



A WESTERN WORLD

The title is rendered in a bold, purple, hand-drawn font. The letter 'A' is positioned above the word 'WESTERN'. The word 'WORLD' is on the line below 'WESTERN'. The letters have a slightly irregular, ink-like quality. Scattered around the text are several small, stylized green leaves and red, branch-like structures, some of which are partially cut off by the edges of the frame.

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A stylized red branch with several green leaves is positioned to the left of the author's name. The branch is drawn with simple, expressive lines, and the leaves are small, oval shapes.

IF WE ALL LIVED IN THE SAME
HOUSE WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT MONEY



WE'D WORRY
ABOUT OTHER
STUFF



LIKE OUR
LEAKY ROOF



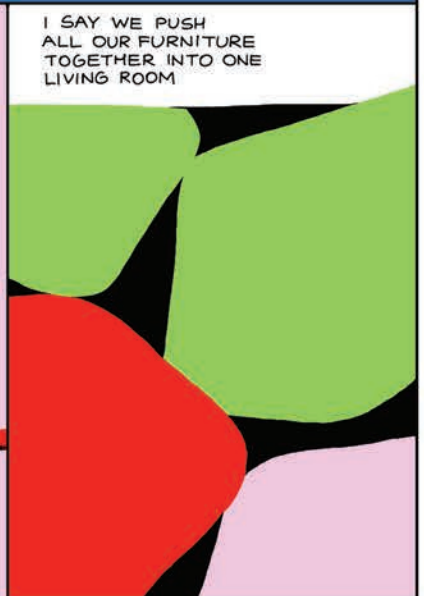
IF WE ALL LIVED IN THE SAME
HOUSE, WE'D SPEND OUR DAYS
WORRYING ABOUT KITCHEN SMELLS



AND SKIN REGIMENS.
AND POLITICS



I SAY WE PUSH
ALL OUR FURNITURE
TOGETHER INTO ONE
LIVING ROOM



IF WE ALL SLEPT IN THE LIVING ROOM,
I COULD WATCH MY MOST BEAUTIFUL
FRIENDS MAKE LOVE



THE EXTRA SPACE IN
THE REST OF THE HOUSE
COULD BE USED FOR

I DUNNO



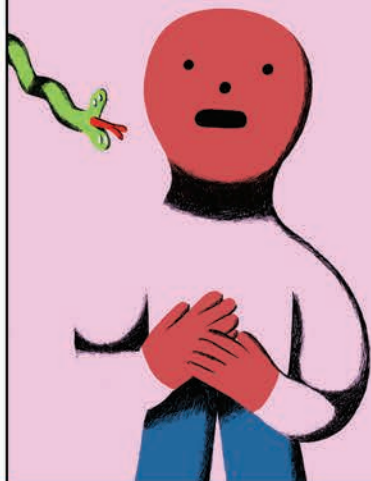
GARDENS!



A PRINTING
PRESS



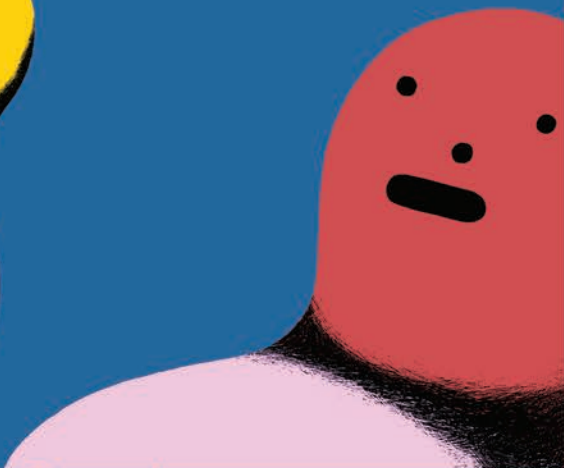
WE COULD BUY THE HOUSE
IN A CHEAPER CITY



