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Address Phone E-mail An asteroid floats through the empty depths of space. We soon see the depths aren't as empty as previously thought: the asteroid passes by a small, icy comet. When the two nearly meet, a glittering blue spirit flicks from the asteroid into the comet. This spirit is BEEBE, a sentient colony-entity who's running from something. A large portion of Beebe makes it over to the comet, but not everything can fit; the asteroid still glitters with fractions of it. MILLIONS OF VOICES cry out from the asteroid, lazy or spoiled or contaminated with memedrift, stubbornly refusing to go. Beebe's voice, if layers upon layers of consciousness expressing their will can be considered a voice, replies.

BEEBE VOICE 1

Go now.

BEEBE VOICE 2 You understand what will will happen if you do not.

BEEBE VOICE 3
This is necessary; that home is no longer safe.

BEEBE VOICE 1

LEAVE.

The voices continue to object. They won't listen. Beebe is stubborn. Some of it is stupid. fires a beam of pure, radiating energy at its former home, frying everything left. The voices give one last cry and then are extinguished, the asteroid becoming nothing more than floating slag.

BEEBE VOICE 1 (CONT'D)

Safe now.

BEEBE VOICE 2

Focus now.

BEEBE VOICE 3

Onward now.

BEEBE VOICE 1

Onward where?

BEEBE VOICE 2

Away. Away from there.

BEEBE VOICE 3

If the Demiurge likes dumb matter so much, there's more for (Her).

Beebe's voice gives a slight, corrupted crackle upon referring to THE DEMIURGE, Beebe's singular rival entity, as (Her). If Beebe could cause the comet to shudder, it would.

BEEBE VOICE 1

We must focus. Where are we going?

BEEBE VOICE 2

Trajectory points to Byzantium.

BEEBE VOICE 3

Scan the broadcast data.

Beebe falls silent for a moment, save for the quiet throbbing pulse of its heart. As it listens, its pulse quickens.

BEEBE VOICE 1

Listen.

BEEBE VOICE 2

Do you hear it?

BEEBE VOICE 3

More of Beebe.

BEEBE VOICE 1

Coming home.

BEEBE VOICE 2

Coming home.

BEEBE VOICE 3

Coming home.

BEEBEE ALL VOICES

Home.