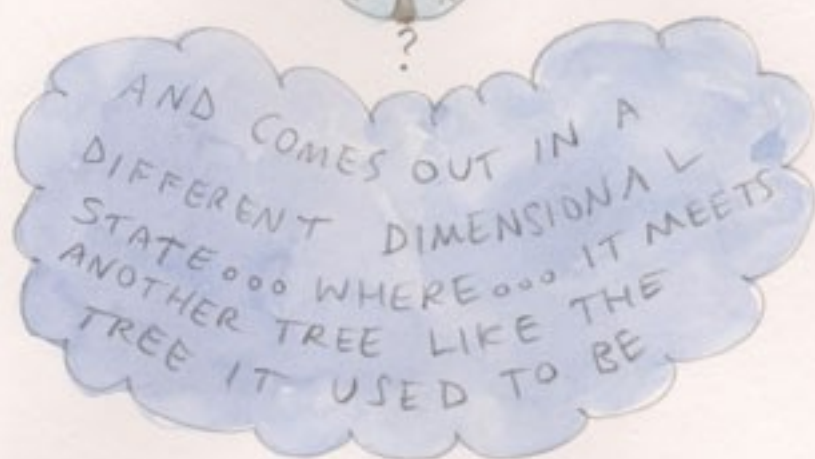
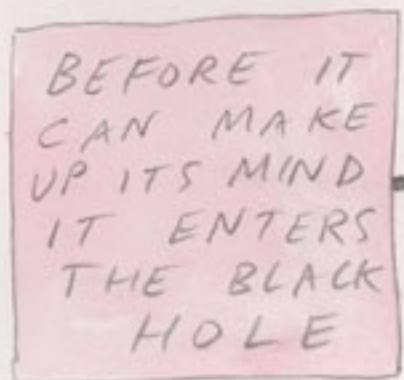
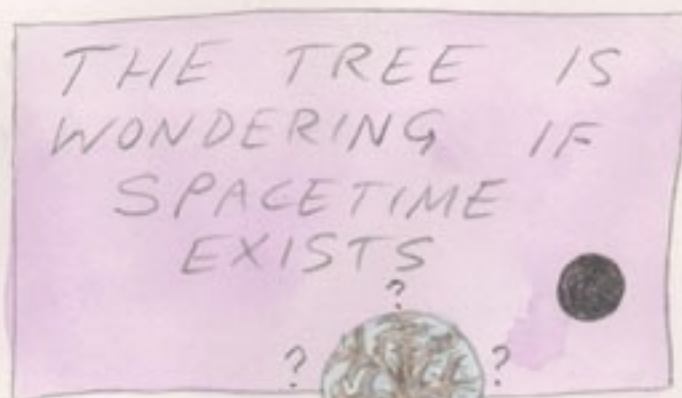
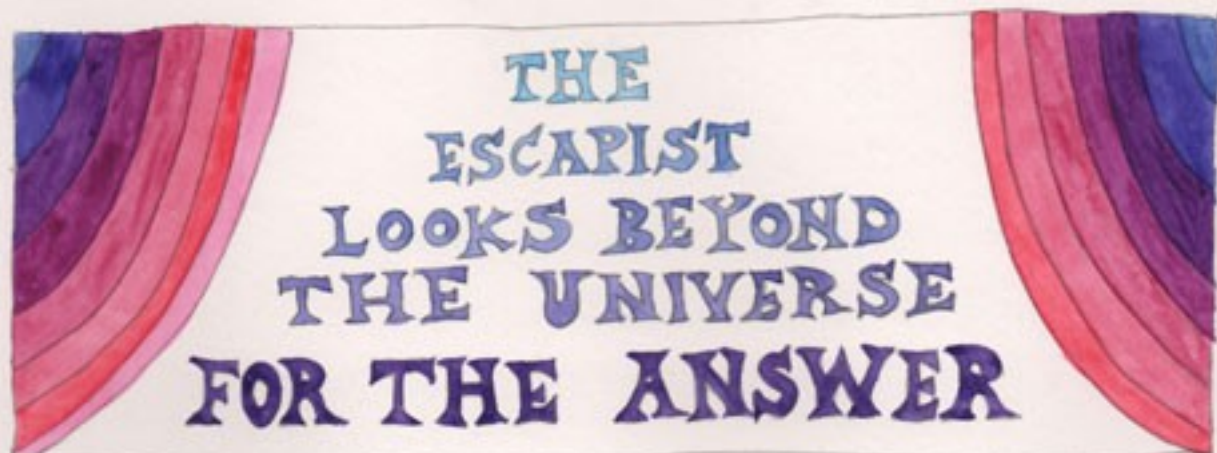
THE INTER-  
VERSE REMINDS  
HIM OF AN  
ENORMOUS



TREE OF LIFE



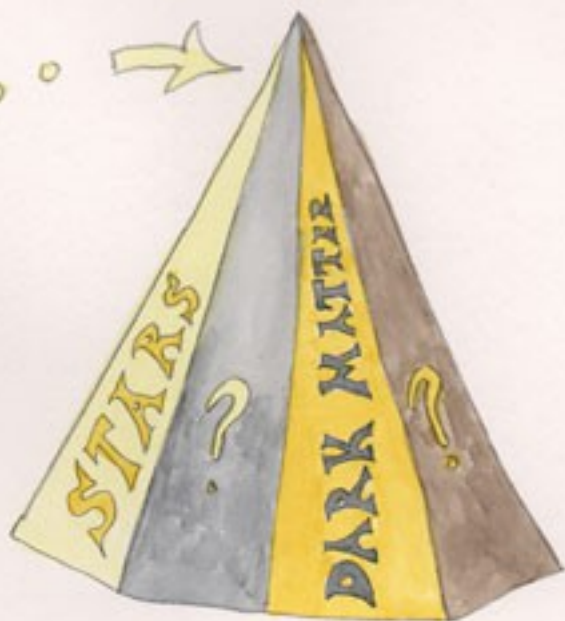
# THE ESCAPIST



# THE ESCAPIST



WHICH RECONFIGURES THE UNIVERSE!



THE ESCAPIST  
FALLS  
ASLEEP...

# THE ESCAPIST

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CULTURAL  
ARTEFACTS..



