

Strange Adventures #1
"They Floated Above the Ground"
By Tom King

ART NOTE: Panels and pages are divided between Evan and Mitch. If one is doing a whole page, his name will be just at the top of the page. If a single page is divided between artists, the names will be on each panel the artist is drawing.

ART NOTE: The comic is being done on a three panel grid, three stacked horizontal rectangles (think New Frontier). Unlike Mister Miracle, we can break that pattern a few times in each issue, but only by combining or dividing the rectangles, not by imposing a new structure (again like New Frontier).

When rectangles are combined in the script I write:

Panels 1 and 2:

(this would be a 2/3 splash taking up the top 2/3 of the page).

When rectangles are divided, I'll write:

Panels 2.1:

Panel 2.2:

Panel 2.3:

(this would be three panels taking up the space of the second tier rectangle).

Or I might write just.

Panel 1.1:

Panel 1.2:

(This would be two equal panels taking the place of the 1st tier rectangle).

This seems complicated, but I'm sure once you read the script you'll get it. Thanks!

PAGE 1:

Mitch

PANEL 1: ADAM STRANGE at a signing offering his hand to the camera, to shake. He's wearing his costume, but his helmet is off.

ADAM STRANGE: Hi, I'm Adam.

ADAM STRANGE: Can I sign a book for you?

WRITING: DC Comics Presents.

PANEL 2: Black Panel, White writing.

WRITING: Strange Adventures.

WRITING: Chapter 1

WRITING: They Floated Above the Ground

PANEL 3: RUTHIE at the signing, talking to the camera holding the book to her stomach.

ART NOTE: The cover of the book has an ADAM STRANGE cover by Evan.

RUTHIE: I wanted to say that the part about your daughter really was special to me.

RUTHIE: I lost someone close like that and it meant a lot to me. I was crying.

RUTHIE: I just wanted to tell you. Sorry, thank you.

Credits

PAGE 2:

PANEL 1 (Mitch): A fancy hotel room. ADAM STRANGE is lying on the bed, exhausted, checking his phone. ALANNA is sitting a chair, looking at her phone. She is wearing civilian clothes.

ADAM STRANGE: Why am I so tired?

ALANNA: America Today wants you to do a whole entrance.

ALANNA: With the jetpack, maybe even come through the window, they have options.

ALANNA: I think it could be fun.

PANEL 2 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE in his jet pack, rushing out over the Pacific Ocean trying to catch a Zeta Beam. People on a passing boat watching him in amazement. Adam checking his watch.

ADAM STRANGE: C'mon, c'mon, c'mon.

ADAM STRANGE: Five...four...three...two...

PANEL 3 (Evan): Camera pulls back. The Zeta beam him.

ADAM STRANGE: One...

PAGE 3:

PANEL 1 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE appearing in a futuristic Rann castle. ALANNA is running toward him, distressed, she is dressed in fancy clothes.

ALANNA: Oh Adam!

ALANNA: All is lost!

PANEL 2 (Evan): On the left, ADAM STRANGE, heroic, with ALANNA hanging on him. SARDATH enters on the right, dramatic.

ALANNA: It's...

ALANNA: No, I can't say it! To say it would be to accept that it's real.

ALANNA: So I won't...I won't!

SARDATH: The Pykks, Adam Strange...

SARDATH: They have returned.

PANEL 3 (Mitch): ADAM STRANGE and ALANNA doing it. She's on top but they're both sitting up facing each other, sweating. Sheets or the bottom of the panel cut off the naughty parts.

ADAM STRANGE: You...

ADAM STRANGE: Feel so good.

PAGE 4:

Mitch

PANEL 1: Two or three vapid morning talk show hosts sitting in front of a window that has their fans outside waving signs. Like Fox and Friends with a window. One of the talk show people is holding up a copy of Strange Adventures.

HOST 1: ...honored today to have an actual American or...is it right to say American?

HOST 2: He was still American, whatever he did over there.

HOST 1: Right! An American then—an American hero, a world hero also. A space hero!

PANEL 2: Shot stays steady. In the window behind, ADAM STRANGE in full costume descends from the sky, smiling and waving.

HOST 1: The hero of Rann! Now retired to earth with his lovely wife Alanna. I just met her and she's delightful.

HOST 2: He's on his book tour for his memoir of his last year on that foreign planet where he fought in a terrible war.

