

TODAY...

A FORMER U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILE SILO HIDDEN IN THE HIMALAYAS...

... TRANSFORMED FROM A FORTRESS OF WAR INTO ONE OF SOLITUDE...

NO ONE'S EVER ATTEMPTED THIS BEFORE!

EXACTLY WHY HE BUILT THIS OTHER FORTRESS SO FAR AWAY.

... A PLACE WHERE NO ONE COUNTRY CAN LAY CLAIM TO SCIENCE ADVANCED FOR ALL HUMANITY...

ARE YOU CERTAIN, DOC?

ISN'T THIS... PREMATURE?

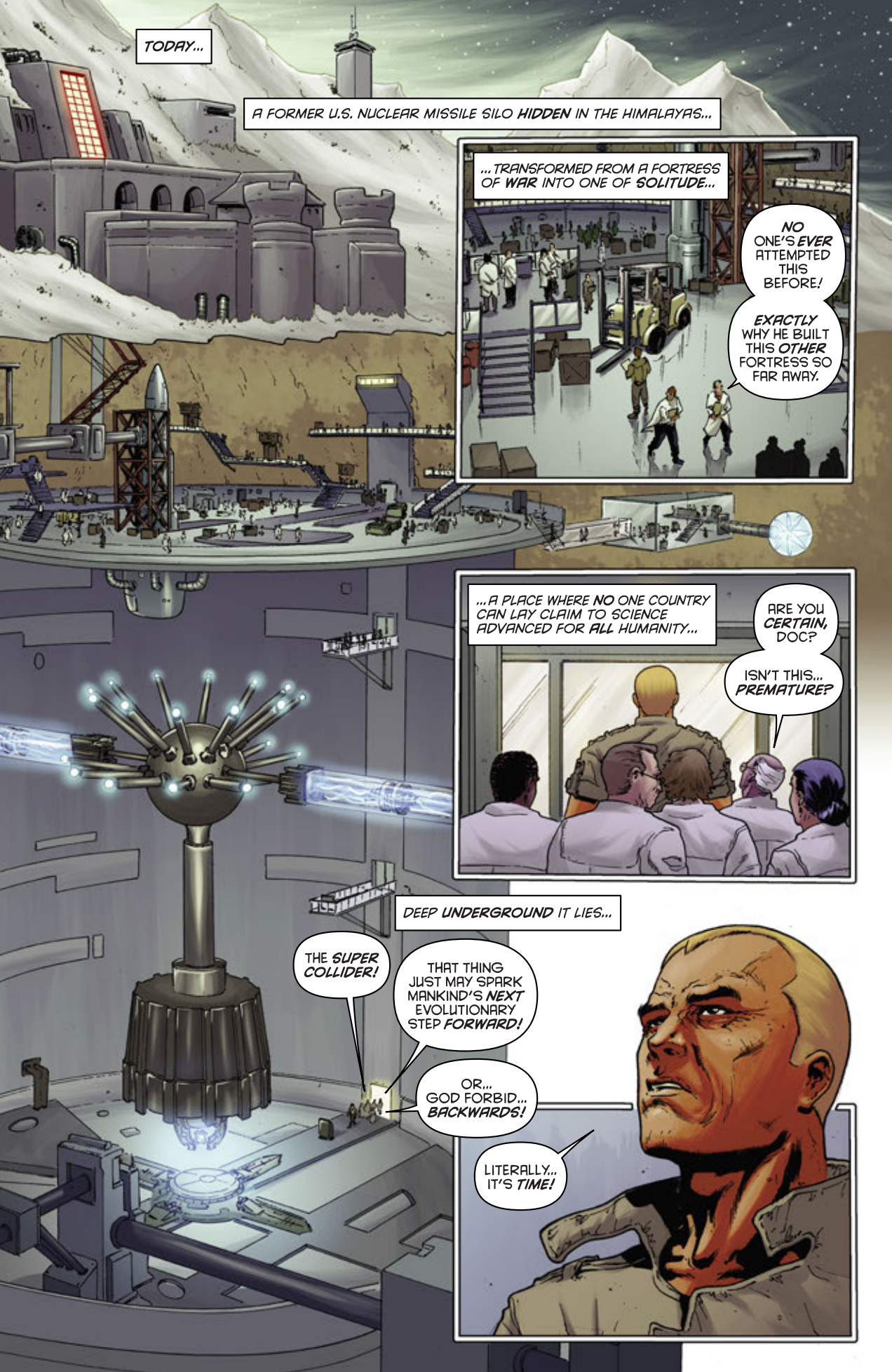
DEEP UNDERGROUND IT LIES...

