



I REPEAT--
COME IN, DIRISHU
OUTPOST. DO YOU
READ US?




SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO.




THIS
IS DIRISHU
OUTPOST. AND,
BOY, IS IT
GOOD TO HEAR
YOU!



WE WERE
STARTING TO GET
A LITTLE LONELY
DOWN HERE. PLEASE
TELL ME YOU
BROUGHT US SOME
COMPANY?



OH YEAH.
WE GOT TWO
NICE BIG FRIENDS
FOR YOU. GETTING
READY TO DROP
THEM NOW.



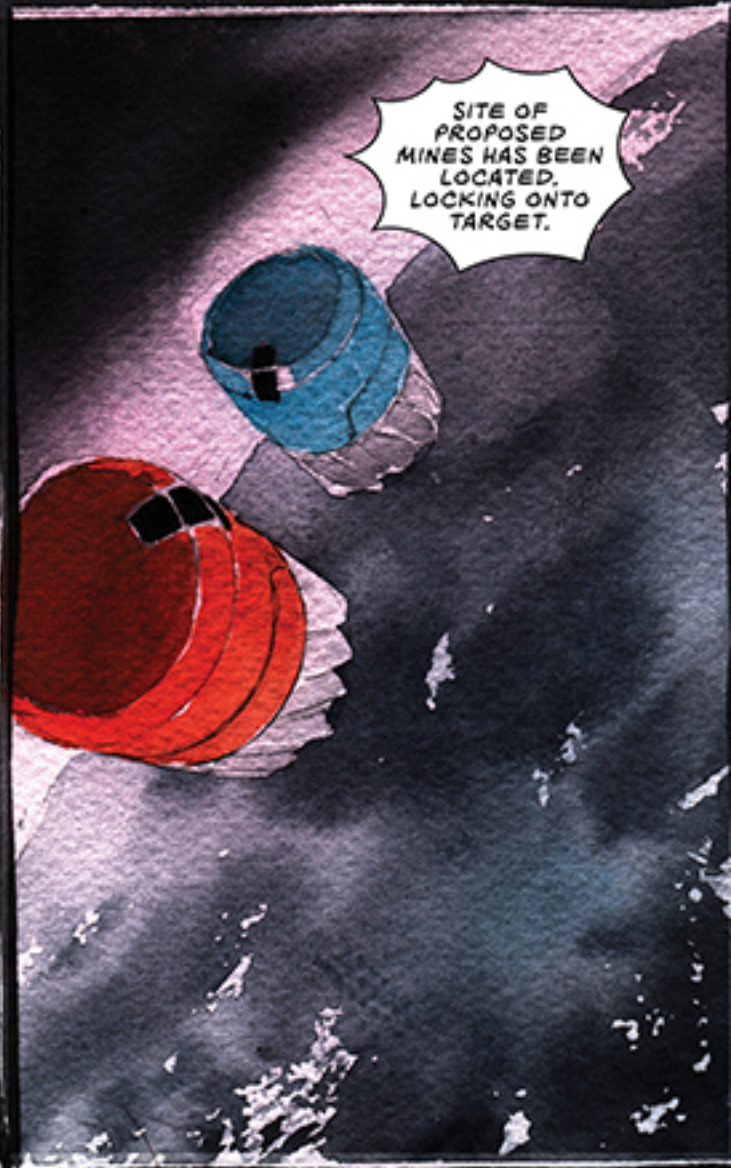
THEY EVEN
GOT QUONTECH'S
NEWEST PERSONALITY
UPGRADES...THOUGH
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE
VERY TALKATIVE, SO
IT PROBABLY DON'T
MATTER MUCH.



WE'LL
TAKE WHAT
WE CAN
GET.



WELL, HERE
THEY COME.
DROPPING
NOW!