HOST 1: It's called "Strange Adventures." Which I think is a really neat title.

HOST 2: And we'll have him here to talk about his book and about his war and everything.

HOST 1: Including his not-so-secret meeting with the president.

PANEL 3: Hosts looking at the camera as ADAM STRANGE awkwardly hovers behind the window waving.

HOST 1: So stay tuned!

HOST 2: We return right after this with Adam Strange!

SFX: CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

PAGE 5:

Mitch

PANEL 1: Stat of 1.1, except it's a different store.

ADAM STRANGE: Hi, I'm Adam.

ADAM STRANGE: Can I sign a book for you?

PANEL 2: Another fan standing holding the book.

FAN: Thank you. For your service. And for everything.

FAN: This really meant a lot to me. And what you did. You saved something.

FAN: That must have been so cool, man. Like right?

PANEL 3: ADAM STRANGE sitting on the edge of his hotel bed, taking off his shoes. Importantly, on the night stand is a picture he keeps always by his bed: It shows Adam, Alanna and their daughter on Rann, all happy.

FLOATING BALLOON: They're moving up the ceremony again.

FLOATING BALLOON: I guess this time there was maybe a cancelation in the schedule. Or something. Who the hell knows?

FLOATING BALLOON: And they want you to do something on the hill. A briefing for the Senators.

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Evan

PANEL 1-3: Splash. ADAM STRANGE soaring through the sky looking down on a battlefield of future tanks and monsters coming through the Rannian deserts. The Pykks use advance weaponry and also ride dragon like creatures into battle.

ADAM STRANGE: Alanna, I can see them now with my own eyes!

ADAM STRANGE: An endless sea of Pykkt Murder-Men heading toward the castle!

ADAM STRANGE: I'll try to fight them off!

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Evan

PANEL 1: A future tank fires a volley into the sky.

SFX: BOOOOOM!

PANEL 2: ADAM STRANGE dodging the blast as he returns fire with his gun.

ADAM STRANGE: They've fired first!

ADAM STRANGE: The cretins!

ADAM STRANGE: But don't worry, darling....

SFX: PEW PEW

PANEL 3: The tank exploding.

SFX: BLAAAAAMMM

FLOATING BALLOON: All will be well!

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Mitch

PANEL 1: 2.1 Again with a different book store.

ADAM STRANGE: Hi, I'm Adam.

ADAM STRANGE: Can I sign a book for you?

PANEL 2: MAN freaking out, leaning forward, mad, screaming at ADAM STRANGE

MAN (shouting): I know about the Pykkts! I know what you did! You liar! You scum!

MAN (shouting): How many are dead because of you! Tortured! Left in cages because of you!

MAN (shouting): How many graves have you dug! What did you do!?!

PANEL 3: Back at the hotel. ADAM sitting on the edge of the bed, head in hands. ALANNA checking her phone, absorbed into it.

ALANNA: There's coverage on a few more main-streamish sights. It's going everywhere.

ALANNA: The video's so shaky, who took it, you can't even see how crazy that guy looked.

ALANNA: I don't know why anyone cares about this. He looks like he's foaming at the mouth.

ADAM STRANGE: #\$\$%@.

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Evan

PANEL 1: ADAM crashing into the dirt in the tank battlefield. Crashing in front of a tank.

SFX: KKRSSSH

ADAM STRANGE: unng

PANEL 2.1: ADAM picking himself off the ground as the tank starts to transform into a robot.

RADIO BALLOON: Adam Strange of Earth!

PANEL 2.2: ADAM picking himself off the ground as the tank starts to transform into a robot.

RADIO BALLOON: By the authority of the Pykkt Empire!

RADIO BALLOON: The true rulers of Rann!

RADIO BALLOON: You are under arrest!

PANEL 2.3: ADAM picking himself off the ground as the tank transforms into a future robot.

RADIO BALLOON: Surrender and submit to interrogation!

PANEL 3: ADAM standing now, gun drawn facing the future robot.

ADAM STRANGE (shouting): Never!

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Evan

PANEL 1: The robot attacks ADAM STRANGE as ADAM STRANGE flies into the sky, dodging the attack, and returning fire.

ADAM STRANGE: Years ago, I lived a peripatetic life as an archeologist. Always searching for answers, always finding questions.