BECAUSE IF WE LIVED IN A
CHEAPER CITY, WE WOULDN'T
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY



EXACTLY



WE'D JUST WORRY
ABOUT EACH OTHER



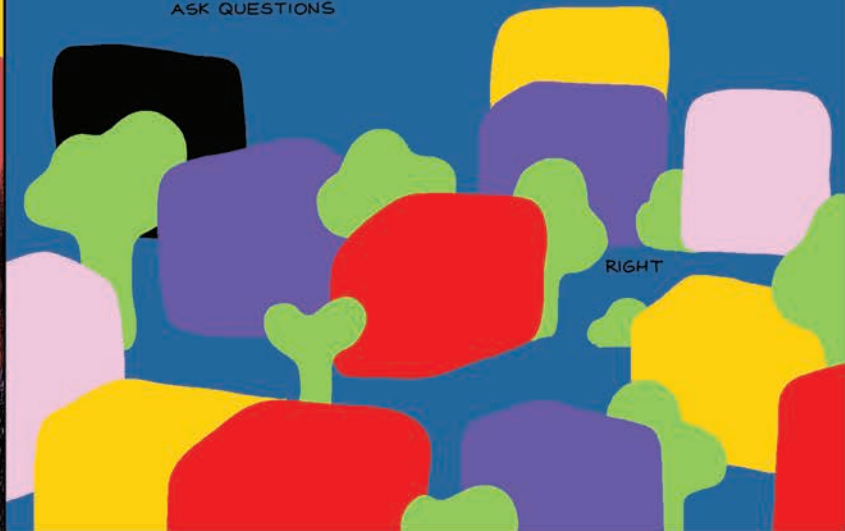
IF WE ALL SLEPT IN THE SAME
LIVING ROOM, NO ONE COULD SNEAK
UP ON US. WE'D SEE 'EM COMING
FROM A MILE AWAY



