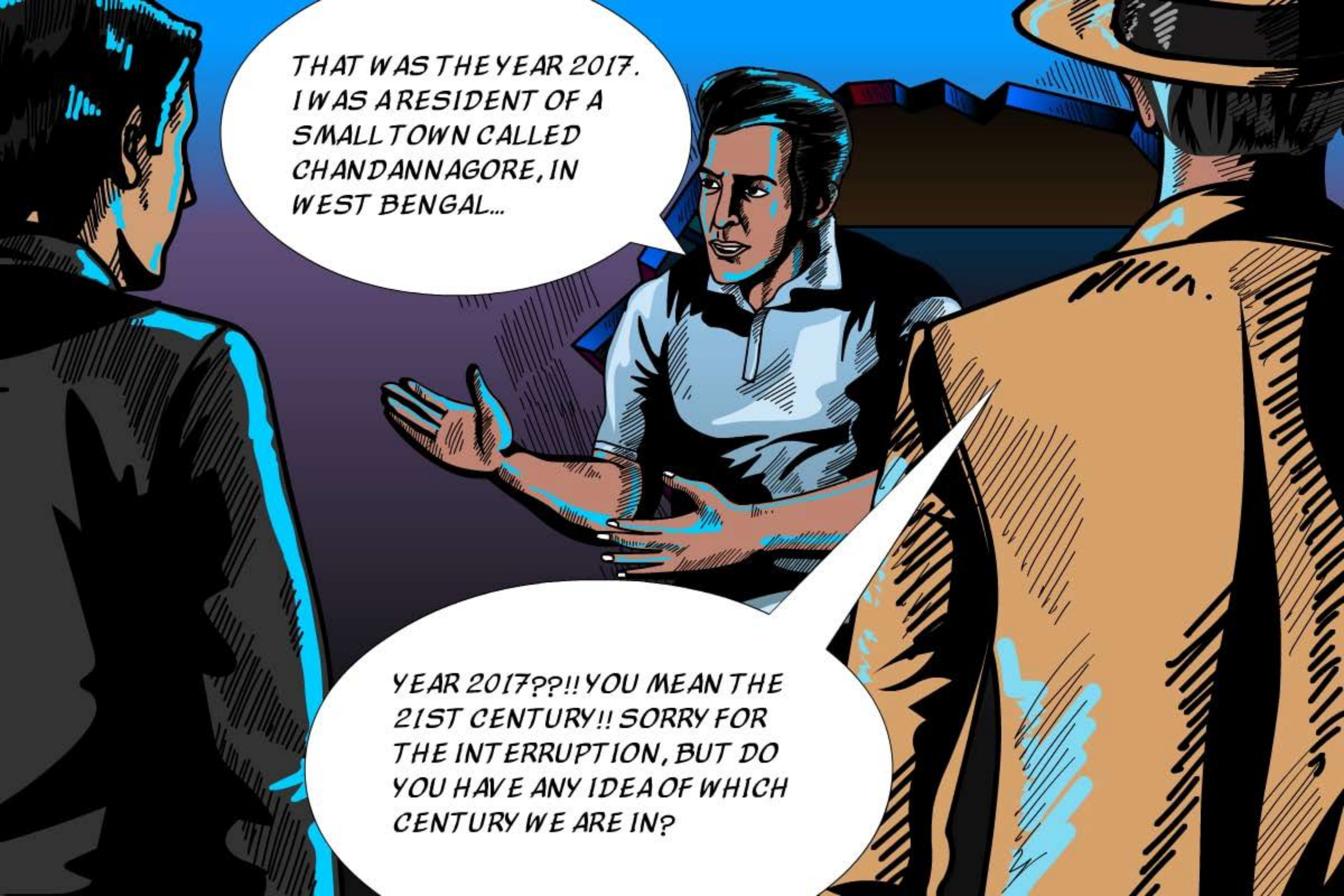


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THAT WAS THE YEAR 2017.
I WAS A RESIDENT OF A
SMALL TOWN CALLED
CHANDANNAGORE, IN
WEST BENGAL...

YEAR 2017??!! YOU MEAN THE
21ST CENTURY!! SORRY FOR
THE INTERRUPTION, BUT DO
YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHICH
CENTURY WE ARE IN?

NO, I DON'T, BUT THIS I HAVE REALIZED THAT EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED! SINCE THE TIME I HAVE LANDED ON EARTH, I HAVE REALIZED THAT TIME HAS TAKEN A GIANT LEAP! I AM SURE THAT MORE THAN 50 YEARS HAVE PASSED, ISN'T IT?