THE  
LOST  
OBJECTS  
OF  
SPACE  
TIME

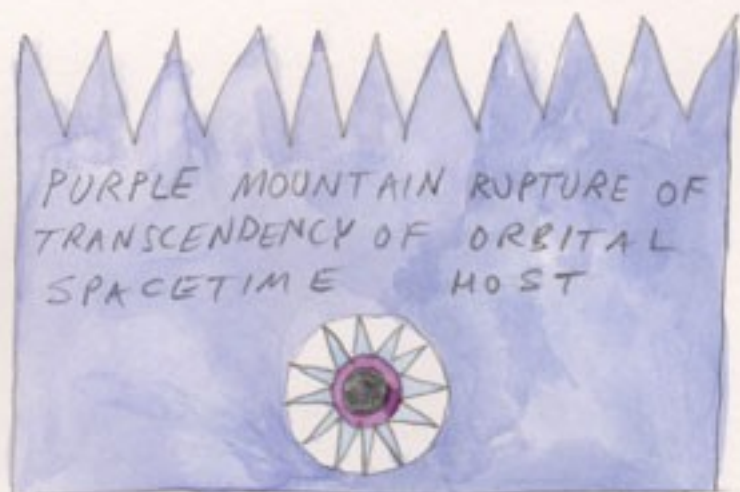


MUSEUM  
OF  
BLACK HOLE  
SPACETIME



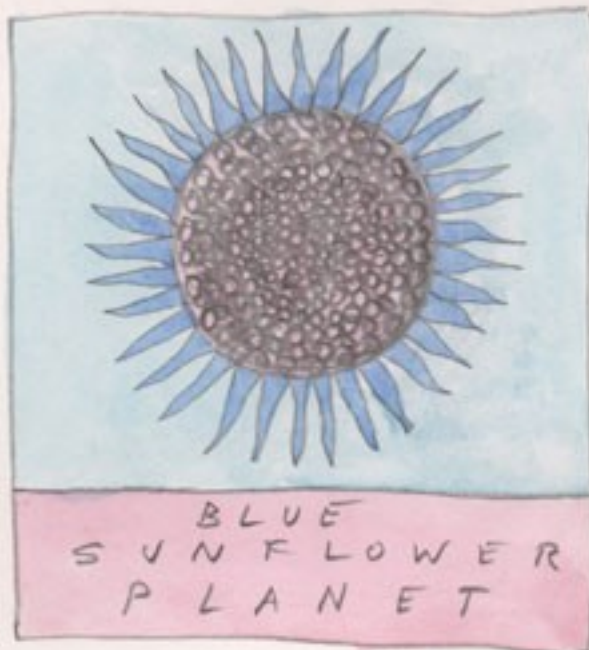
THE BLACK HOLE VISITS THE MUSEUM

# 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 8  
**THE NEW PLANET**

# THE ESCAPIST

THE ESCAPIST  
WOKE UP  
UNUSUALLY  
EARLY

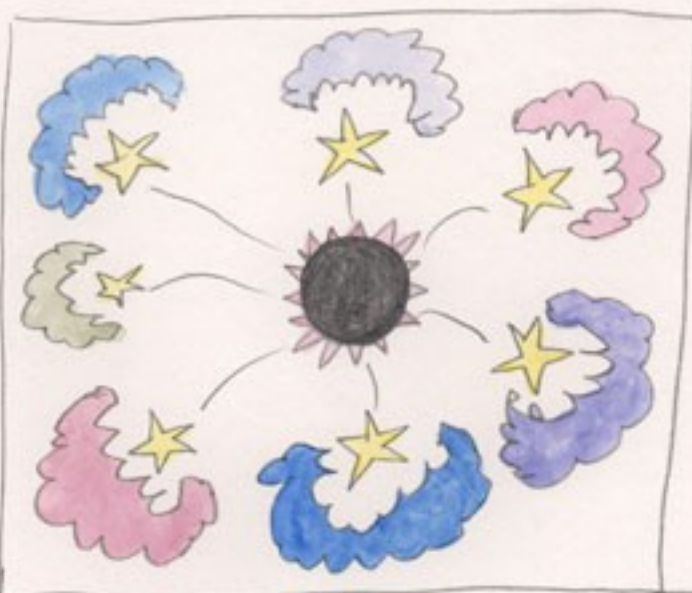
SPACETIME



HAD SPIRALLED IN  
HIS DREAMS

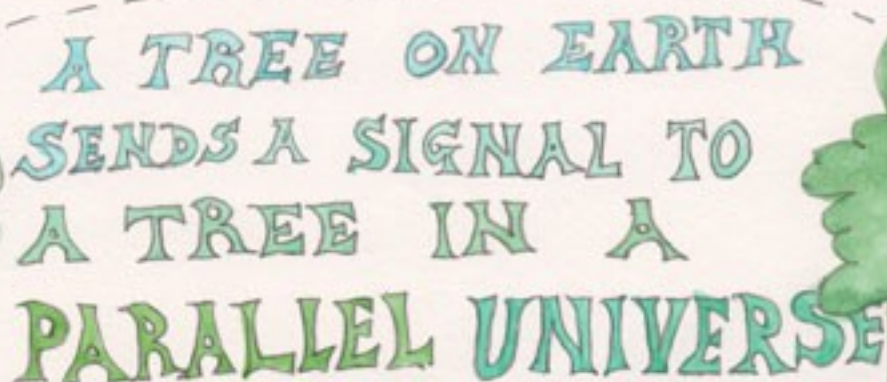


HE SAW THE COSMOS FILLED  
WITH STAR STUDDED MULTICOLOURED CLOUDS



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

# THE ESCAPIST



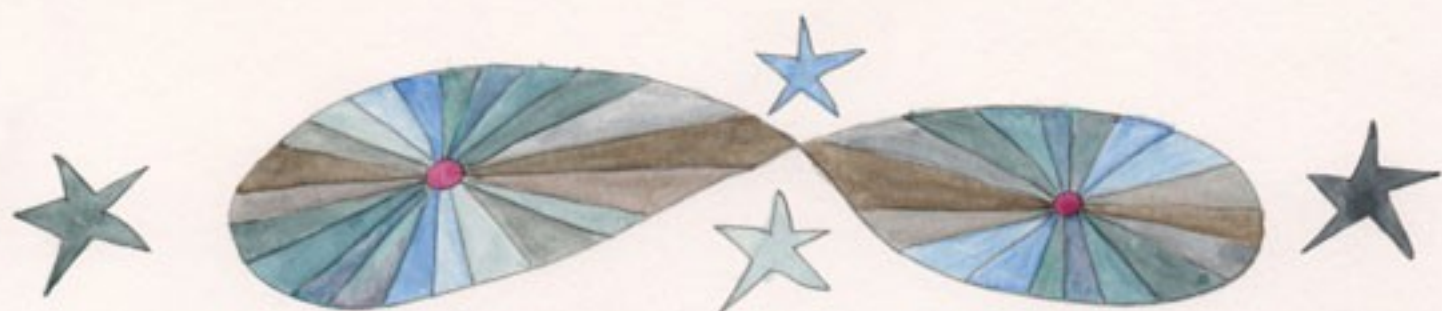
A TREE ON EARTH  
SENDS A SIGNAL TO  
A TREE IN A  
PARALLEL UNIVERSE



CAUSING HIM  
TO EMIT  
LIGHT RAYS  
WHICH...



# THE ESCAPIST

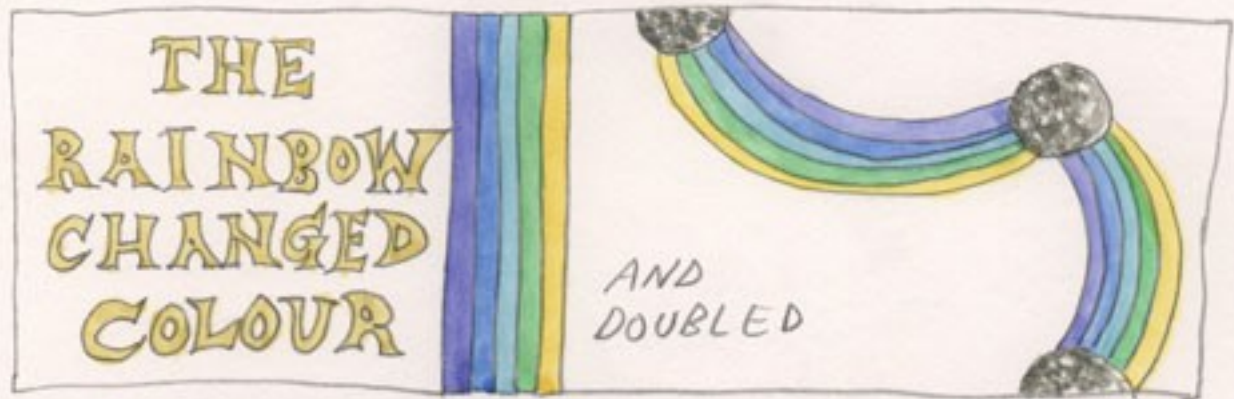
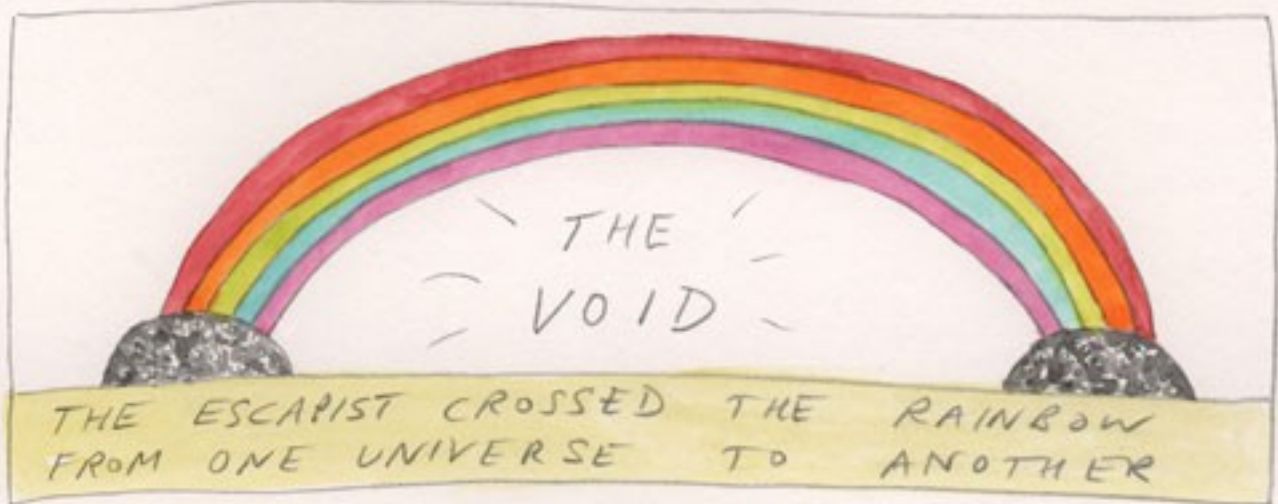