BUT IF ANY OF OUR PARENTS COME
TO VISIT, WE'LL PUT OUR FURNITURE
BACK TO THE OTHER ROOMS



SO THEY DON'T
ASK QUESTIONS



RIGHT

IF ONE OF US RAN FOR
OFFICE AND WON, WE
COULD GET JON OUT
OF PRISON

WE COULD GET
EVERYONE OUT
OF PRISON

WE COULD MAKE OUR
PARENTS VISITING
ILLEGAL

HA HA

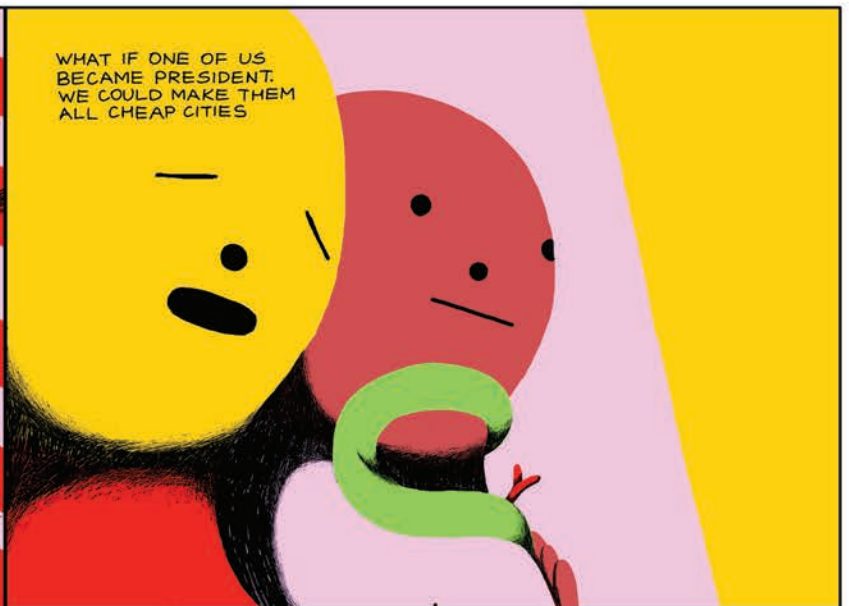
GOOD ONE

THERE'D BE MORE
PUBLIC RESTROOMS,
ALL ACROSS THE CITY

I'D MAKE JOBS
ILLEGAL



IT'D BE GOOD TO BE
MAYOR OF A CHEAP CITY



WHAT IF ONE OF US
BECAME PRESIDENT.
WE COULD MAKE THEM
ALL CHEAP CITIES



WHAT ABOUT
AN AMBASSADOR



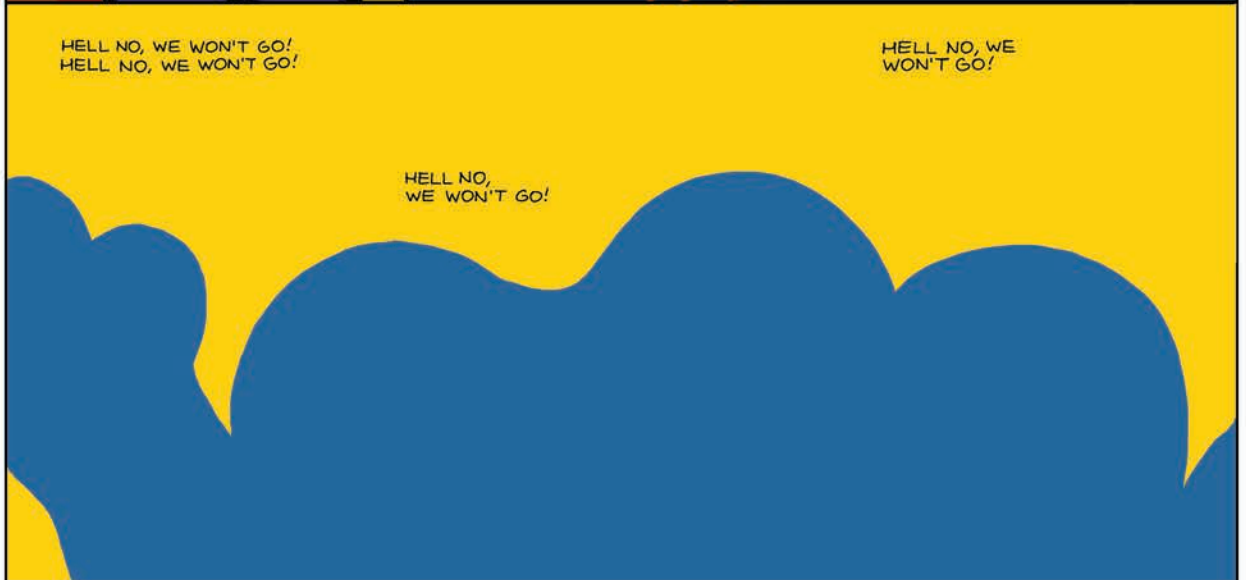
AN AMBASSADOR
FOR WHAT? TO WHOM?