ADAM STRANGE: Then I was struck by the Zeta Beam and taken twenty-five trillion miles.

ADAM STRANGE: To this planet. To Rann!

SFX: PEW PEW

PANEL 2: ADAM STRANGE fighting the robot, flying about him, firing his laser.

ADAM STRANGE: And though I must be yanked back to earth when the beam wears out.

ADAM STRANGE: I finally found my answers here. I found my mission as the protector of Rann!

SFX: PEW PEW

PANEL 3: ADAM STRANGE fires at the robot, as the ROBOT tries to attack him.

ADAM STRANGE: Moreover, I found my family. A new family!

ADAM STRANGE: I found a father in Sardath. A wife in Alanna.

ADAM STRANGE: And now a daughter. My little Aleena.

SFX: PEW PEW

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PANEL 1 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE fires his gun

ADAM STRANGE: As long as I live and breathe, I will fight for this planet.

ADAM STRANGE: As it has saved me...

SFX: PEW!

PANEL 2 (Evan): The robot blowing up.

SFX: BLAAM

FLOATING BALLOON: So shall I forever strive...

FLOATING BALLOON: To save Rann!

PANEL 3.1 (Mitch): ADAM STRANGE in a suit getting the medal of honor. The president giving him this award is off panel, so you can't see who it is.

FLOATING BALLOON: For his service, for his sacrifice, for his bravery, for his compassion.

FLOATING BALLOON: I hereby award Adam Strange of Rann, of Earth, of America.

FLOATING BALLOON: The congressional medal of honor.

PANEL 3.2 (Mitch): ALANNA at a cocktail reception, holding a drink.

FLOATING BALLOON: You must be so proud of your husband.

FLOATING BALLOON: All he did over there. Wow.

ALANNA: Oh yes.

ALANNA: Very proud.

PANEL 3.3 (Mitch): ADAM STRANGE's hand getting a shrimp from a waiter.

FLOATING BALLOON: I saw that video with that guy.

FLOATING BALLOON: What was that about?

FLOATING BALLOON: Is that real?

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Mitch

PANEL 1: ADAM and ALANNA sitting on the steps of the LINCOLN. ADAM STRANGE is looking has a box containing his medal. ALANNA is checking her phone.

ALANNA: Told you it wasn't a problem. Book is debuting at number one everywhere.

ALANNA: Got big writes ups all over the place, I can't even keep track. Just everywhere.

ALANNA: Invitations from everyone. Congratulations from everyone. You're very in demand.

PANEL 2: Shot stays steady. ADAM makes his fingers into a gun and points them out at the view. ALANNA continues on the phone.

ALANNA: I got a lot of e-mails in from political people, the hill and the white house.

ALANNA: Crazy stuff, everyone wants you to run for something.

ALANNA: From like local-mayor-who-cares to...the very top. All the way.

PANEL 3: Shot switches, we go behind them, looking out at the view of the national mall.

ALANNA: You're a hero.

ALANNA: They want to give you everything.

ADAM STRANGE: Pew. Pew.

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Evan

PANEL 1: ADAM STRANGE, back against a dead tank and/or robot, firing out his laser gun. ADAM STRANGE's costume is ripped a bit. He's been fighting hard.

RADIO BALLOON: Adam Strange!

RADIO BALLOON: This is Sardath!

RADIO BALLOON: Our defenses are failing.

RADIO BALLOON: Pykkt soldiers are advancing through the city.

SFX: PEW PEW.

PANEL 2: Camera pulls back, shows PYKKT dragon/monster bearing down on ADAM STRANGE who is firing his laser. The dragon monster is being ridden by an armored PYKKT fighter

SFX: PEW PEW.

RADIO BALLOON: We need your help here!

RADIO BALLOON: Your family needs your protection!

SFX: PEW PEW.

PANEL 3.1: ADAM STRANGE from behind, showing his jetpack, firing his gun.

ADAM STRANGE: Understood Sardath!

ADAM STRANGE: And agreed!

SFX: Pew Pew

PANEL 3.2: Shot stays steady. The jetpack bursts on.

ADAM STRANGE: Hold tight where you are!

ADAM STRANGE: I'm on my way!

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Evan

PANEL 1 and 2: ADAM STRANGE soars into the air as the monster tries to eat him, just missing.

