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Big Bang



Joy Garnett, detail from *O.P.P.*

Boom and Bust, Joy Garnett's solo show of six large paintings at the Winkleman Gallery (through November 13), is all about that moment when something happens, something very unlike what was immediately before or will be immediately after. I know Garnett gathers her images from the Internet, and that her previous work focused on images of war. Here she has worked from images of military explosions. That fleeting instant, rendered in oil, is sublime—each a mandala against a night sky. I lingered safely before the paintings, choosing not to think about what came next.