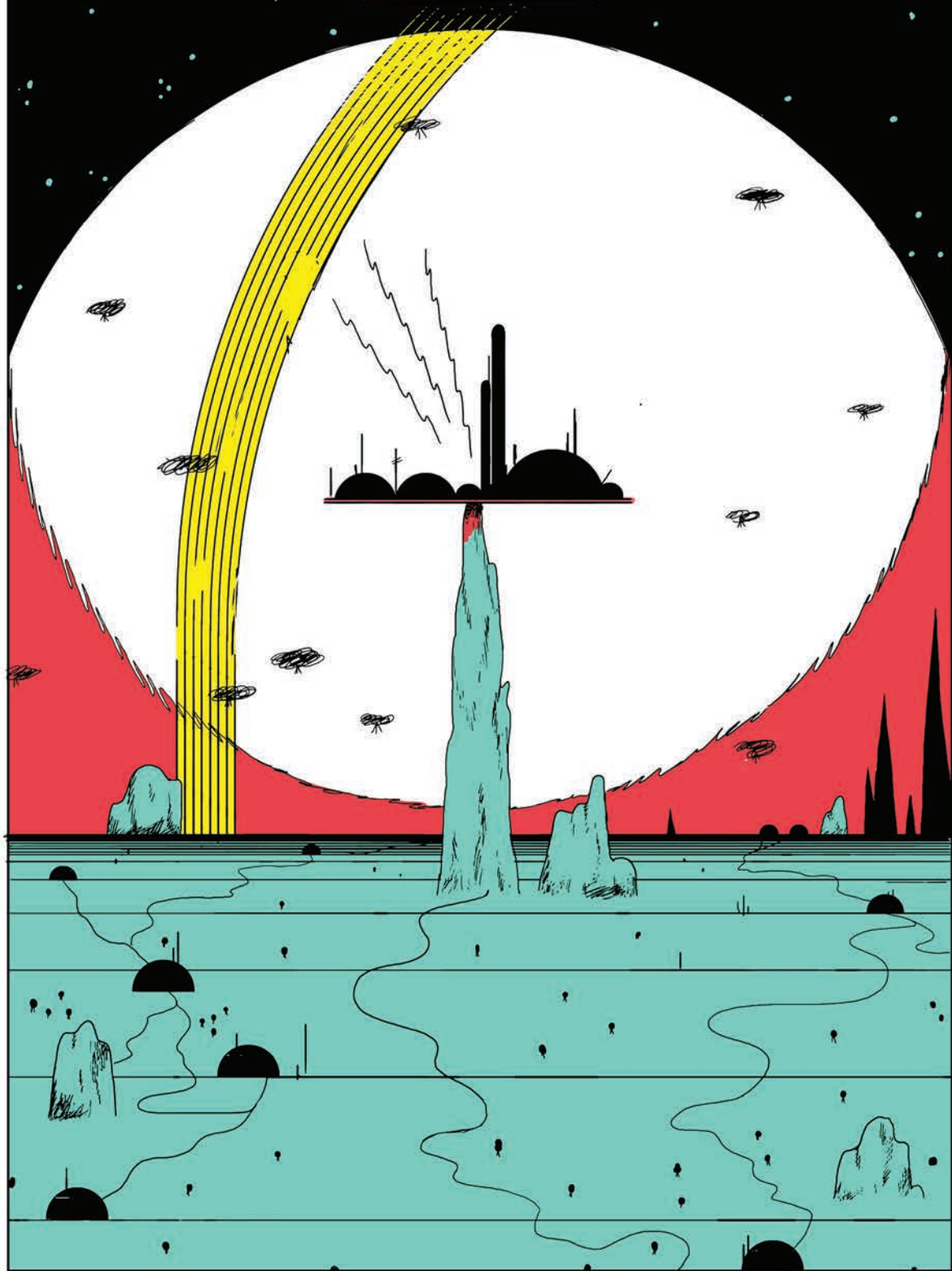
AN AMBASSADOR FOR
OUR LITTLE HOME. TO
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



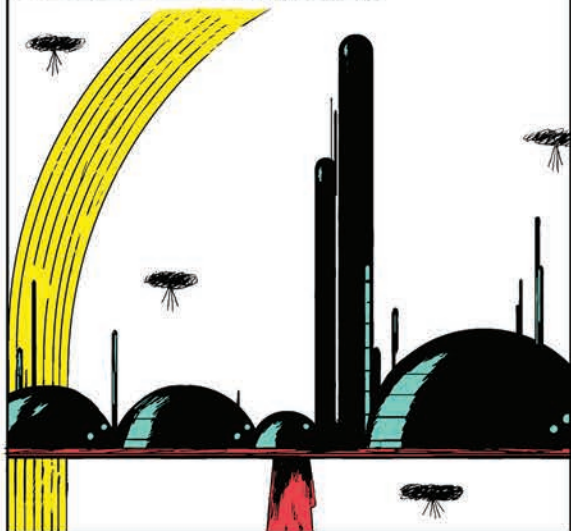
PEOPLE WILL BE SO
IMPRESSED BY OUR
HOUSE. THEY'LL RING
OUR DOORBELL ALL
THE TIME