THE ESCAPIST TURNS HIMSELF  
INSIDE OUT AND WAKES UP ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF HIMSELF





# 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 NO ONE 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

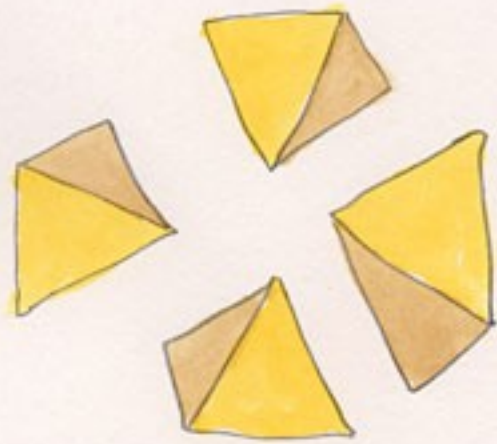


RELEASING INTERPLANETARY  
DATA STAR DUST

# THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST  
SAW A STARBURST



BECOME 4  
PYRAMIDS



BECOME  
A  
MUSEUM



A  
MONUMENT

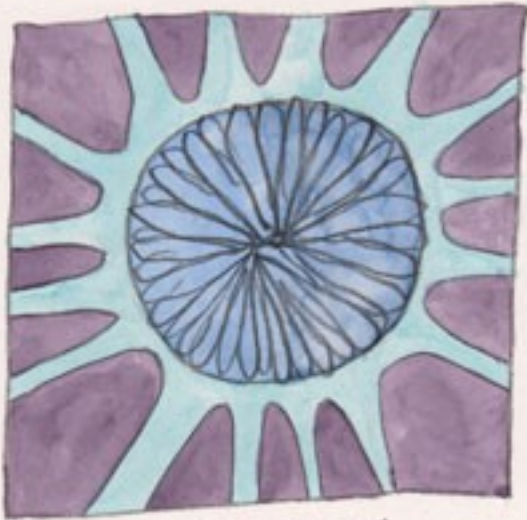


THEN 2 INTERGALACTIC  
PARALLEL MOUNTAINS



THEN AN OBJECT FOR NON-  
TERRESTRIAL INTERPRETATION

# THE ESCAPIST



THE ESCAPIST'S  
BLACK HOLE WAS  
UNDER ATTACK

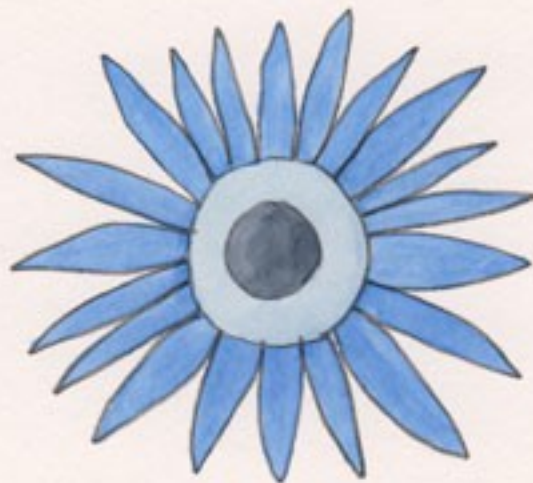
50 BILLION  
PARALLEL  
TIME ZONE  
PORTALS  
WERE  
HOLDING A  
CONFERENCE  
TO DECIDE  
ON THE  
FUTURE OF  
THE PAST



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



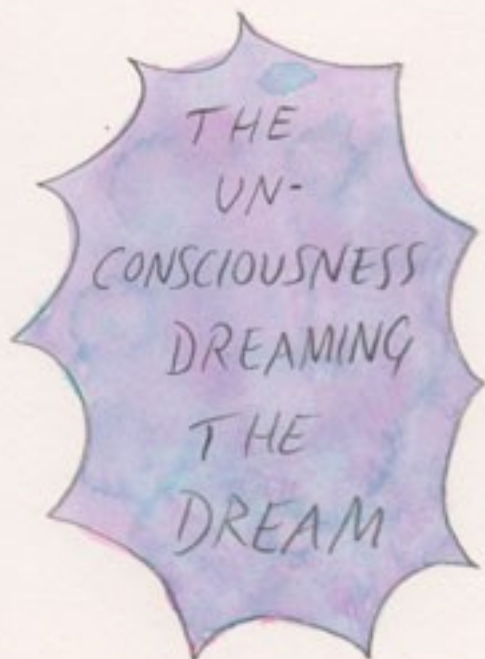
THE SINGULARITY EXPANDED INTO A SPIRAL



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...'

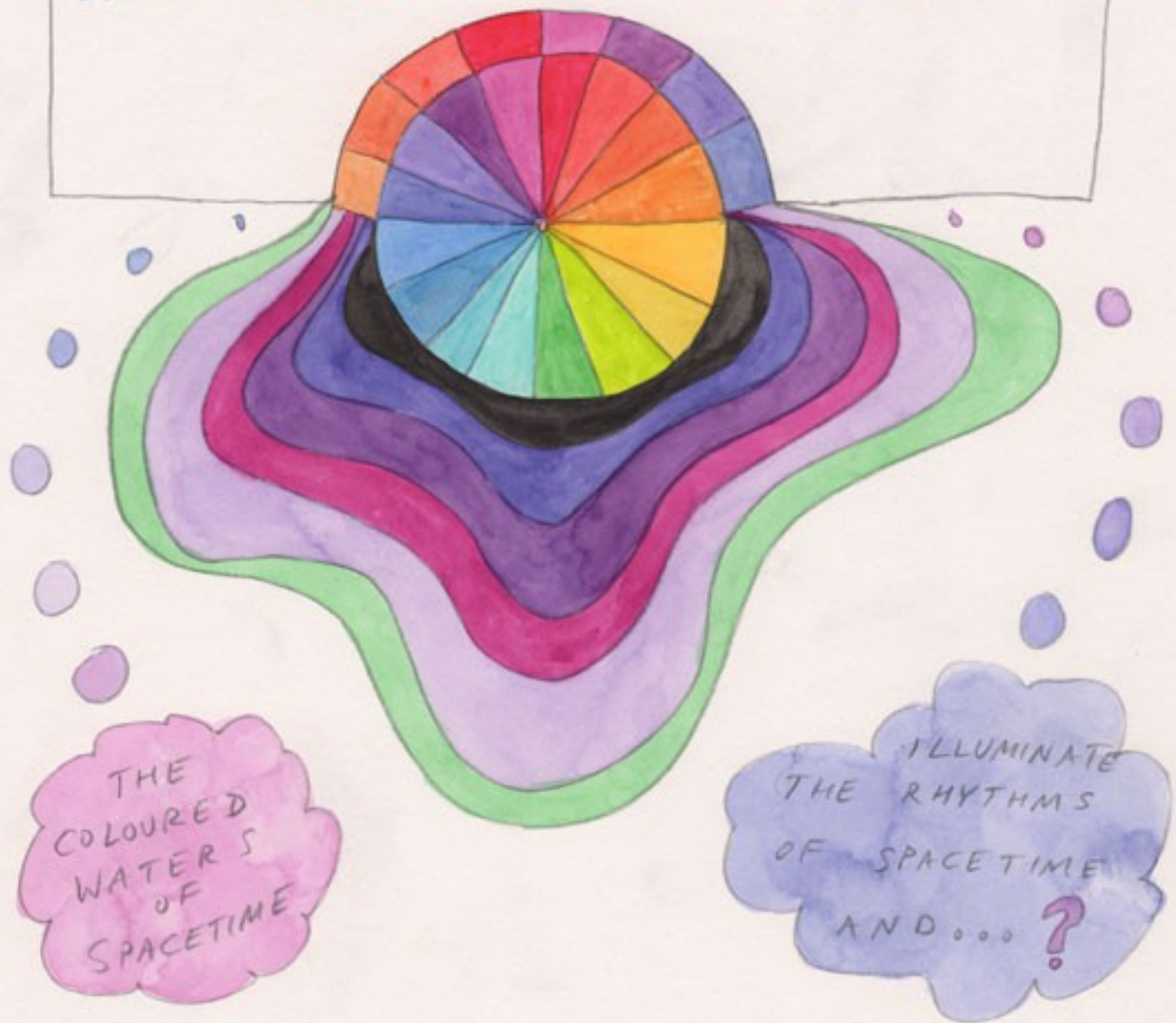
'... BUT...'

THE PAST INTERRUPTED:

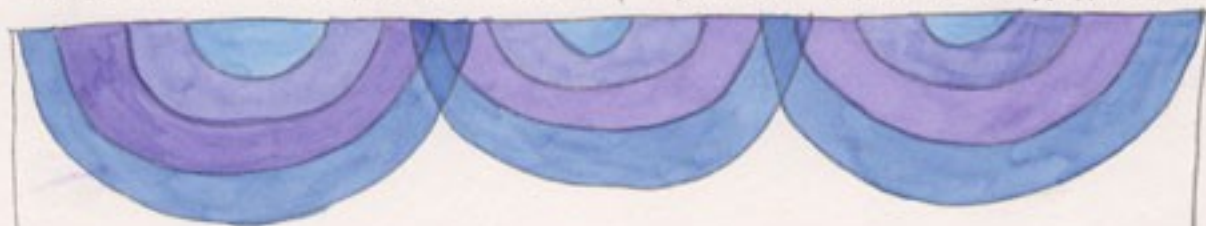
'BUT? YES, THAT IS THE  
5 BILLION DOLLAR  
QUESTION'