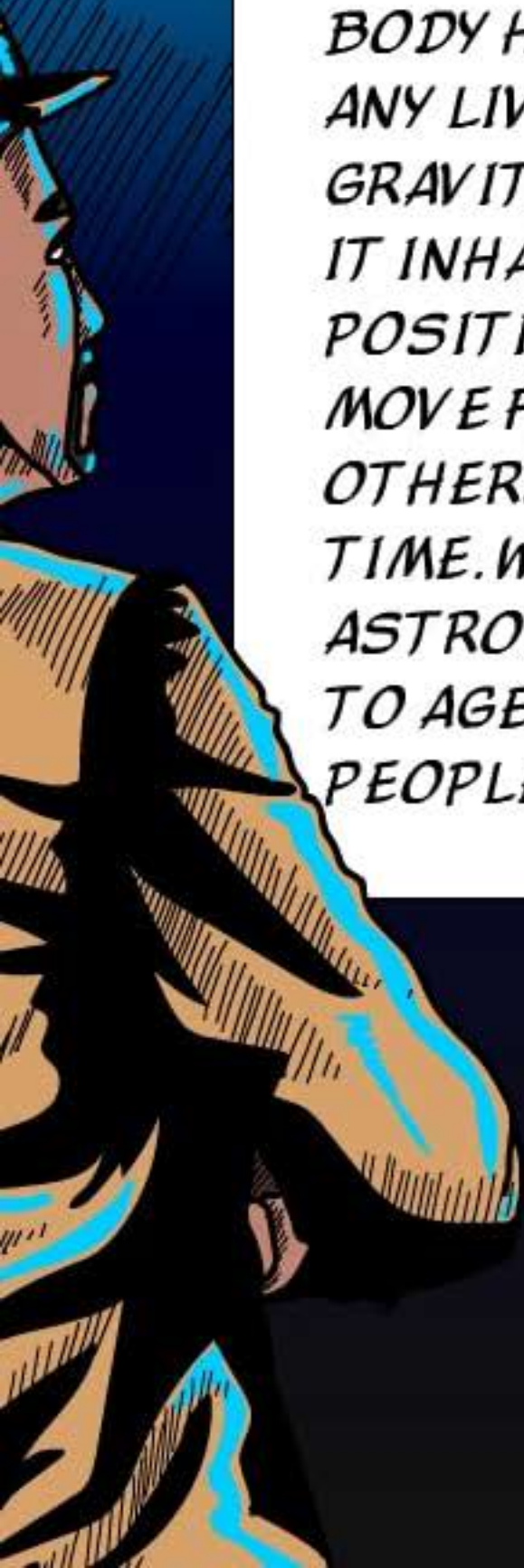


50 YEARS??!! IT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AND NEW CENTURY THAT WE ARE IN. IT'S THE YEAR 2112. BY THE WAY, HOW OLD WERE YOU IN 2017?

I WAS 30.

DID YOU SAY 30? WHICH MEANS YOU ARE 125 YEARS OLD AT PRESENT? WELL, IT'S REALLY MIND-BOGGLING! YOU BELONG TO AN ERA WHEN I WASN'T EVEN BORN. I AM 53 YEARS OLD NOW AND I LOOK THE SAME, BUT YOU STILL LOOK AS YOUNG AS A 30-YEAR-OLD GUY! HOW'S THIS POSSIBLE!?

IT'S POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVITY OF TIME. TIME IS NOT CONSTANT. IN OUR UNIVERSE THERE ARE TRILLIONS OF STARS AND PLANETS. EACH AND EVERY HEAVENLY BODY HAS ITS OWN TIMING AND THE AGE OF ANY LIVING BEING DEPENDS UPON THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCE OF THE PLANET THAT IT INHABITS. THEREFORE, DEPENDING ON OUR POSITION AND SPEED, TIME CAN APPEAR TO MOVE FASTER OR SLOWER TO US RELATIVE TO OTHERS IN A DIFFERENT PART OF SPACE-TIME. WELL, THIS EXPLAINS WHY ASTRONAUTS ON THE SPACE STATIONS GET TO AGE JUST A TINY BIT SLOWER THAN PEOPLE ON EARTH...




...THAT'S BECAUSE OF TIME-DILATION EFFECTS AS MENTIONED IN THE EXPLANATION OF THE THEORY. BUT IF ONE CAN TRAVEL AS FAST AS LIGHT OR IF POSSIBLE FASTER THAN LIGHT, THEN THE RATE OF AGEING FOR THAT BEING WOULD BE EXTREMELY LESS THAN THAT OF A REGULAR INHABITANT OF THE EARTH.

I KNOW THIS ENTIRE AFFAIR MIGHT SEEM TO BE QUITE UNBELIEVABLE FOR YOU ALL, BUT THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT DESCRIBES MY SITUATION. I HAD TRAVELLED TO A DIFFERENT PLANET AND IT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, BUT I RETURNED TO REALIZE THAT 95 YEARS HAVE PASSED!



WE ARE TOTALLY BAFFLED!
DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE
TRAVELLED TO SPACE AND
BACK AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT?
HOW'S IT POSSIBLE? YES, WE
ARE AWARE OF THE THEORY OF
RELATIVITY OF TIME AND ARE
WORKING ON IT. WE ARE TRYING
TO PROVE IT PRACTICALLY BY
CREATING A SPACE SHIP THAT
CAN TRAVEL AS FAST AS LIGHT,
BUT HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO
DO SO TILL DATE. HOW DID YOU
DO IT? ANSWER ME!





HAVE PATIENCE. I
WILL ANSWER EVERY
QUESTION THAT
YOU'VE ASKED.

AND IF AT ALL YOU
HAVE TRAVELLED TO
A DIFFERENT
PLANET, THEN TELL
US HOW FAR IT IS
LOCATED FROM THE
EARTH. DOES LIFE
EXIST THERE? TOO
MANY QUESTIONS!
PLEASE ANSWER.