ADAM STRANGE: I'd like nothing more than to see this battle through, you Pykkt cowards!

PANEL 3: ADAM STRANGE flying through the air away from the battle. The animal roaring as he makes his retreat.

ADAM STRANGE: But for now I must say:

ADAM STRANGE: Until next time!

ANIMAL: ROARRRRRR

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Mitch

PANEL 1: Stat of 2.1, except it's a different store.

ADAM STRANGE: Hi, I'm Adam.

ADAM STRANGE: Can I sign a book for you?

PANEL 2.1: DUDE holding the book.

DUDE: \$%@, I just read that thing while I was in line. That news about the line dude.

DUDE: Dude, that's insane man. They're already saying it could be you.

DUDE: So like what. Did you do it? Seriously?

PANEL 2.2: A shot of the signing table, showing the book Strange Adventures.

ADAM STRANGE (off): Excuse me?

PANEL 3: ALANNA and ADAM in their hotel room watching the TV. Phones in their lap, transfixed.

ALANNA is smoking.

RADIO BALLOON: The body of a man who was seen in a viral video accosting Rann war hero Adam Strange was found today in downtown Los Angeles.

RADIO BALLOON: The man apparently had a gun wound to his head that some are reporting came from an off world laser-type gun.

RADIO BALLOON: We have obtained a police report with an image of the body as it was found.

RADIO BALLOON: We would like to warn viewers that this image is graphic in nature and not suited for young children.

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PANEL 1 (Mitch): A picture of the TV Screen. The body of the guy from page 9. His head has been blown in by a laser. Bloody, graphic. The Chyron says: Man in Adam Strange Viral Video Murdered.

RADIO BALLOON: Here we go.

PANEL 2 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE flies through the open window of the future castle. He's been through a fight and his costume is burnt and torn, his face a bit bruised and bloody. ALANNA and SARDATH wait there for him.

ADAM STRANGE: Alanna! Sardath!

SARDATH: Adam Strange! You have done what you could, but the Pykkts march on!

SARDATH: We have to abandon the city, regroup, find a way to fight!

PANEL 3 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE holding ALANNA close as bombs go off in the background.

ALANNA: On no Adam! Please, we must fight!

ADAM STRANGE: Not now, my love, Sardath is right.

ADAM STRANGE: But don't fret! This will pass. We will triumph.

ADAM STRANGE: We always do.

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PANEL 1 (Evan): Looking into ALANNA's beautiful face, tears in her eyes.

ALANNA: But what about Aleena?

PANEL 2 (Mitch): ADAM STRANGE's jetpack lying on the edge of a hotel bed. In the reflection you can see ALANNA pacing back and forth across the hotel. You can see the picture of the family by the bed.

SFX: CLCK

FLOATING BALLOON: Of course it's all bull %@!.

FLOATING BALLOON: We feel insulted that anyone would say anything else.

FLOATING BALLOON: I was there. I saw what happened with my own damn eyes.

PANEL 3 (Mitch): In the reflection, ALANNA continues to pace.

FLOATING BALLOON: You cannot comprehend what Adam did for my people.

FLOATING BALLOON: And by stopping the Pykks, who would've come here eventually.

FLOATING BALLOON: What he did for your people. For all people really. The sacrifices he made.

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Mitch

PANEL 1 and 2: ADAM STRANGE in costume stands at a podium with his wife by his side.

ADAM STRANGE: There have been some claims about me in the media. I'd like to take a second to clear some of that up.

ADAM STRANGE: First, foremost, I am incredibly proud of my service on Rann.

ADAM STRANGE: In a hostile, chaotic universe, Rann is an oasis.

ADAM STRANGE: It is a world of peace. Of freedom.

ADAM STRANGE: I was called to fight for that peace.

ADAM STRANGE: To stand for that freedom.

ADAM STRANGE: And yes.

ADAM STRANGE: I answered that call.

PANEL 3.1: Close on ALANNA listening, the dutiful wife. A tear in her eye.

FLOATING BALLOON: Second, in regards to the rumors and accusations about that service

FLOATING BALLOON: That have somehow become a part of our national conversations.

FLOATING BALLOON: Rumors of misconduct and dishonor.

PANEL 3.2: ALANNA Wipes away the tear.

FLOATING BALLOON: Allow me to say, unequivocally and without hesitation.