# THE ESCAPIST

## THE RAINBOW FLOOD



FILL THE COSMOS WITH GIANT RAINBOW WATERFALLS

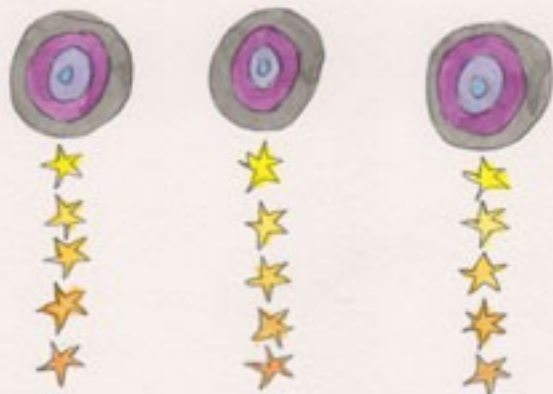


THE ESCAPIST DROWNS AND IS REBORN

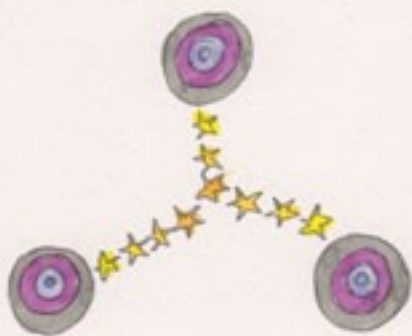
# THE ESCAPIST



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

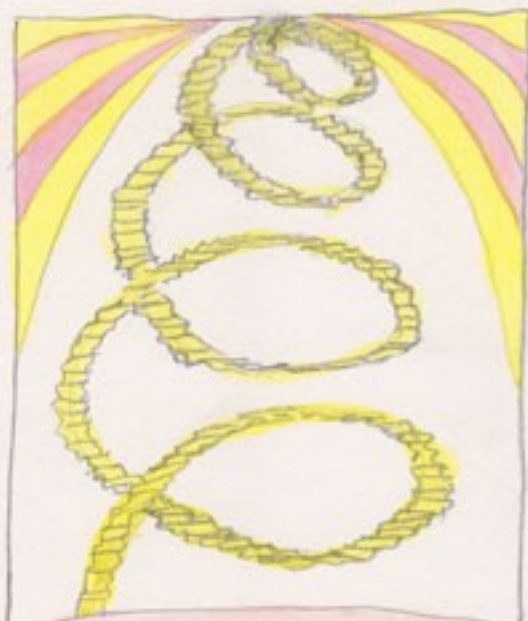
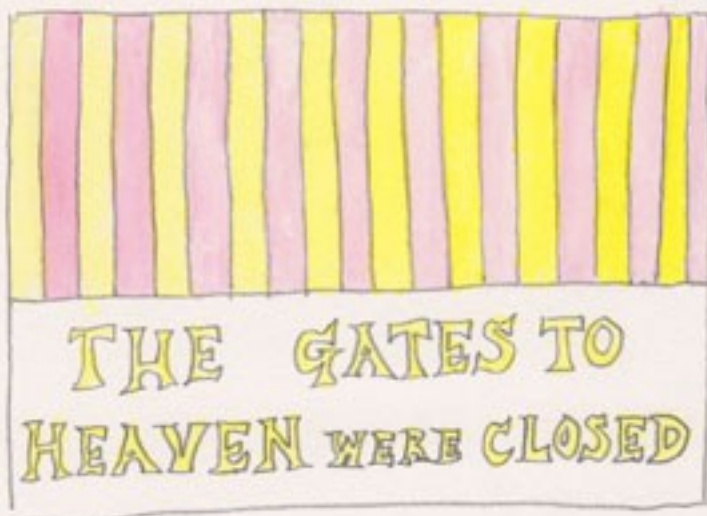


THE MIST CLUNG  
TO THE STARS

AND NOTHING  
WAS THE  
SAME AGAIN



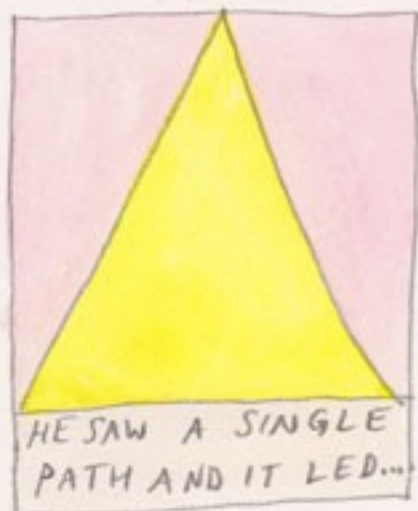
# THE ESCAPIST



SO THE ESCAPIST TOOK  
THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

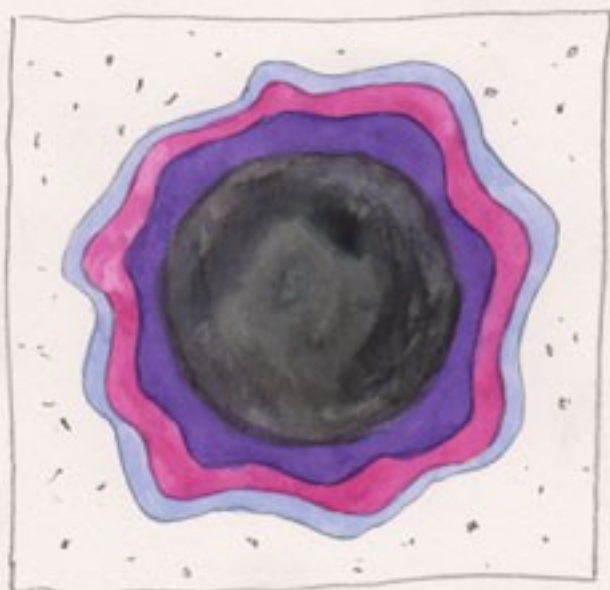


FROM BEYOND  
THE BOUNDARY  
ALL HOLOGRAPHIC  
PRINCIPLES CEASED

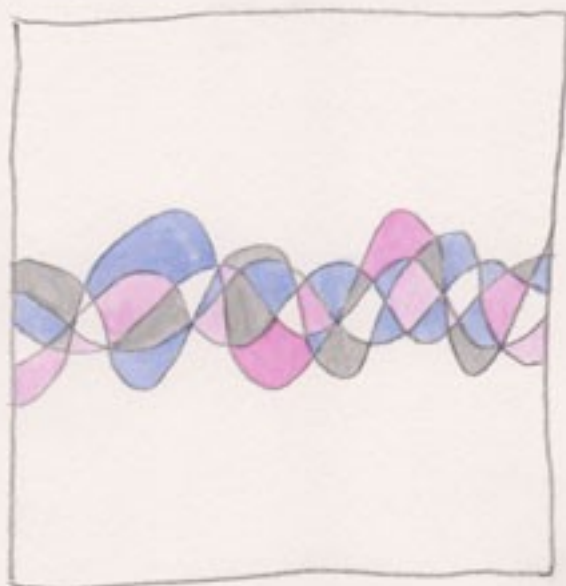


TO A  
WHOLE  
NEW  
MINDSET!

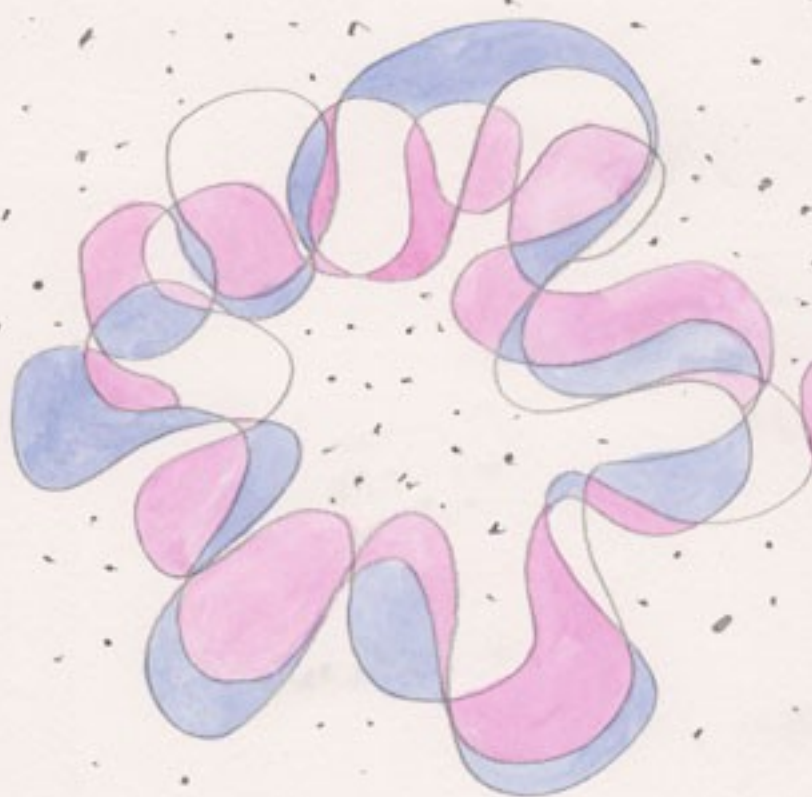
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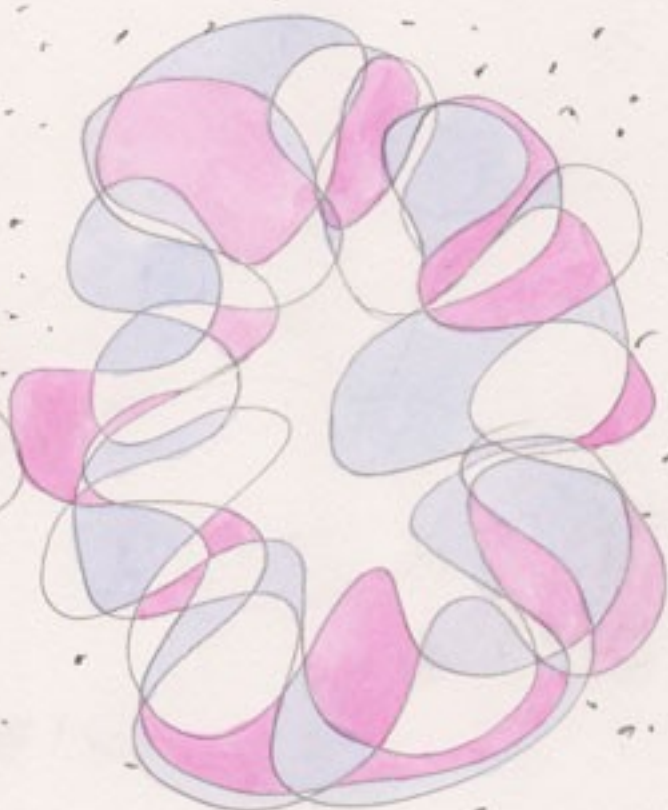
THE ESCAPIST HEARD  
A RINGING SOUND  
AROUND HIS BLACK HOLE



THE SOUNDS  
OF SPACETIME...



