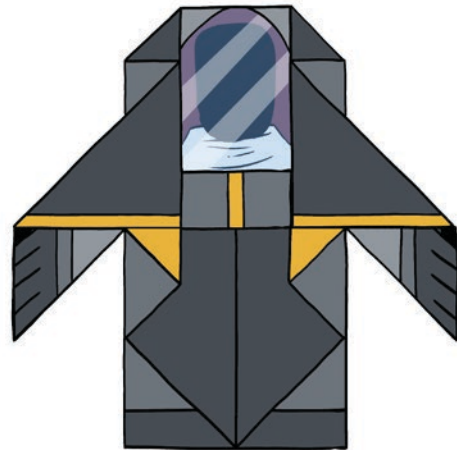
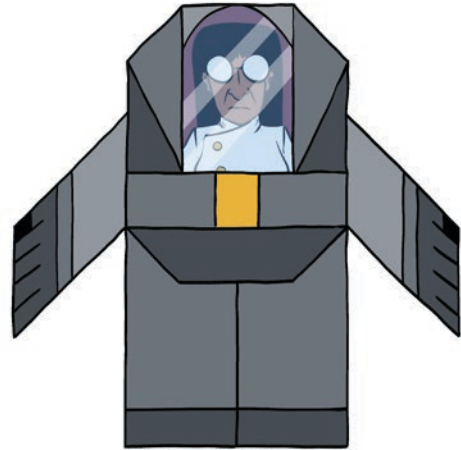


THE SPACEWOMAN

In the emerging field of Programmable Matter, scientists and engineers try to make generalized *stuff* that can re-shape itself on command. It's like the T-1000 from *Terminator 2*, only you'll probably use it to make beer mug that walks over to your face. One approach is the Origami-bot—a flat sheet stuffed with actuators that allow it to fold itself into many functional shapes. In an attempt to show how glamorous science can be, some researchers are working on sausage-casing origami-bots to help remove bowel obstructions. For more information on what wonders of engineering may help you poop one day, check out *SOONISH: Ten Emerging Technologies That'll Improve And/Or Ruin Everything*.



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