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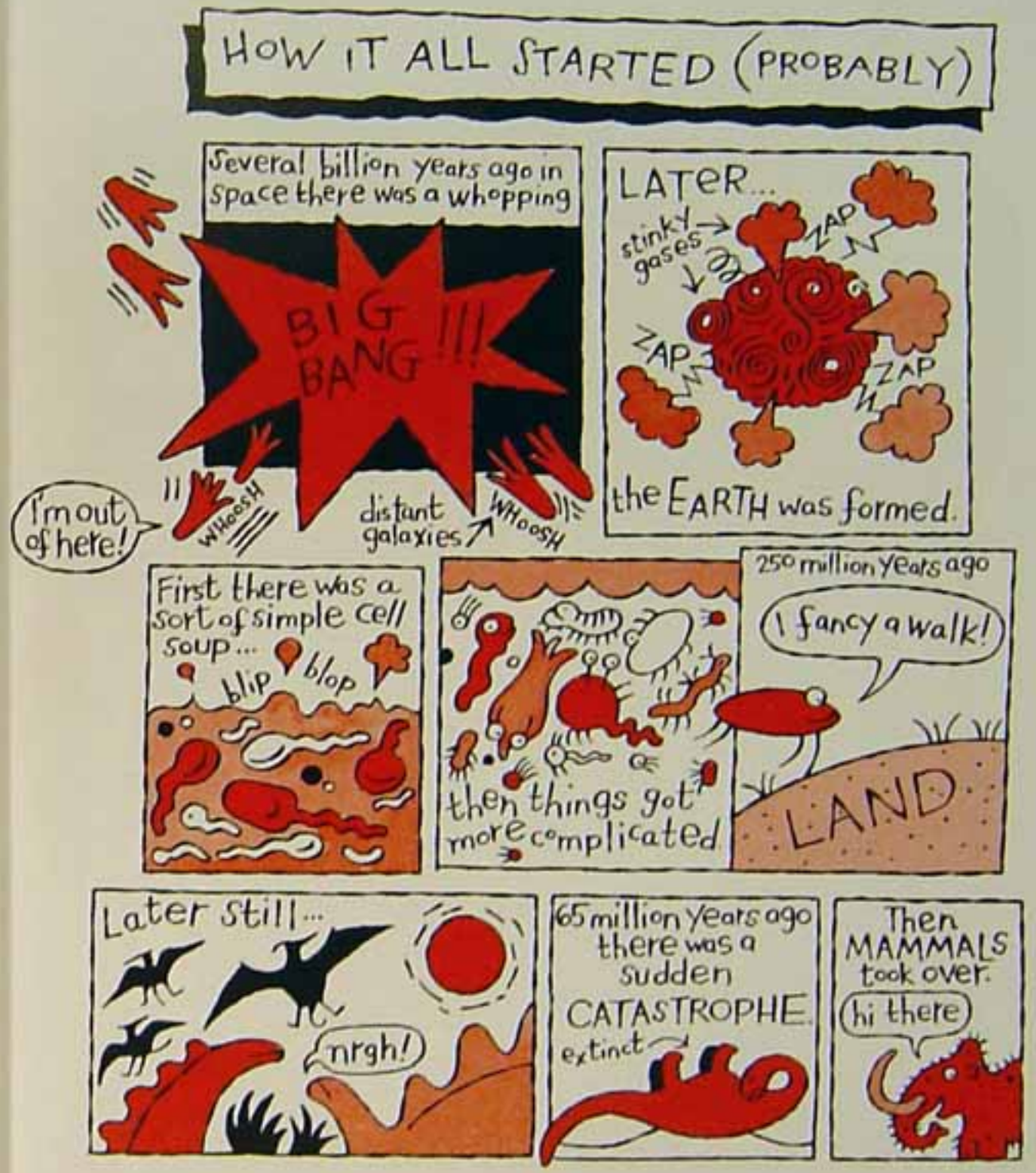
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HOW IT ALL STARTED (PROBABLY)
Several billion years ago in space there was a whopping
BIG BANG !!!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
I'm out of here!
distant galaxies
LATER...
stinky gases
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
the EARTH was formed.
First there was a sort of simple cell soup...
blip
blop
then things got more complicated
250 million years ago
I fancy a walk!
LAND
Later still...
nrgh!
65 million years ago there was a sudden CATASTROPHE.
extinct
Then MAMMALS took over.
hi there

They were WILD and they were HAIRY - yes it was EARLY MAN

About 3 million years ago, human-like creatures evolved...

And about time too...

PUP PLOP

ugh?

Could someone please hurry up and discover FIRE?

brrr

brr!

stop it!

By around one and a half million years ago...

Yum! Now we won't get poisoned by raw meat! (...much)

STONE AGE TOOL KIT

big stone

medium sized stone

very small stone

small stone

er... stick

About 100,000 years ago, our ancestors appeared in AFRICA. The other types of humans gradually died out...

(Well, most of them did)

The new HUMANS didn't stay in one place...

People spent their time hunting...

Uh?

HAAAARGH!

HAAAARGH!

gathering...

Lunch!

Lunch!

(oh... and along the way someone, somewhere, invented this)

Newfangled nonsense!

mutter mutter

and generally roaming about...

until...

I could do with a nice rest

Whew!

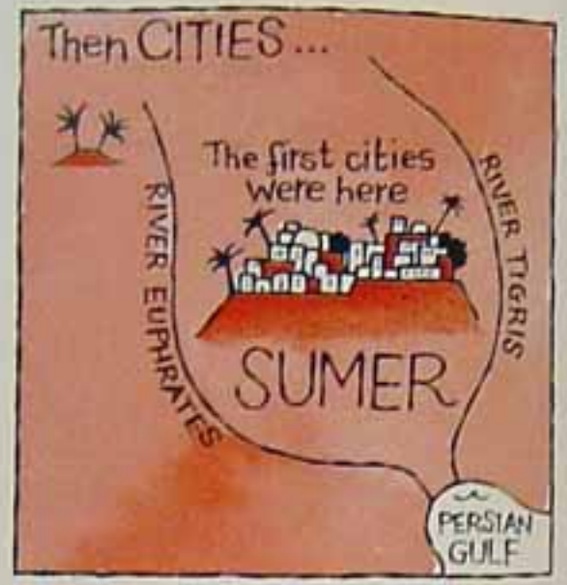
I know... let's settle down here!

Ooh! You talking commitment?

and so...

CIVILISATION IS BORN!

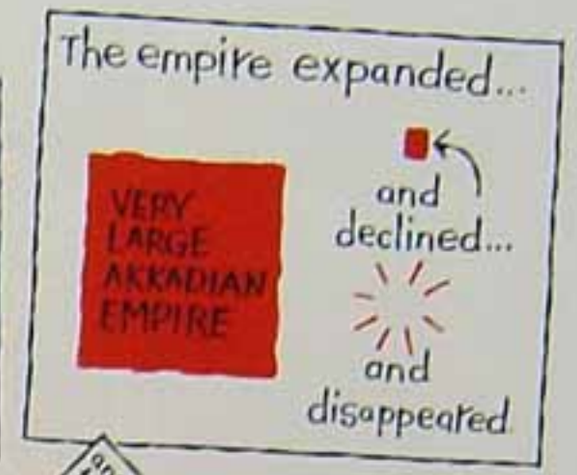




Then a whole EMPIRE...













Meanwhile, other civilisations were now popping up all over the place...