LAUGHING...



OR SINGING?

# THE ESCAPIST

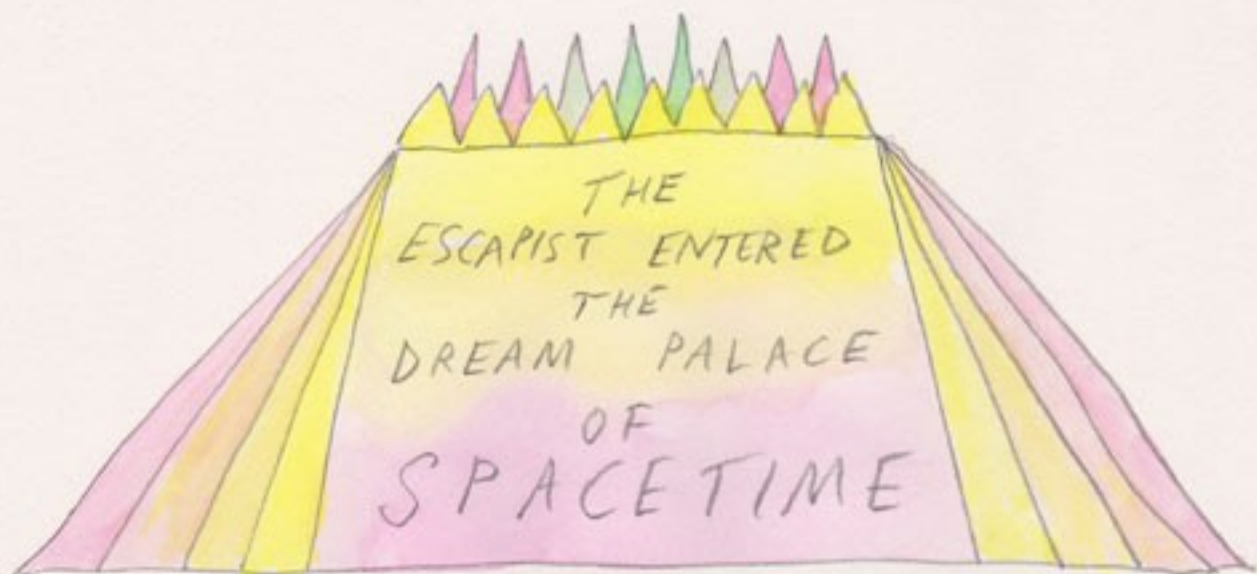


THE ESCAPIST REPLIED:

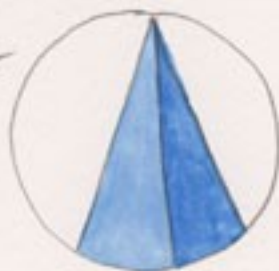


THE NEW PLANET SAID  
'I KNOW EVERYTHING... AND MORE'

# THE ESCAPIST



THROUGH THE  
FIRST PORTAL  
HE SAW...



A  
BLUE  
PYRAMID



AND FORMED...

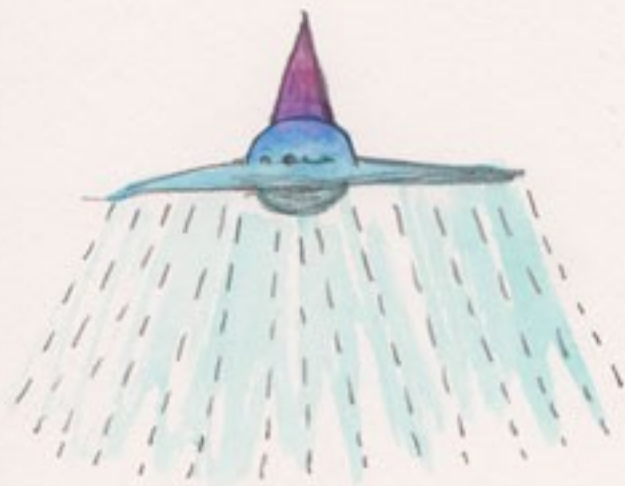


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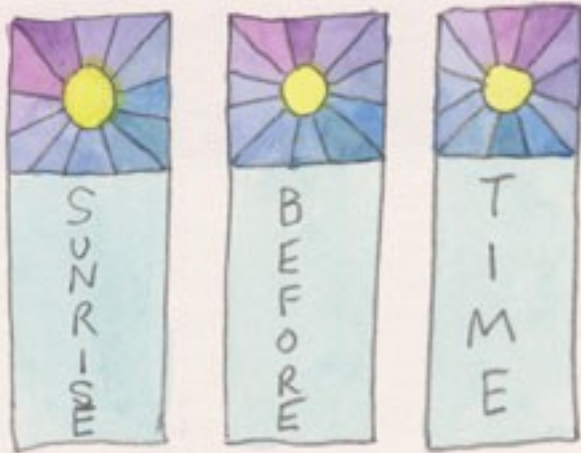
THE ESCAPIST WATCHED AS THE  
8 BLACK HOLES ROTATED IN SPACETIME