THE SUPER COLLIDER!

THAT THING JUST MAY SPARK MANKIND'S NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP FORWARD!

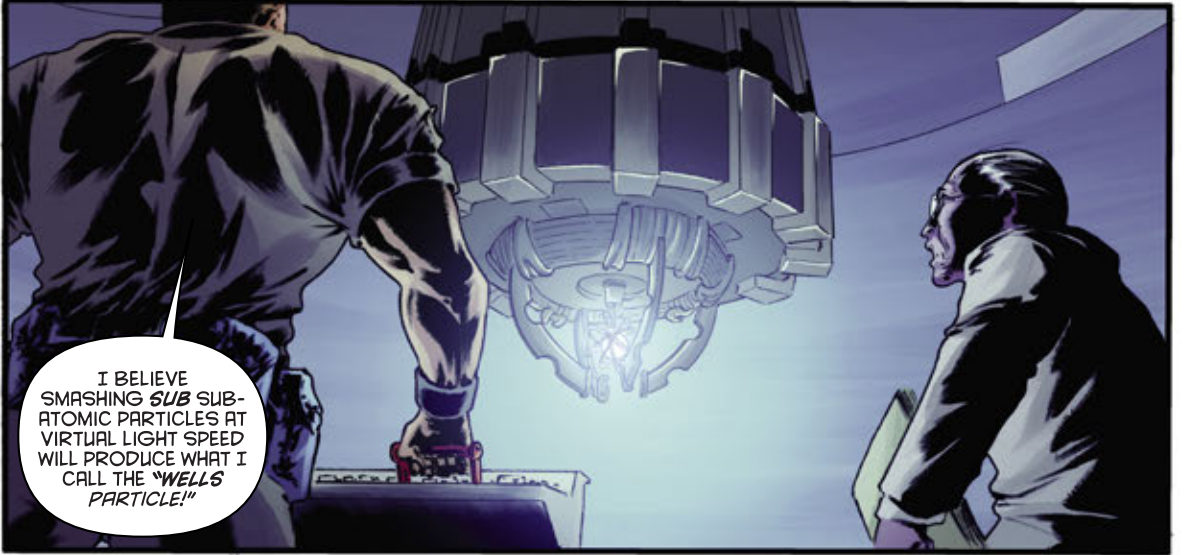
OR... GOD FORBID... BACKWARDS!

LITERALLY... IT'S TIME!





YOU ALL KNOW OF THE "GOD PARTICLE" DISCOVERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIG BANG? WELL...