FLOATING BALLOON: These are lies.

PANEL 3.3: ALANNA standing proud, holding it together.

FLOATING BALLOON: Vicious, unfounded, corrupt lies.

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PANEL 1: Night. ADAM STRANGE holding ALANNA as they fly over a city, fairly close.

RADIO BALLOON: Janice, I don't see how you can see that as anything but a denial.

RADIO BALLOON: He did not list his crimes, he did not deny each crime, I can go on.

RADIO BALLOON: Fine, he didn't say it the way you wanted to say it. But he still said it!

RADIO BALLOON: What I see a man in denial. A man who did something and doesn't want to admit what he did. Maybe to himself.

PANEL 2: Camera pulls back. The flight, the night, the stars, the city.

RADIO BALLOON: That is the most idiotic, absurd...

RADIO BALLOON: Hey, hey, keep this civil, I will cut off your mic. I'm having you two on to discuss the facts in this case.

RADIO BALLOON: This is a typical tactic of someone hiding from what they did—he did.

RADIO BALLOON: Our audience...

RADIO BALLOON: He's a national hero, for Christ's sake!

RADIO BALLOON: National? What nation? Not this nation!

PANEL 3: Camera pulls back, The flight, the night, the stars, the city.

RADIO BALLOON: This is a man who's own daughter...

RADIO BALLOON: Oh! His daughter! Every time there's any criticism, we bring up the daughter.

RADIO BALLOON: This is not criticism! These are lies about a hero!

RADIO BALLOON: A hero! Tell that to the man with the laser gun wound, you--

RADIO BALLOON: All right! All right! I think that's enough.

RADIO BALLOON: As you can see there's a lot of debate here and a lot debate to be had.

RADIO BALLOON: We'll be back after this.

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Evan

PANEL 1.1: ALEENA and ADAM STRANGE hugging.

ALEENA: Daddydaddydaddy!!!

PANEL 1.2: ADAM STRANGE talking to his daughter.

ADAM STRANGE: Aleena! Oh my love.

ADAM STRANGE: I'm sorry but we have to go.

ADAM STRANGE: We have to leave the capital, leave our home.

PANEL 2: ALEEA looks up at ADAM STRANGE.

ALEEA: Why daddy?

ALEEA: I don't want to.

PANEL 3.1: ADAM STRANGE explaining to his daughter.

ADAM STRANGE: I know honey, but we'll come back, I promise!

ADAM STRANGE: We'll just be gone a little a while, I swear!

PANEL 3.2 (Evan): ADAM STRANGE smiling at his daughter.

ADAM STRANGE: We just have to make sure you're safe.

ADAM STRANGE: That's the most important thing.

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PANEL 1: ADAM STRANGE holding his gun in his hand like he's going to give it to someone.

FLOATING BALLOON: And what am I supposed to with it?

PANEL 2: ADAM STRANGE on the rooftop in full costume.

ADAM STRANGE: They think I did it.

ADAM STRANGE: I didn't. None of it.

PANEL 3: Close on ADAM STRANGE on the roof.

ADAM STRANGE: Whatever this insane person accused me of.

ADAM STRANGE: However he died.

ADAM STRANGE: It's got nothing to do with me.

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PANEL 1: BATMAN on the rooftop with STRANGE.

ADAM STRANGE: You're the world's greatest detective.

PANEL 2: ADAM STRANGE pointing this chest, pleading.

ADAM STRANGE: Investigate me. Everything. All I did.

ADAM STRANGE: Come at me as hard you can.

ADAM STRANGE: I didn't do this. Show them I'm innocent.

PANEL 3: Close on BATMAN.

ADAM STRANGE (off): Please.

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Mitch

PANEL 1: ADAM STRANGE out of costume eating dinner in a fence outside hotel restaurant with ALANNA. At a secluded booth at night. ADAM STRANGE is lighting ALANNA's cigarette.

ADAM STRANGE: He said no. He said we were friends. Old friends.

ADAM STRANGE: He said I'd saved his life a bunch of times and he couldn't be the judge.

ADAM STRANGE: It wouldn't be right, or people wouldn't care or believe it or whatever.

ALANNA: This is all a plot. It's just the &#@#ing Pykks.

PANEL 2: ADAM STRANGE eating.