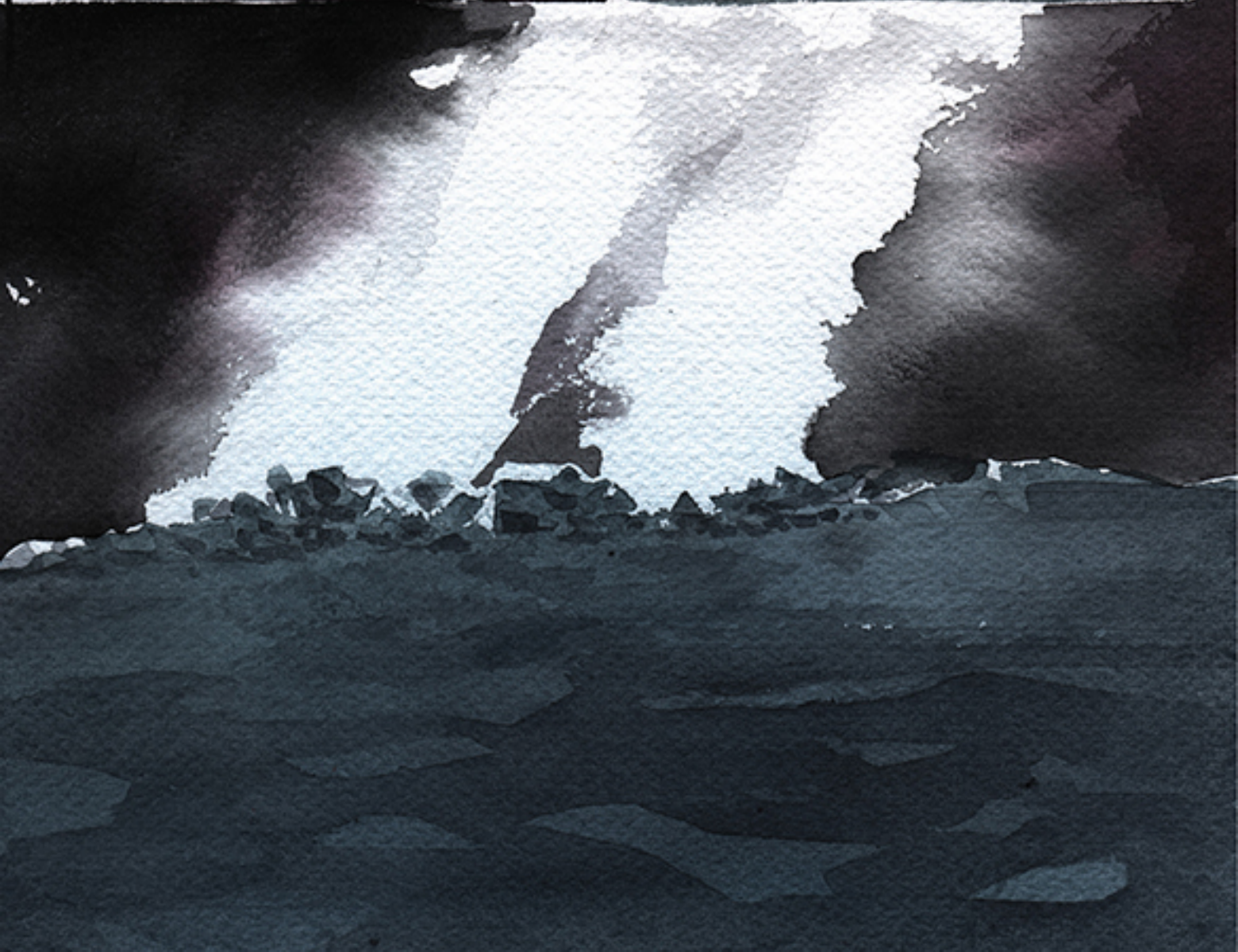
SITE OF
PROPOSED
MINES HAS BEEN
LOCATED.
LOCKING ONTO
TARGET.

CONGRATULATIONS,
DIRISHU...YOU ARE NOW
OFFICIALLY A UGC MINING
COLONY!



WOO-
HOO!





FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

OKAY,
LET'S SEE
WHAT WE GOT
HERE...

SO YOU TWO
HUNKS OF SCRAP ARE
PRETTY MUCH OBSOLETE.
SEE, WE JUST GOT A
HALF-DOZEN NEW HYPER-
DRILLS IN FROM SAMPSON.
BUT YOU'RE STILL IN
WORKING CONDITION,
SO OF COURSE THEY
GAVE YOU TO ME.

HUMPH!
GOOD OL' HENRY
TUSK ALWAYS GETS
THE JUNK THE
OTHERS DON'T
WANNA USE NO
MORE!

YOU,
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

HRRN...
VX-3332-H024

HELL, I AIN'T
EVER GONNA
REMEMBER
THAT. YOU'RE
SCOOPS.


AND YOU,
YOU'RE
DRILLER.
GOT IT?

GOT IT,
HRRMAN.
I'M DRILLER.

HRRM... SCOOPS
IS SCOOPS. HE'S
DRILLER.




VERY GOOD.
SEE, WHO SAYS YOU
INDUSTRIAL BOTS ARE
DUMB, HUH? NOW COME
ON, BUT I'M GONNA
WARN YOU, YOU **AIN'T**
GONNA LIKE WORKING
WITH ME.



SEE, I DO DEEP MINING.
REAL DEEP. YEAH, THEY LIKE TO
SHOVE GOOD OL' HENRY TUSK WAY
DOWN IN THE TUNNELS NO ONE
ELSE WANTS TO WORK!

CHANCES ARE,
I'LL WEAR YOU **BOTH**
OUT BY THE END OF THE
YEAR. LIKE I SAID, THEY
GIVE ME ALL THE CRAP THEY
DON'T WANNA USE NO MORE,
'CAUSE THEY KNOW
I'M PROBABLY JUST
GONNA BREAK IT.



BUT IT'S EITHER THAT,
OR YOU GO TO THE SCRAP
HEAP NOW. SO COUNT
YER BLESSINGS.

HRRN...YEAH,
SCOOPS REAL
LUCKY.

HRRN...DRILLER
SO LUCKY.



YOU
GETTING A
SMART MOUTH
WITH ME,
SCOOPS?

HRRRN...SCOOPS IS
SORRY. SCOOPS HERE
TO SCOOP, NOT TO GET
A SMART MOUTH.



GOOD. THEN
GET TO IT. I WANT
TWENTY MORE METERS
REMOVED BY SHIFT'S
END. SO, DRILLER,
START DRILLIN', AND,
SCOOPS, START
SCOOPIN'!

SCOOPS
GOT IT.

GOOD, 'CAUSE
I WON'T PUT UP
WITH NO SMART-ASS
ROBBIES IN MY
TUNNEL, YOU
GOT IT?!

SCOOPS
GOT IT.