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### THE MANHATTAN PROJECTS

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What if the research and development department created to produce the first atomic bomb was a front for a series of other, more unusual, programs? What if the union of a generation's brightest minds was not a signal for optimism, but foreboding? What if everything...went wrong?

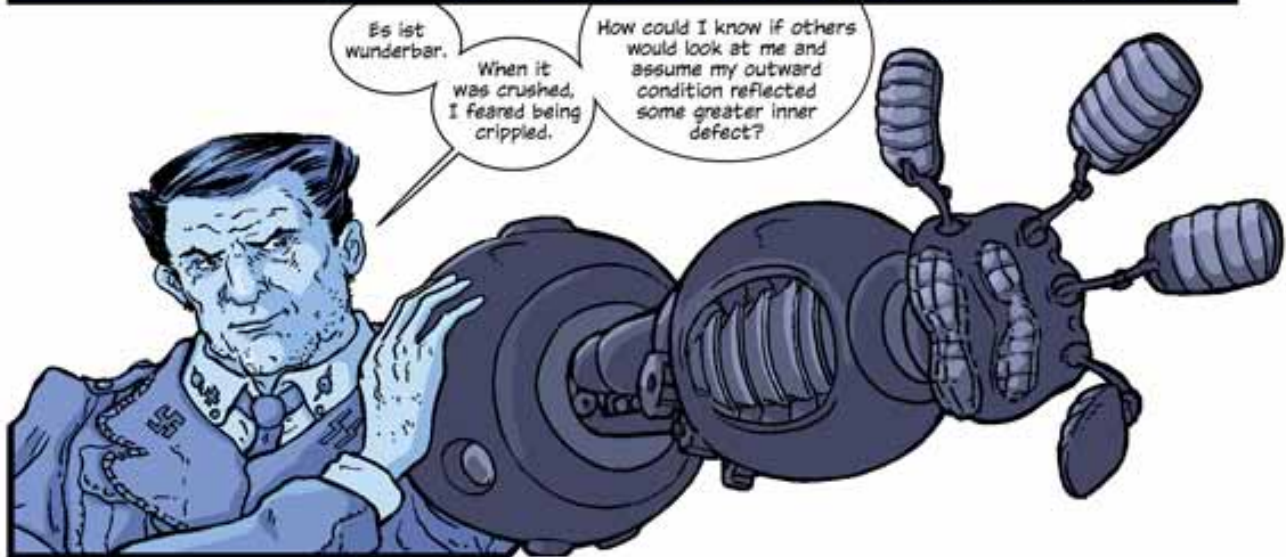
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ROCKET MAN









God help me, I think it's adorable.

Last night, before inviting her to come home with me, I told her she was flawless -- "An unrivaled beauty."

She ignored a lifetime of looking into the mirror and played along -- "Flattery will get you everywhere, Mr. Feynman."

I lied. She lied.

Her perfection was an invention. We created the lie together.



The truth is there is only one perfect person here.

Thank you. You're very kind.

Please don't interrupt me.



Good morning, Mr. Feynman.

You're smart. You're handsome. You're a very special person.

Now.  
The War Department.



Welcome back, Doctor.

The transport chamber is ready...

Ah! Excellent. Molecular deconstruction and reassembly all before breakfast.

Did you know that we actually lose .005 percent of our body mass every time we use the gateway?..



Where do you think it goes, Captain?

Hrmp! I have no idea, sir...but this communication came through for you an hour ago.

I've been instructed to make sure you read it before you leave for Los Alamos.



Uh-huh...now you have to ask yourself, is the loss from water transitioning between states? Or is it something more exotic, like...

Wait...



Are you sure this is right?