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



AND MADE A  
NEST PLANET

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

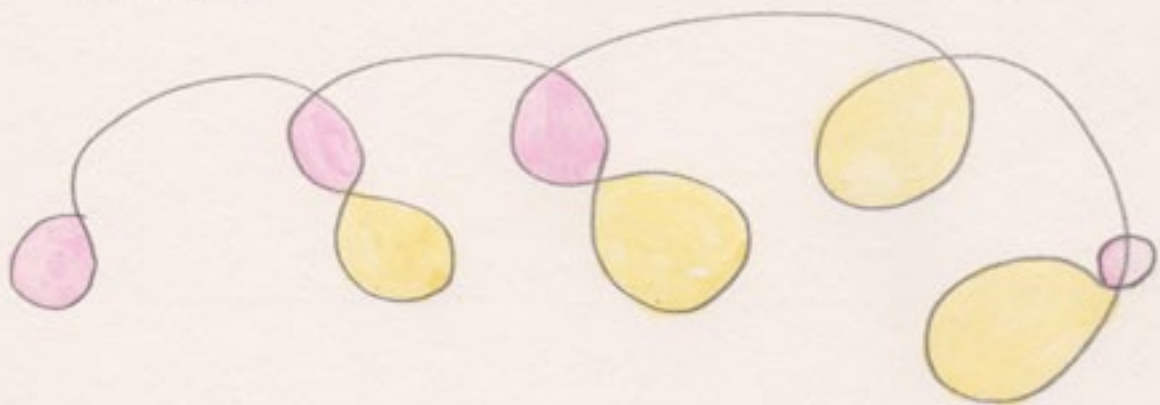


THE ESCAPIST ARRIVED  
AT A GALAXY OF GOLDEN PLANETS



CLOSE UP EACH  
PLANET WAS A  
MAP OF ANOTHER  
PLANET

THE ESCAPIST  
WAS  
CONFUSED

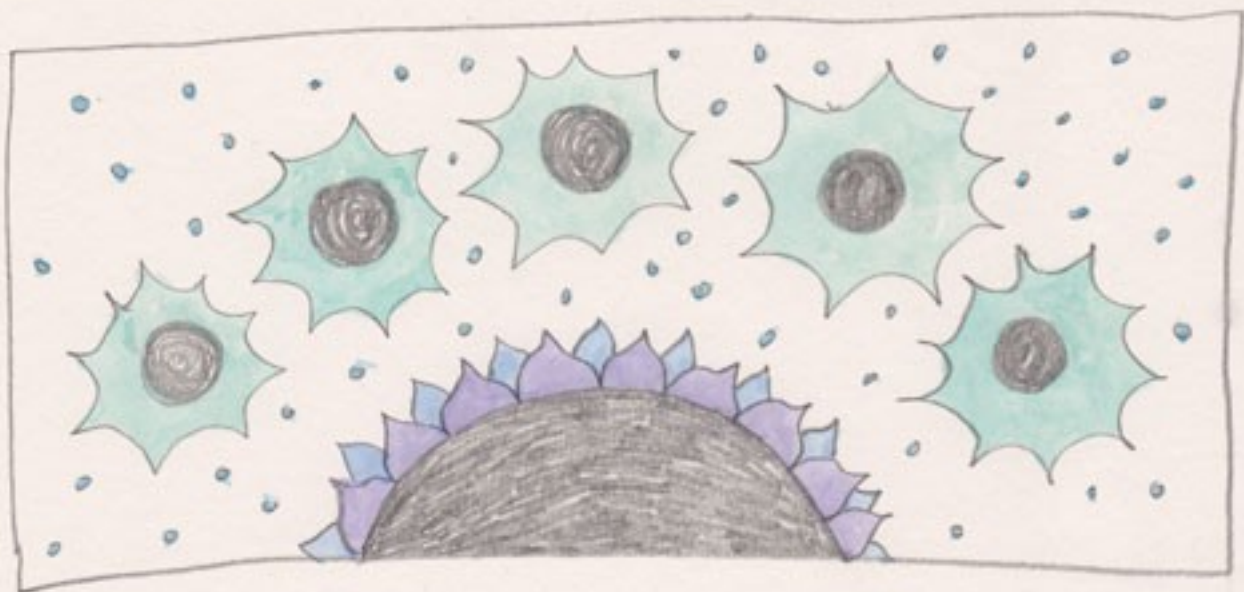


THEN HE UNDERSTOOD





# 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



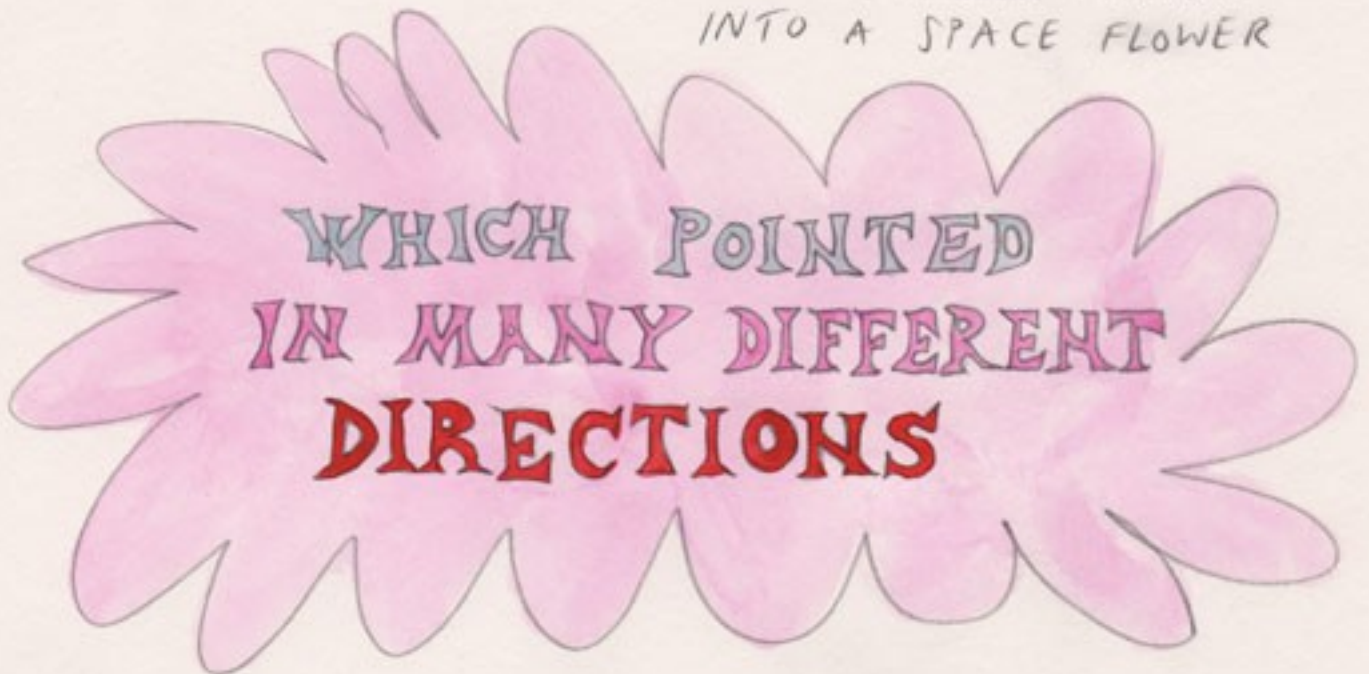
FIVE BILLION BILLION YEARS AFTER THE  
BIG BANG THE ESCAPIST BUILT A BRIDGE



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

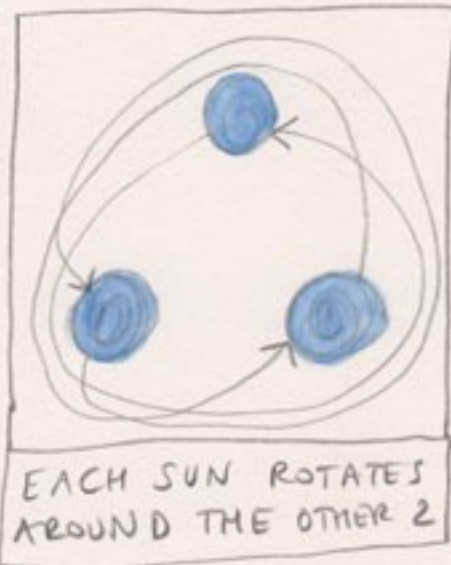
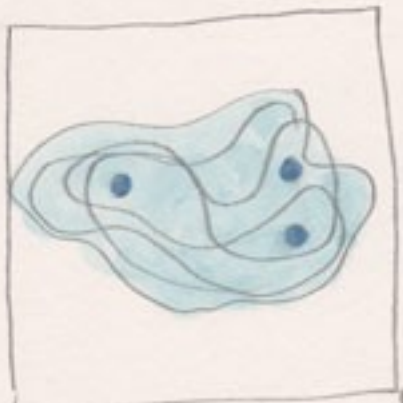
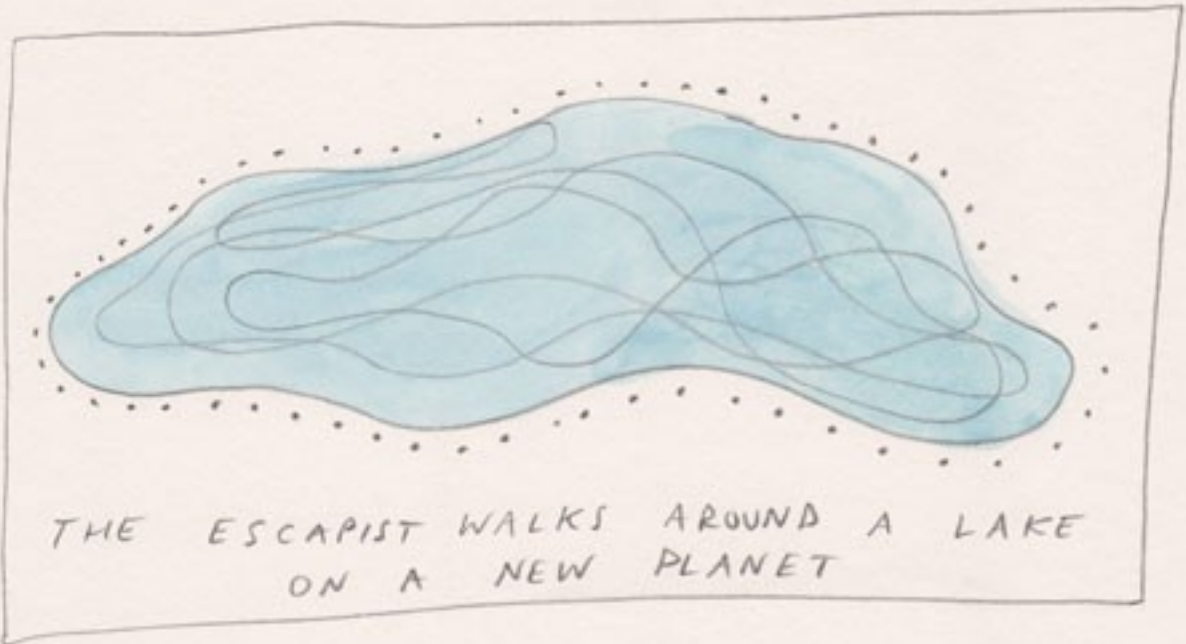