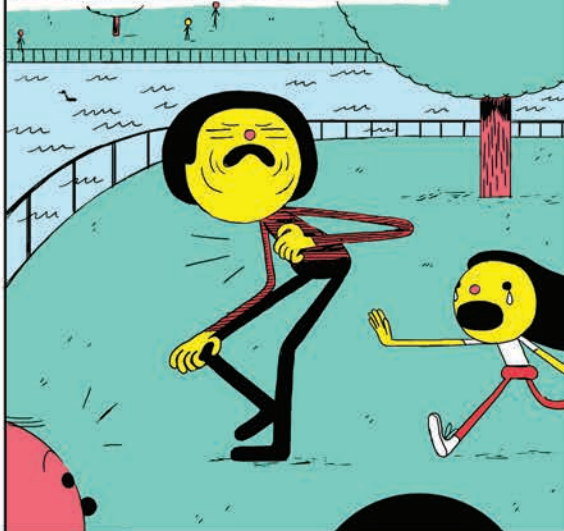
MOSTLY SATURN



IT'S SIMPLE, MR. VICE PRESIDENT. ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IN GREATER DETAIL



WHENEVER AN AMERICAN DIES, THEY ARE REINCARNATED ON A COLONY ON SATURN



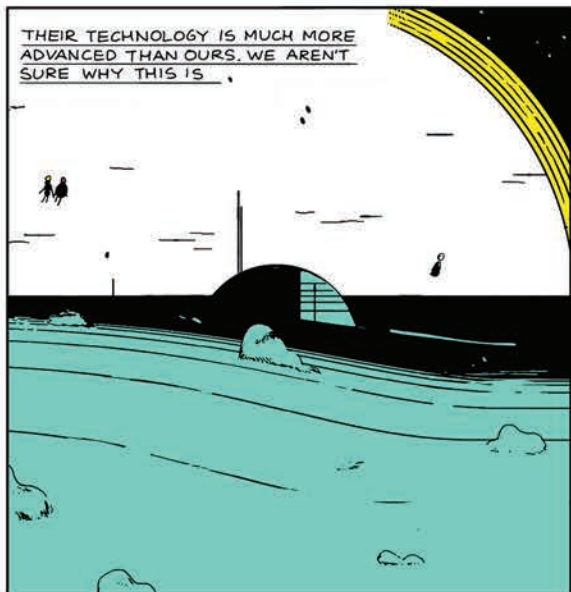
THEY ARE REBORN AT THE EXACT AGE THEY WERE AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEATHS



AND BEGIN TO AGE BACKWARDS AFTER THAT



THEIR TECHNOLOGY IS MUCH MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS. WE AREN'T SURE WHY THIS IS



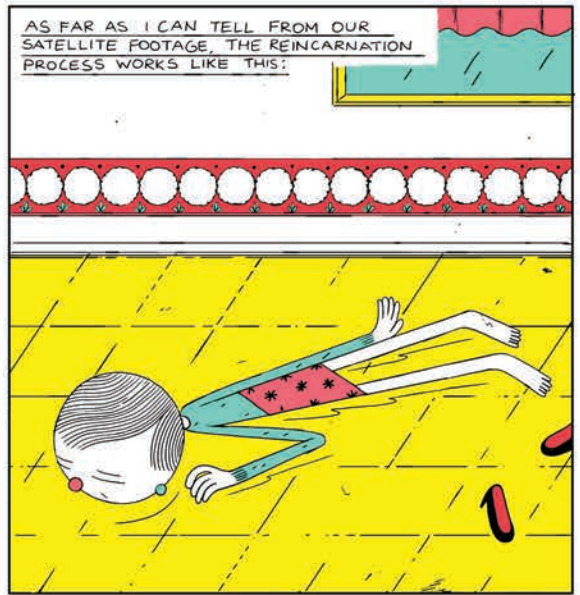
WE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON



