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LOCAL AUTHOR STARTS COSMIC JOURNEY INTO SPACE ON ARLINGTON'S ORANGE LINE METRO.

That really is the Arlington, Virginia Orange Line in the opening pages of Soyuz Blue, a science fiction and adventure graphic novel released at Small Press Expo (SPX) in September.

And those really are the stations you visit before you pass beneath the Potomac River, where our heroine, Dr. Elizabeth Floyd, is trapped in a train packed full of commuters by a power outage.

"One day, during my daily commute on the Orange Line to L'Enfant Plaza, I decided that my lead character would have an attack of claustrophobia. Then I realized I was sitting in the perfect place to set this pivotal scene," said Steven John Fuchs, artist/author of Soyuz Blue now available in print on Amazon, and digitally on Kindle.

The 82-page, illustrated space adventure straddles genres and geography; from action adventure to science fiction; and from Arlington, Virginia to the International Space Station.

"Metro is like my heroine, beautiful, but troubled. The open and airy rail stations are a lot of fun to draw. But these vaulted spaces can lull the rider before plunging him or her into a dank and crowded subway car. WMATA has a troubled recent history of financial woes and shoddy maintenance. Riding the train every day is a constant source of uncertainty. I decided to leverage this suspense and put it in my novel."

Soyuz Blue is a three volume series. Volume Three is due for release this September at the Small Press Expo in Bethesda, Maryland.

Steven John Fuchs is a specialist in design and international user experience. A fine artist as well as a graphic designer, Mr. Fuchs' drawings and paintings have been displayed in numerous galleries and institutions in the Washington D.C. area. Fuchs is a cinema and comics buff. Soyuz Blue grew out of his fascination with space and technology. This is his first graphic novel.

More on the Metro in this blog post

<http://stevenjohnfuchs.com/soyuzblue/journey-to-space-starts-on-the-dc-metro-orange-line/>

Website and Blog at:

www.soyuzblue.com

The entire novel, remixed without dialogue, and uploaded a panel a day at:

<https://instagram.com/soyuzblue/>

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Samples here:

<http://stevenjohnfuchs.com/soyuzblue/press-kit/>

The novel summarized in three sentences:

After sunspot activity threatens the orbit of the International Space Station, Corporate Cosmonaut Elizabeth Floyd is assigned to the Russian mission to save the outpost. But terrorists, a crippling solar storm, and scientific fraud all serve to turn her rescue flight into a journey of intrigue and mystery. This vividly illustrated tale puts you into the cockpit of the venerable Soyuz spacecraft as it lifts off on an odyssey of discovery and adventure.