THE BRIDGE TURNED  
INTO A SPACE FLOWER



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



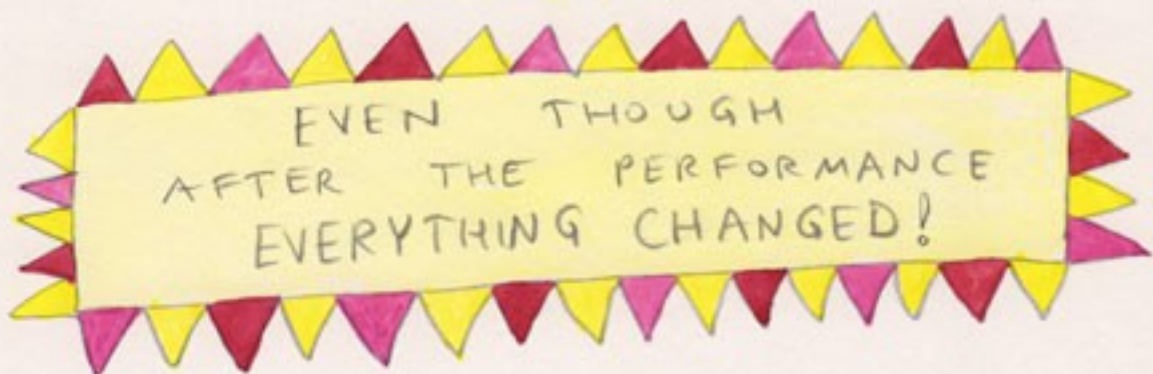
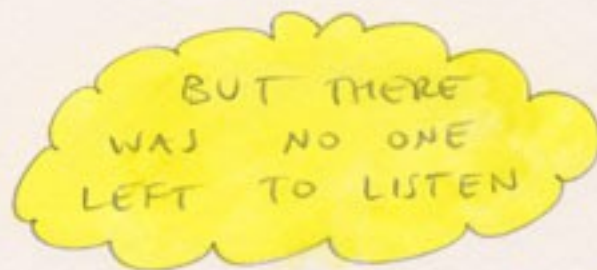
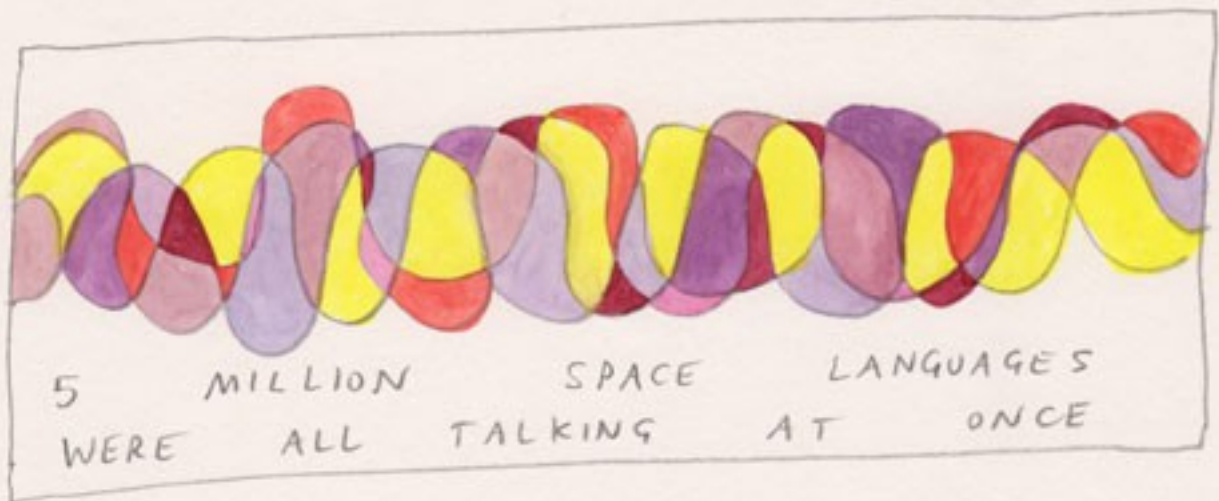
THE ESCAPIST HALLUCINATED

6 SPACESHIPS TRAVELLING TO THE BOUNDARY

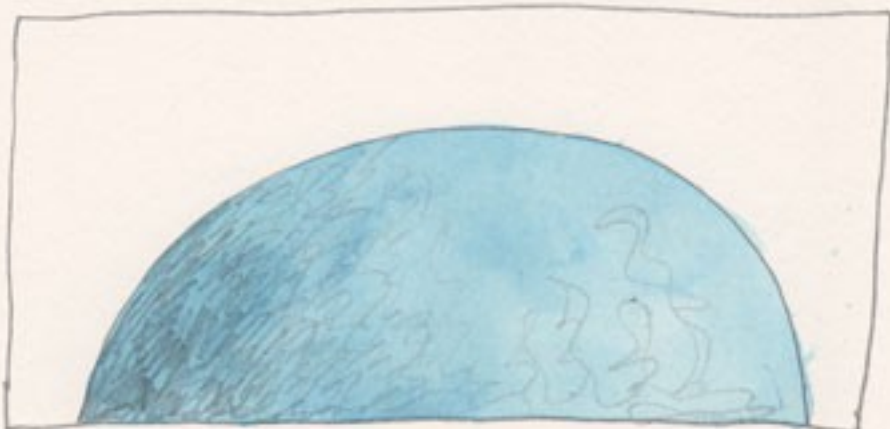
AM I  
LIVING IN  
A  
MATHEMATICAL  
CONSTRUCT  
IMAGINED  
BY A  
HUMAN  
SCIENTIST?

WONDERED THE ESCAPIST

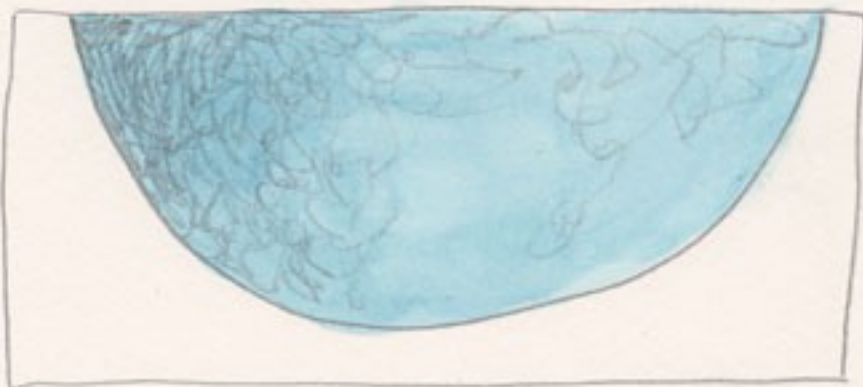
# THE ESCAPIST



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THE ESCAPIST CLIMBED A SMALL HILL



BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SMALL  
PLANET

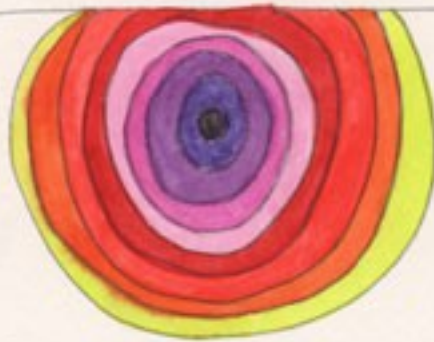


WITHOUT A CENTRE...

WHAT IS BEYOND THE CENTRE  
OF ALL THINGS?