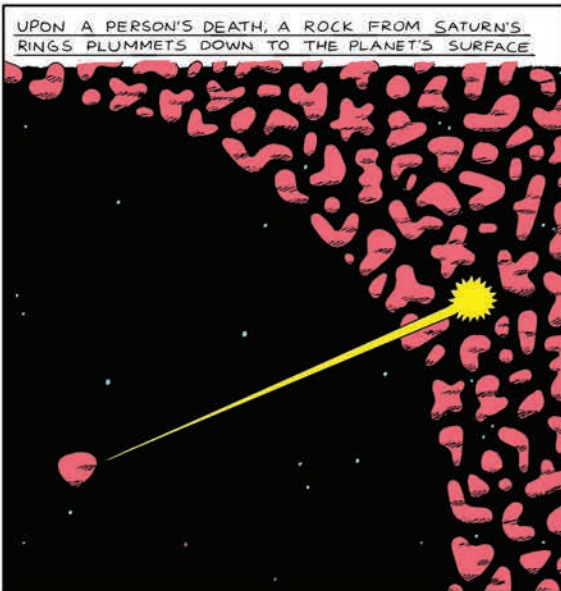
MAYBE THE COLONY WAS BUILT FOR THEM,
MAYBE THEY BUILT IT THEMSELVES



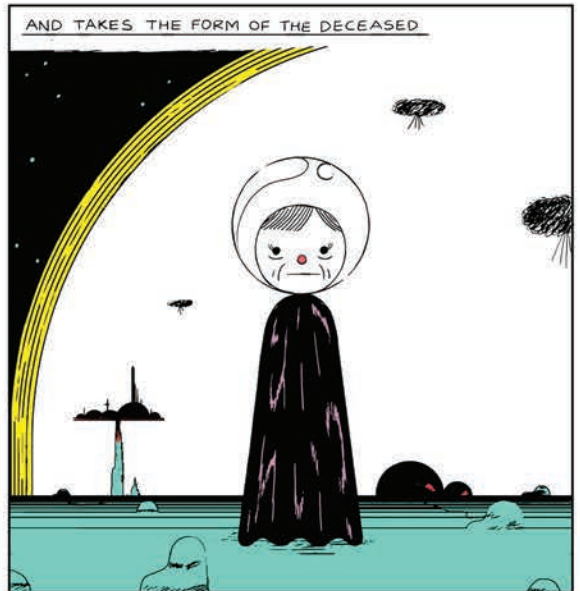
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL FROM OUR
SATELLITE FOOTAGE, THE REINCARNATION
PROCESS WORKS LIKE THIS:



UPON A PERSON'S DEATH, A ROCK FROM SATURN'S
RINGS PLUMMETS DOWN TO THE PLANET'S SURFACE



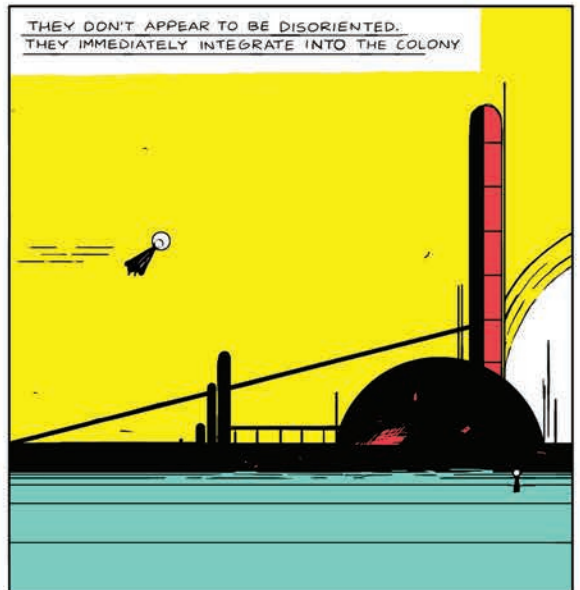
AND TAKES THE FORM OF THE DECEASED



THEY MATERIALIZE IN TRADITIONAL SATURN
GARB - A FLOWING BLACK ROBE AND HELMET



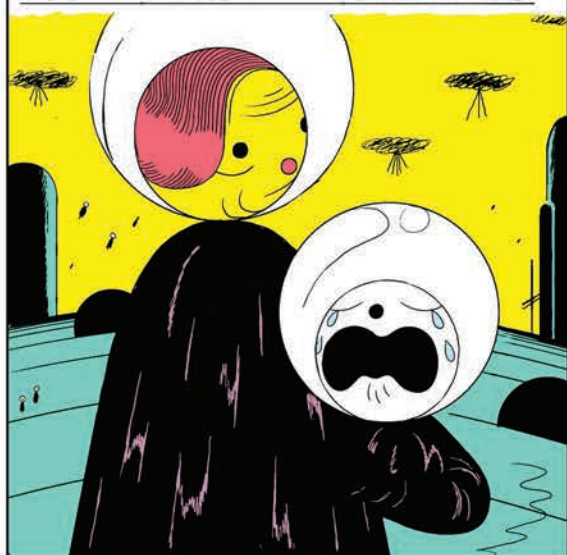
THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE DISORIENTED.
THEY IMMEDIATELY INTEGRATE INTO THE COLONY