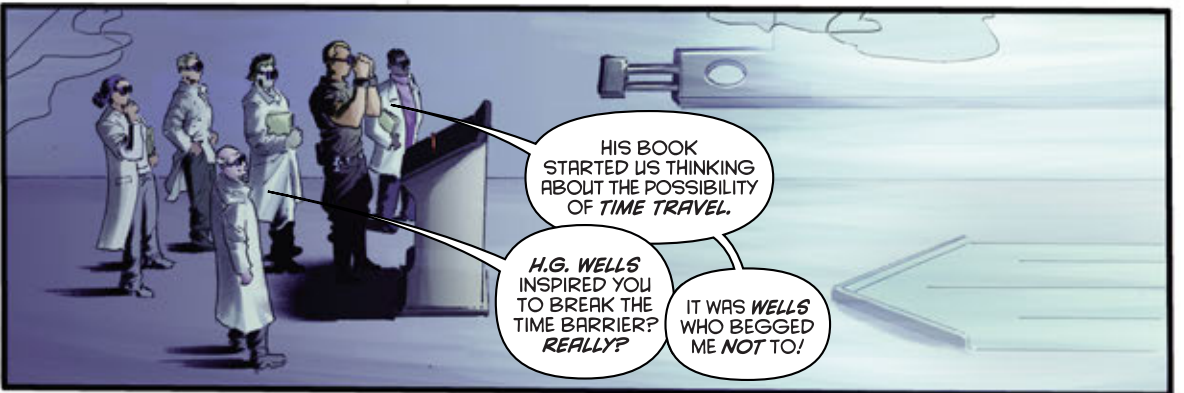
I BELIEVE SMASHING *SUB* SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES AT VIRTUAL LIGHT SPEED WILL PRODUCE WHAT I CALL THE "WELLS PARTICLE!"



AS IN *H.G. WELLS*? AUTHOR OF *THE TIME MACHINE*?

WE MET IN 1939 WHILE THEORIZING THE POTENTIAL FOR *ATOMIC* POWER!

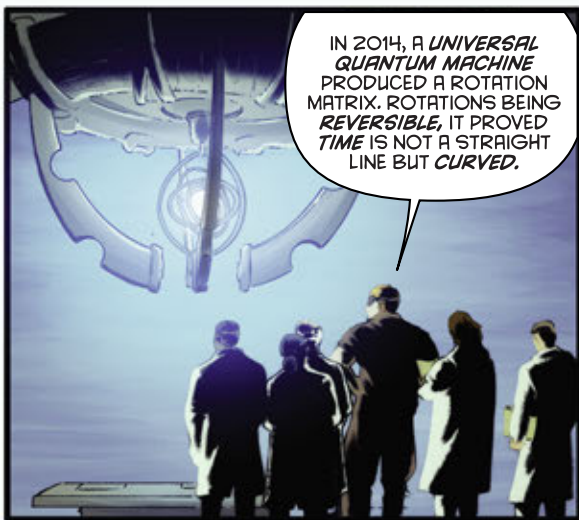
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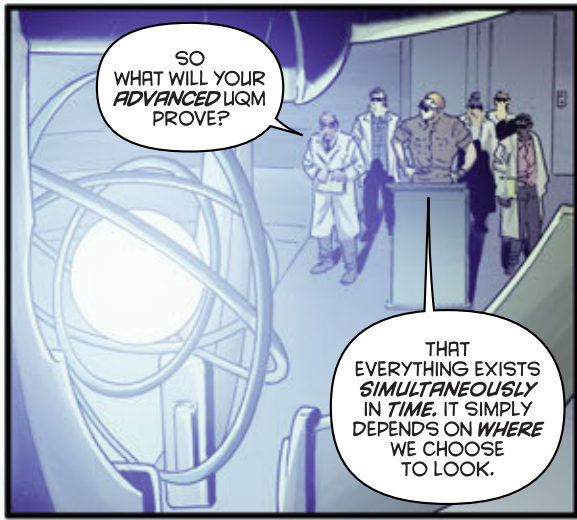
HIS BOOK STARTED US THINKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF *TIME TRAVEL*.

H.G. WELLS INSPIRED YOU TO BREAK THE TIME BARRIER? *REALLY?*

IT WAS *WELLS* WHO BEGGED ME *NOT* TO!



IN 2014, A **UNIVERSAL QUANTUM MACHINE** PRODUCED A ROTATION MATRIX. ROTATIONS BEING **REVERSIBLE**, IT PROVED **TIME** IS NOT A STRAIGHT LINE BUT **CURVED**.



SO WHAT WILL YOUR **ADVANCED UQM** PROVE?

THAT EVERYTHING EXISTS **SIMULTANEOUSLY** IN **TIME**. IT SIMPLY DEPENDS ON **WHERE** WE CHOOSE TO LOOK.