ADAM STRANGE: Well, I asked him to find someone, someone I don't know. Or anyone.

ADAM STRANGE: Someone as smart as him though, as tough. As fair. I want it to be fair. But someone who can look into everything.

ADAM STRANGE: He said he'd work on it. I don't know.

PANEL 3: ALANNA sitting back, blowing out smoke.

ALANNA: They couldn't take Rann. Because we stopped them. Now they're coming to earth.

ALANNA: They know how important you are, what a threat you are. Even here.

ALANNA: So now we have to stop them again.

PAGE 24:

Evan

PANEL 1: Outside the castle. PYKKT tanks and air ships and monsters are overtaking it, swarming it, firing upon it. War.

FLOATING BALLOON: It's our only chance!

PANEL 2: SARDATH, ALANNA, and ADAM STRANGE running through a collapsing castle. ADAM STRANGE is carrying his daughter as they run. Debris falling around them as they run.

SARDATH: We must make our way to the Rurals!

SARDATH: There we can organize

SARDATH: There can we find a way to take back Rann from these petty fools!

PANEL 3.1: A PYKKT soldier bursts through the wall.

SFX: KKRASSH

SOLDIER: I've found them!

SOLDER: The royal family!

PANEL 3.2: ADAM STRANGE, while holding his daughter shoots the soldier with his laser gun.

SFX: PEW

SOLDER: Agggh!

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Evan

PANEL 1: A future space rocket, about to take off from the castle.

FLOATING BALLOON: I'm scared.

PANEL 2: Inside the cockpit. ALANNA and ADAM STRANGE at the controls. ADAM STRANGE is starting to fade out as the Zeta Beam wears off.

LETTERING NOTE: The second and third balloons should be starting to fade away just as ADAM STRANGE fades away.

ADAM STRANGE: Don't be scared my darling girl! Everything's going to be okay!

ADAM STRANGE: This is hard, but life is hard, or else it's not worth living.

ADAM STRANGE: If you can, just think of this as a start of...

ALANNA: Adam! No! The Zeta Beam is wearing off!

ALANNA: You're being pulled back to earth!

PANEL 3: Camera pulled back. The future rocket flies away from the castle as the future tanks surround it and fire at it.

LETTERING NOTE: The balloon fades out so you can't read the whole thing.

FLOATING BALLOON: A great adven

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PANELS 1-3: Splash, camera looking down on ADAM STRANGE in full costume, lying on a made hotel bed. His face blank.

FLOATING BALLOON: Adam.

FLOATING BALLOON: He's here.

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1.1: ADAM STRANGE sits up.

No dialogue

1.2: ADAM STRANGE hesitates, looks over at the picture by the bed.

No dialogue

1.3: The picture shows ALANNA and him and their daughter on Rann, in costume, everyone happy.

No dialogue

2.1: ADAM STRANGE reaches out for the picture. Puts his hand on top of it.

No dialogue

2.2: ADAM STRANGE tips the picture forward, sending it down.

SFX: Clakk

2.3: The picture sitting face down.

No dialogue

3.1: ADAM STRANGE looks up.

FLOATING BALLOON: Adam!

3.2: ADAM STRANGE gets up from the bed.

FLOATING BALLOON: Did you hear me!?

3.3: ADAM STRANGE walking out of the room.

FLOATING BALLOON: He's waiting for you.

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PANEL 1: ADAM STRANGE in costume in a hotel room offering his hand to the camera.

ADAM STRANGE: Hi, I'm Adam.

ADAM STRANGE: Pleasure to meet you.

ADAM STRANGE: I'm glad Batman could put this together.

PANEL 2: Black panel, White writing.

WRITING: I had three different layers of city where they lived on Rann. The city was built on layers. Of course, the ground was dead. It was gone. It was very interesting, the premise. The scientists of the period said, "we've to build an area where it's pollution free, smoke free." So I built cities in layers, and they got smaller as they went up, and they floated above the ground, which is clever I think.

WRITING: --Carmine Infantino.

PANEL 3: Camera pulls back. ADAM STRANGE and MISTER TERRIFIC in costume shaking hands. ALANNA is in the background sitting, watching.

MISTER TERRIFIC: I'm Michael.

MISTER TERRIFIC: I'd like to get started right away.

MISTER TERRIFIC: Why don't we sit down. I've read your book. I have a few questions.