SINCE THE AGING PROCESS ON THE PLANET IS REVERSED, IT IS FREQUENTLY THE INFANT-BODIED WHO HAVE LIVED LONGEST



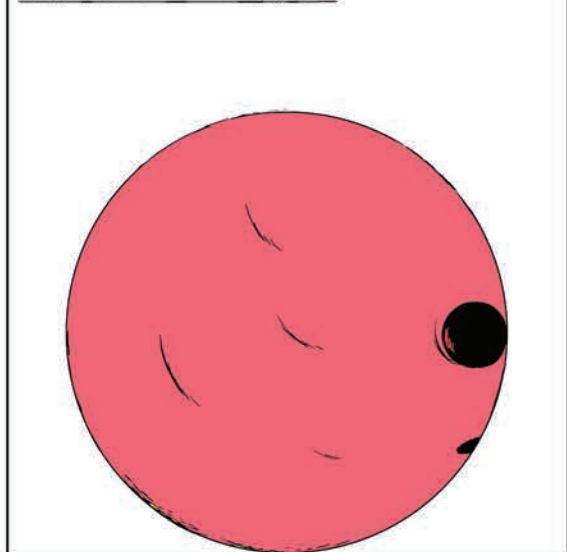
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY MANY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS



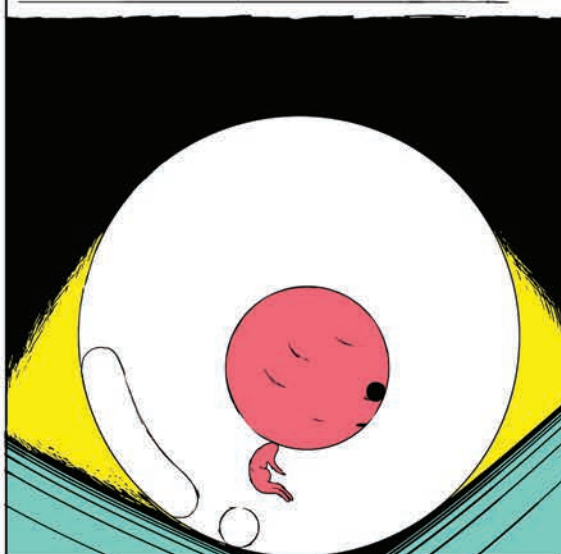
STILL, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE COLONY HAS BUILT ITSELF AROUND THE SERVICE OF THE INFANT-BODIED



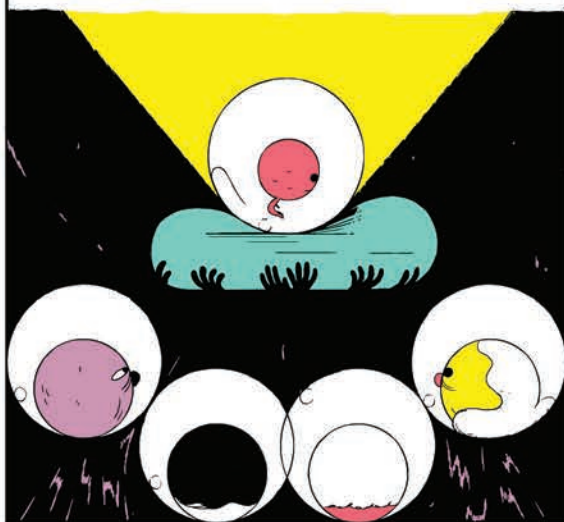
THEY ARE ALMOST WORSHIPPED



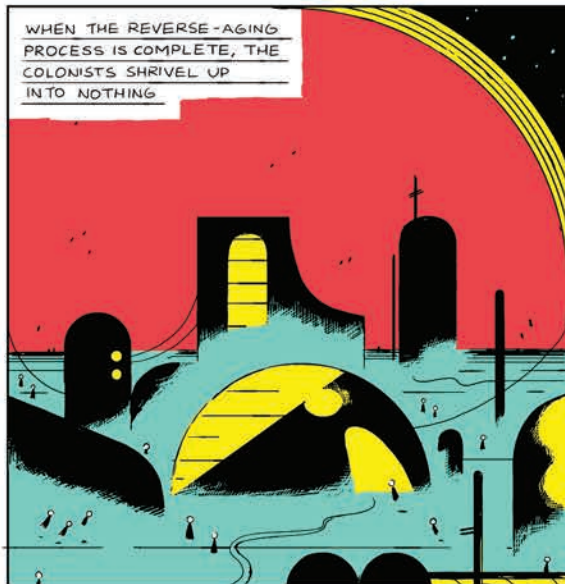
EVEN AFTER THEY LOSE THE CAPACITY TO SPEAK