YOU'VE **NEVER** SAID HOW YOU AFFORDED THIS. THE COST IS **BEYOND--**

A **MASSIVE** ENDOWMENT MADE **SEVENTY-FIVE** YEARS AGO WITH **COMPOUNDED** INTEREST.



THE **GOVERNMENT**?

NO. THE **SAME** MAN WHO FUNDED ME IN '39 ON OUR **SECRET ATOMIC** WORK...

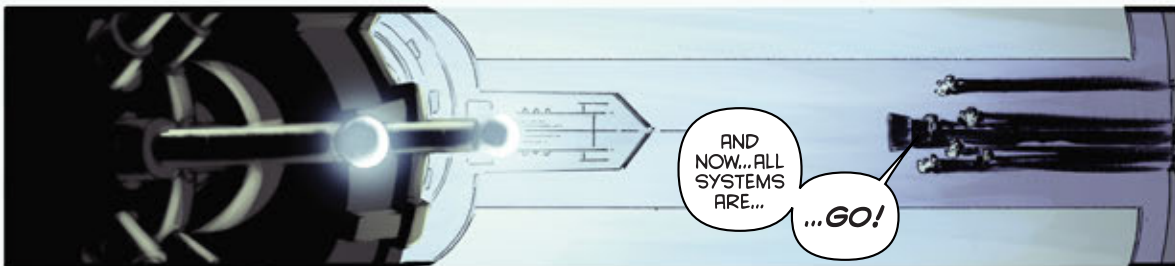
...**RICHARD HENRY BENSON!**



RICHARD HENRY BENSON? THE **BILLIONAIRE** INDUSTRIALIST?

NO. RICHARD HENRY BENSON...

...**THE AVENGER!**



AND NOW... ALL SYSTEMS ARE...

...**GO!**

1939... AN ISOLATED HANGAR AT NEW YORK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...

I'M CONVINCED, ENRICO. THE ATOM CAN BE SPLIT!

THIS COULD BE THE GREATEST BOON TO MANKIND, ALBERT... OR ITS END.

THEY WANT ME TO WRITE ROOSEVELT... URGE HIM TO FUND ITS DEVELOPMENT AS A WEAPON... THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE WEAPON CONCEIVABLE!

PRECISELY WHY WE SPURNED THE MILITARY'S OFFER AND TURNED TO BENSON FOR PRIVATE FUNDING.

MARK MY WORDS... THE MILITARY IS NEVER SPURNED. IT WILL COMMANDEER THIS PROJECT UNLESS WE TRIGGER THE FIRST TEST NOW!

BUT THERE'S SUCH POTENTIAL DANGER... TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES...

DOC... YOU'RE A SMART BOY. YOU KNOW A SAFER PLACE?

ALBERT... YOU HAVE A WINTER COAT?



WITH *BENSON'S* HELP, I'VE SET UP A SECURE BASE IN THE *HIMALAYAS*.

NOT UNLIKE MY FORTRESS IN THE *ARCTIC*.

REMOTE IS GOOD.



I *FEAR* YOU GENTLEMEN WILL SET THE *ATMOSPHERE* AFIRE OVER A *THOUSAND* MILE RADIUS!

POPPYCOCK, MR. WELLS!



SAVAGE, YOU ALWAYS INSPIRE MY IMAGINATION!

AND YOU MINE, HG!

CLIMB ABOARD, GENTS, FOR THE *FASTEST* RIDE YOU'LL EVER HAVE!



I'LL DROP YOU OFF, THEN PICK UP *BENSON*.

BENSON? HE'S NOT--

HE'S OUR *FINANCIER*, ALBERT.

IF *DOC* TRUSTS HIM, SO SHOULD WE!



HE'S EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK AIRPORT ABOUT NOW FOR THE FLIGHT TO *NEPAL* WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.



LOVELY FAMILY.

HE'S A *LUCKY* MAN.