

# AUDEAMUS

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...“QUANTUM TORNADOES” BUT  
IN REALITY THEY SHARED LITTLE  
IN COMMON WITH THEIR  
CONVENTIONAL NAMESAKES...

...THESE WERE GIANT COSMIC  
ZIPPER TEARING ALONG THE  
FAULT LINES IN THE FABRIC  
OF OUR UNIVERSE...

“NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM,”  
BUT SCIENCE HAD NEVER REALLY  
EXPERIENCED WHAT THAT TRULY  
MEANT UNTIL THEY STARED  
DIRECTLY INTO THE “EYE” OF A  
QUANTUM TORNADO.

...AND FOR A BRIEF  
MOMENT THEY SAW A  
GLIMPSE OF WHAT LAY  
BEYOND THE FABRIC  
OF OUR UNIVERSE...

...A PLACE THAT  
COULD NEITHER  
SUPPORT NOR SUSTAIN  
THE EXISTENCE OF  
EVEN A SOLITARY  
MOLECULAR BOND.

WE’VE GOT  
TO GET EVERYONE  
OFF THE  
FREEWAY...

NOW...



INA,  
WHAT DID  
I TELL  
YOU?

...IF THERE'S A  
SINGLE TRAIT THAT  
DEFINES US HUMANS  
AS A SPECIES, IT'S  
OUR "ADAPTABILITY."

TAKE AWAY THE NORTHERN  
SPOTTED OWL'S SIX  
SQUARE ACRES OF  
DECIDUOUS FOREST OR AN  
AFRICAN BLACK RHINO'S  
GRASSLAND AND THEY'RE  
AS GOOD AS DEAD.

BUT THROW MOST ANYTHING  
AT HUMANS, FROM NATURAL  
DISASTERS, WAR, GENOCIDE,  
ANY NUMBER OF ASSORTED  
MANMADE CATASTROPHES  
AND A WEEK OR TWO LATER,  
WE'LL HAVE INCORPORATED  
THE NEW PARADIGM INTO OUR  
LIVES AND MOST OF US ARE  
BACK DEALING WITH MORE  
PRESSING AND IMMEDIATE  
ISSUES, LIKE FOOD, SHELTER  
AND CELEBRITY GOSSIP.

BUT  
MR. TIDDLES  
CAN'T GET  
BACK BY  
HIMSELF...

JUST YOU  
GET DOWN FROM  
THERE THIS  
INSTANT, YOUNG  
LADY...







HEY FELLA, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE HELL OUT OF HERE LIKE FIVE MINUTES AGO!



HELL? WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF HELL?



THAT THERE'S A BETTER CLASS OF FRIEND WAITING FOR ME THERE?

AND I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD A PALE HORSE...



...AND HIS NAME THAT SAT ON HIM WAS DEATH, AND HELL FOLLOWED WITH HIM.