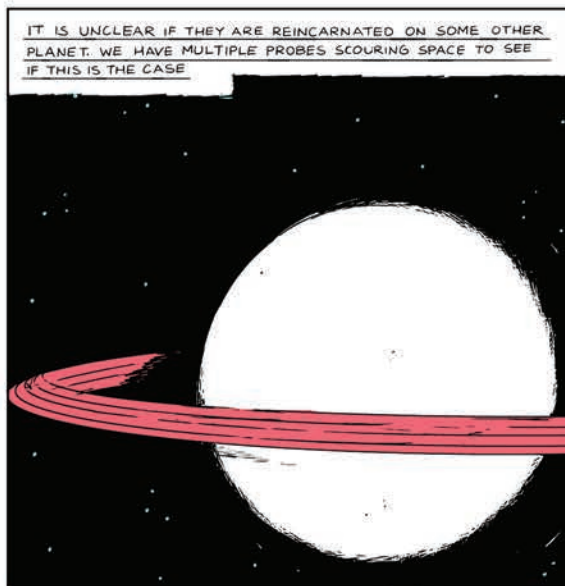
THE ELDER-BODIED ARE THE LOWEST ON THE SOCIAL PYRAMID



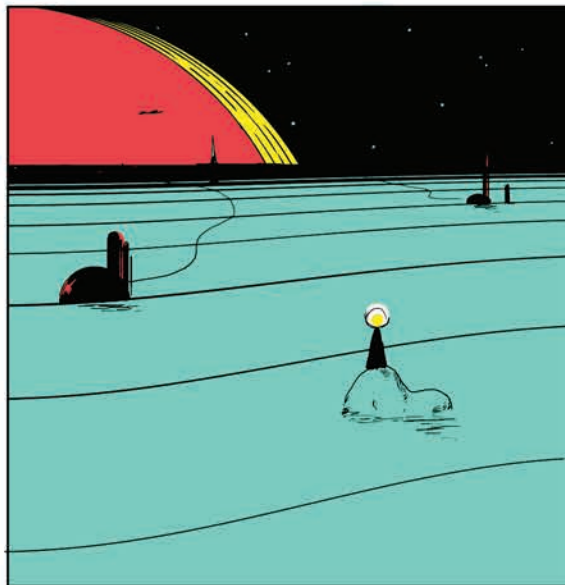
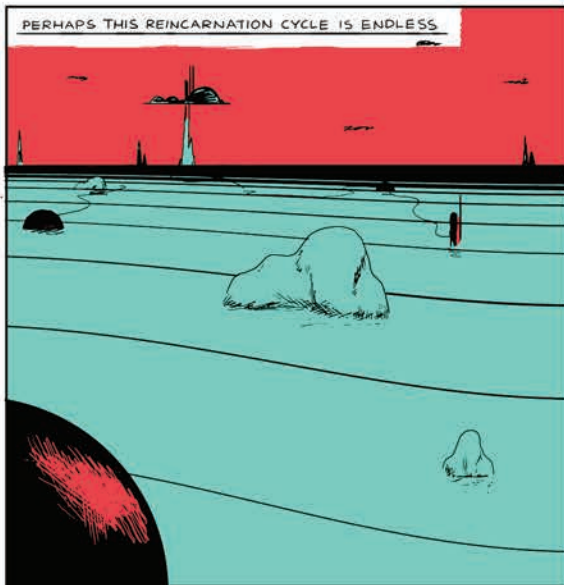
WHEN THE REVERSE-AGING
PROCESS IS COMPLETE, THE
COLONISTS SHRIVEL UP
INTO NOTHING



IT IS UNCLEAR IF THEY ARE REINCARNATED ON SOME OTHER
PLANET. WE HAVE MULTIPLE PROBES SCOURING SPACE TO SEE
IF THIS IS THE CASE



PERHAPS THIS REINCARNATION CYCLE IS ENDLESS



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