ASKED THE ESCAPIST

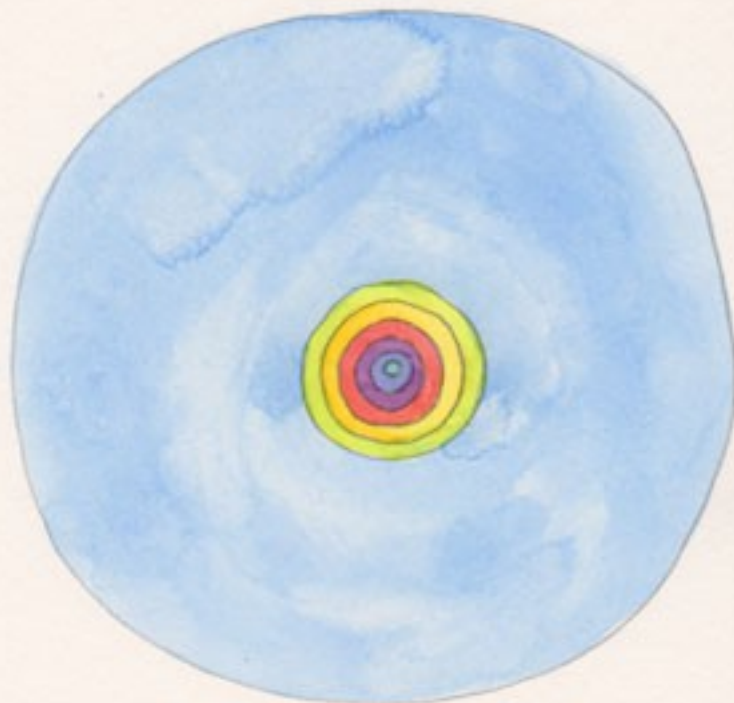
# THE ESCAPIST



ON THE RAINBOW PLANET  
THE ESCAPIST FOUND A BOX

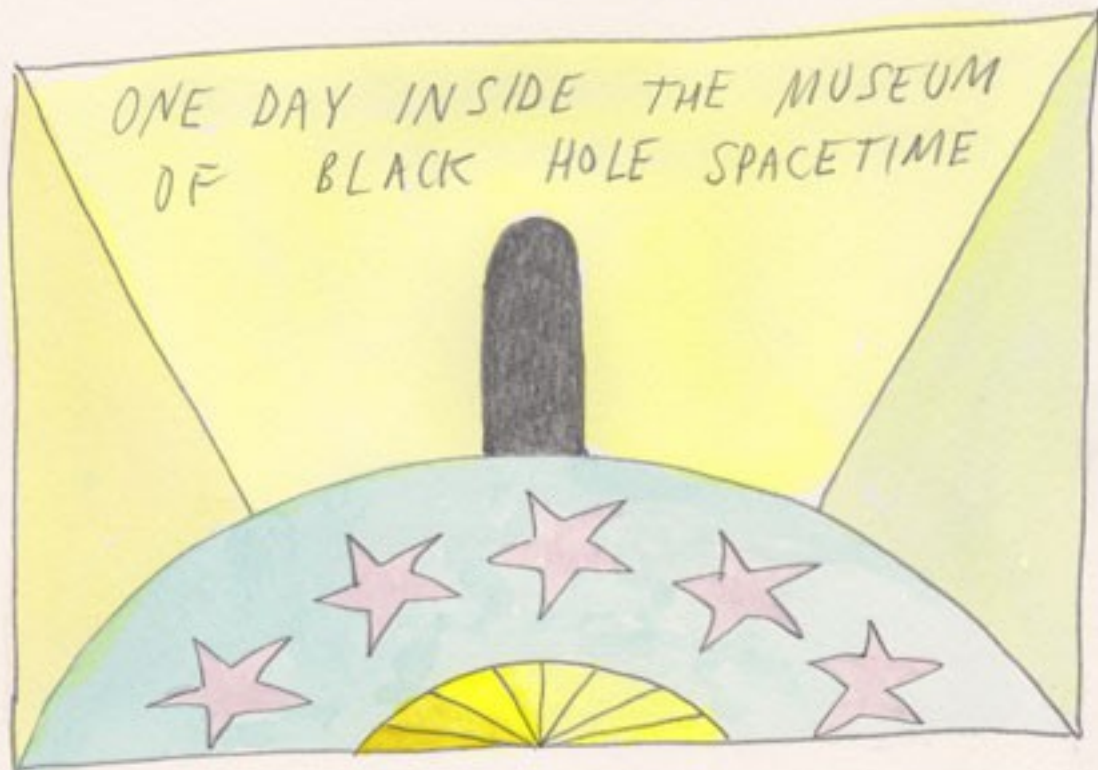


INSIDE THE BOX WAS A  
BLUE PLANET



AND INSIDE THE BLUE  
PLANET WAS A RAINBOW

# THE ESCAPIST



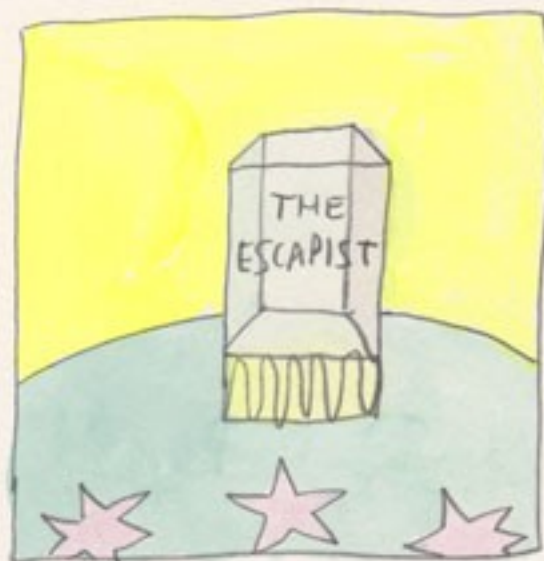


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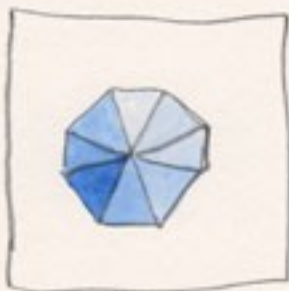
THE RAINBOW  
INVESTIGATED  
EVERYTHING  
IN THE MUSEUM  
COLLECTION

AND THEN  
ARRIVED AT  
THE FINAL  
EXHIBIT...



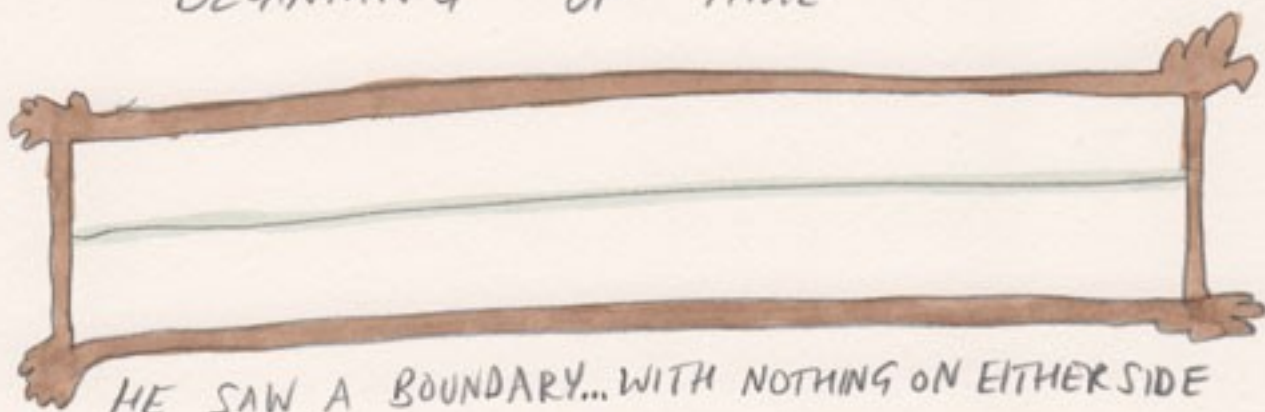
TIME STOOD STILL...

# 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

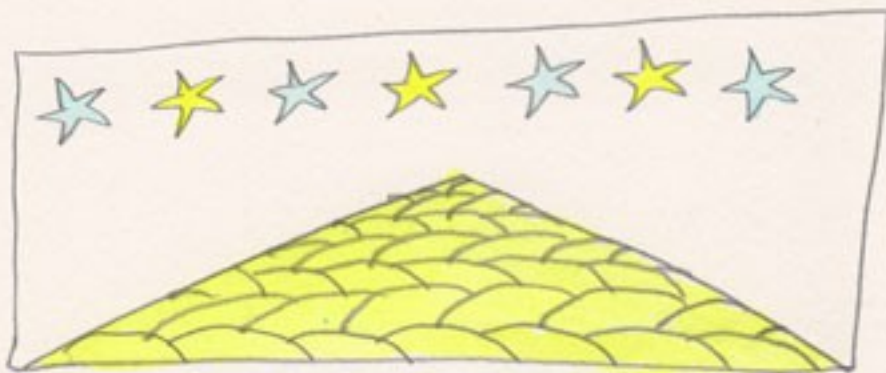
IT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO TELL HOW  
FAR AWAY THE  
BOUNDARY  
WAS  
BUT THERE  
WAS NO  
TIME TO THINK!

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

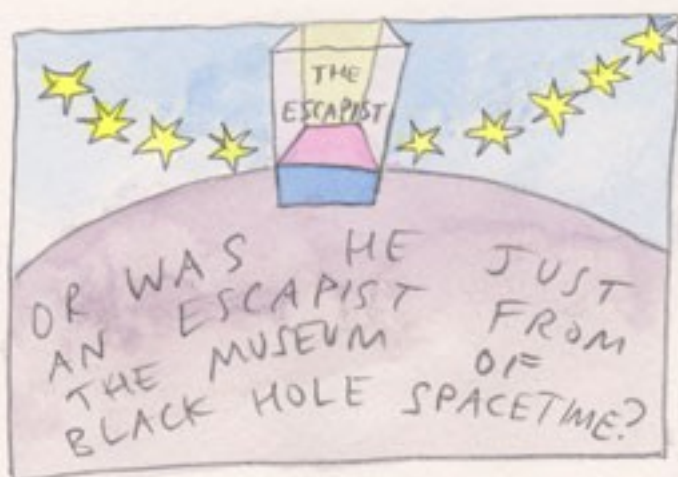
AND SO

PERHAPS...

WAS  
HIS BRAIN  
BIGGER THAN  
THE  
UNIVERSE?

WHO WAS THERE TO ASK?

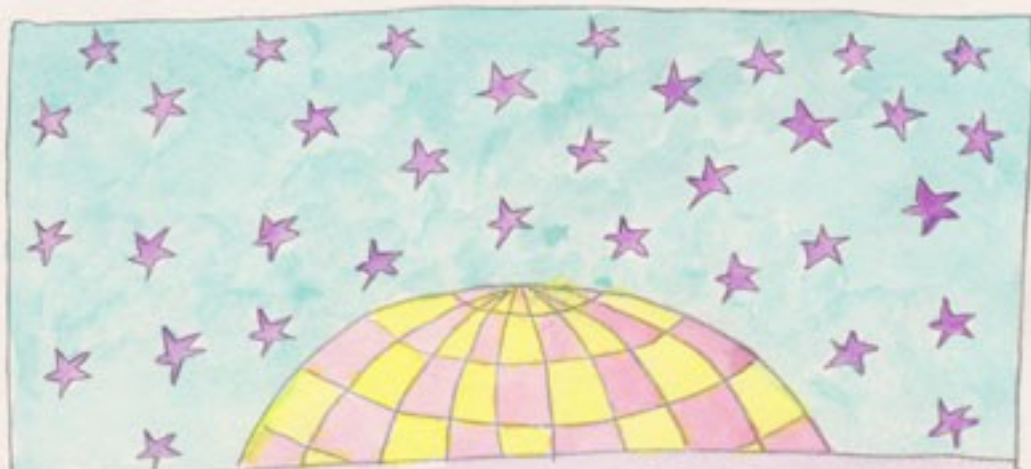
# THE ESCAPIST



WAS HE  
DEAD  
OR  
ALIVE?

OR NEITHER?

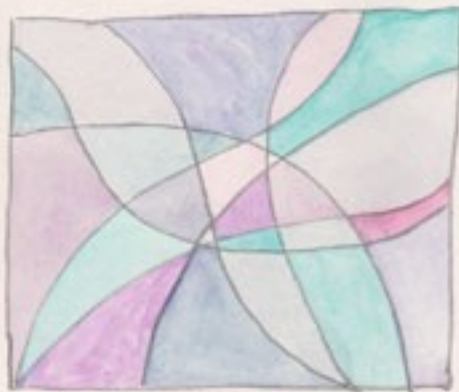
# THE ESCAPIST



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