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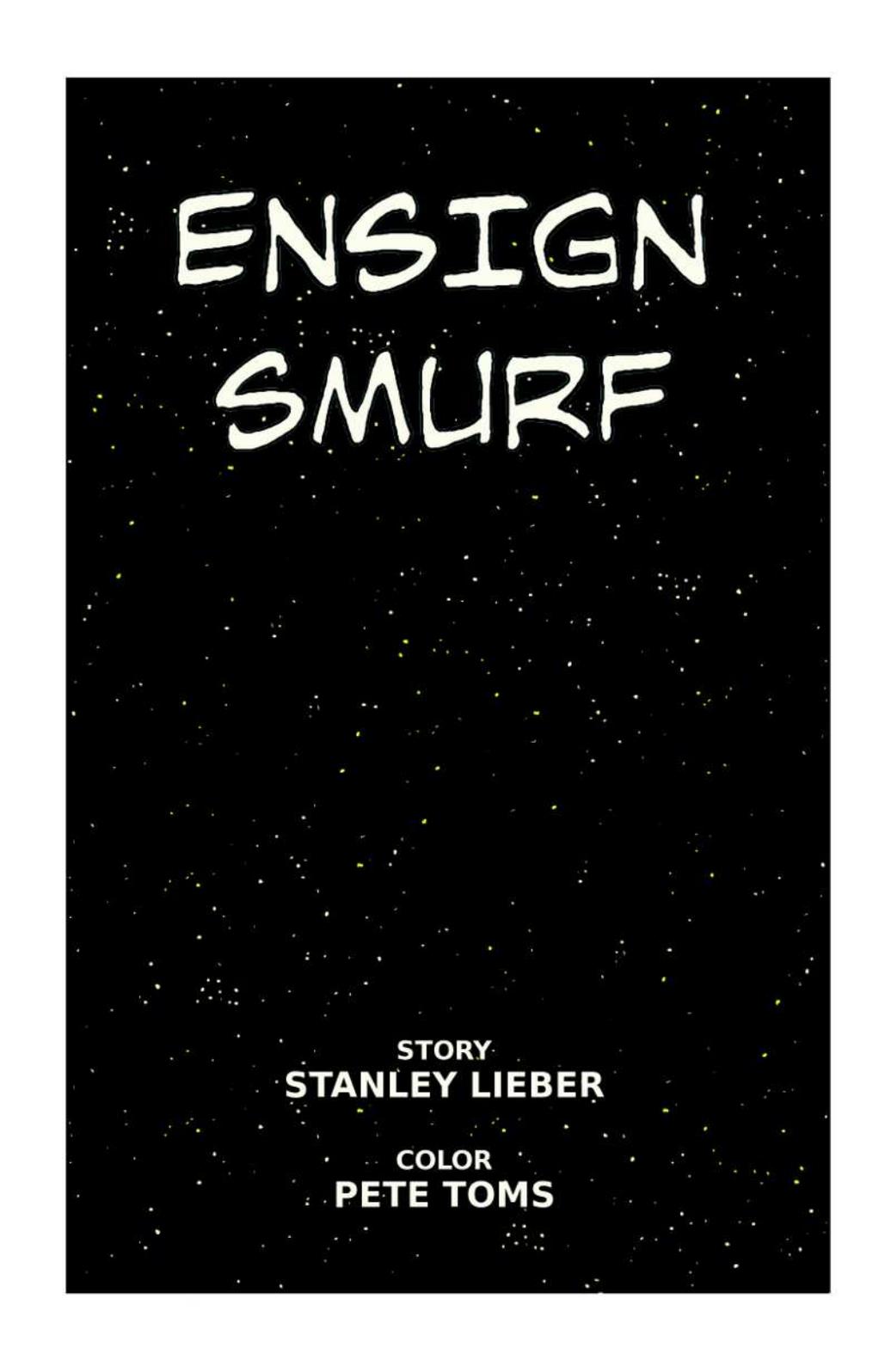
ACTRON

I SPEAK TO
YOU OF
DENIM!

YES, DENIM. VERSA-
TILE FABRIC FROM
ANTIQUITY!

OUR MASTERS
DON'T *WANT*
US TO WEAR
IT!





ENSIGN SMURF

STORY
STANLEY LIEBER

COLOR
PETE TOMS

1986



BUH-BLEEP

CAPTAIN.

I'M PICKING UP
SOME STRANGE
READINGS ON
MY VANILLA
SCOPE.

A DISTRESS
BEACON.

ON SCREEN.



THE
HELL?

UNKNOWN.

HAIL
THEM.

HAILING.

CLICK



AND...

...AND THAT'S THE GIST OF IT.

THESE DENIM PEACE CLOWNS HAVE OVERRUN THE FORWARD LOUNGE.

THEY REFUSE TO MAN THEIR STATIONS.



WE'VE SUFFERED LABOR PROBLEMS BEFORE, BUT NEVER ANYTHING LIKE THIS.



YEAH, USUALLY IT'S JUST *SUPER-SONIC* REFUSING TO GET OUT OF THE SHOWER.



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

UNKNOWN.

BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING.



THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE OFF THAT COUNTRY AND WESTERN ATTIRE.



I THINK WE NEED TO SEE THIS.



CAPTAIN!

I SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT GUESTS.

LUCKILY, WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPARE DENIM SHIRTS.

I TOLD YOUR PEOPLE...

NO MORE SELLING SOUTHWESTERN STYLE INCENSE.



BUT THAT'S HOW WE FINANCE THE MOVEMENT!

IRRELEVANT.



COMMERCE IS STRICTLY RELEGATED TO DECK SIX.

AND WHILE YOUR PEOPLE ARE ON STRIKE, YOUR OPERATING LICENSE IS SUSPENDED.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAND OVER THE CONTRABAND.



DENIM ONE



THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.



I WISH I COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO PUT ON A DENIM SHIRT AND SIT AROUND ALL DAY.



YOU GUYS ARE ALMOST INVISIBLE IN ALL THAT DENIM.

(IS THAT RACIST??)



THE CAPTAIN'S
QUARTERS...

YOU CAN
SEE I'M AT
AN IMPASSE.

THE DENIMS
REFUSE TO
WORK.

CLAIM 'SMURF
TRADITIONS
FOUND HARM-
FUL TO
DENIMS.'



SOMETIMES
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE'RE
DOING OUT
HERE.



HEY

I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR YOU
TALK LIKE
THAT.

SPACE EXPLORATION
IS AN **ABSOLUTELY**
VALID USE OF
YOUR TIME.

JUST LOOK
AT HOW QUICKLY
SMURFS ARE
CATCHING UP WITH
HUMANITY.

WHY, I'LL BET THAT SOME-
DAY YOUR NAME WILL BE **VEN-**
ERATED BY YOUR PEOPLE.



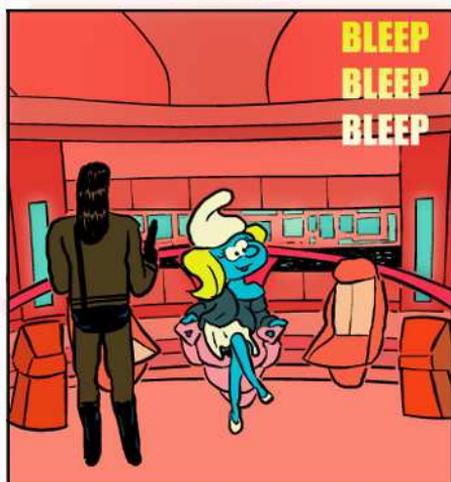
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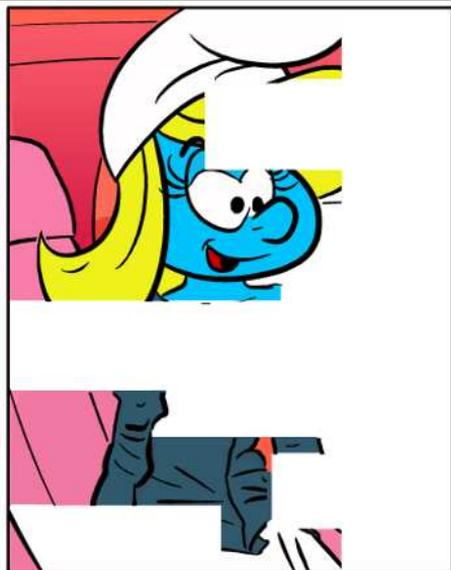
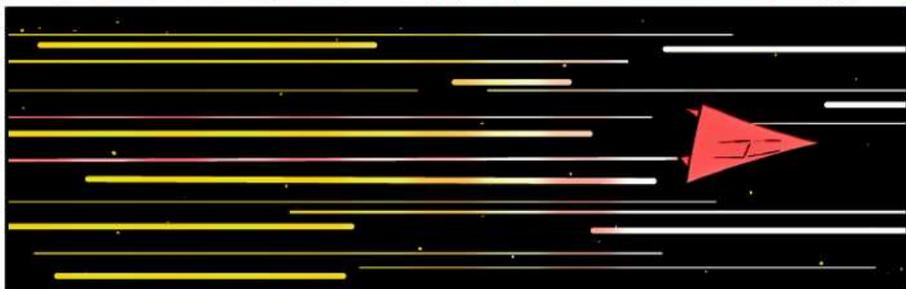
IS HE
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ME?



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NEXT: **SOME
GREAT
REWARD**

