

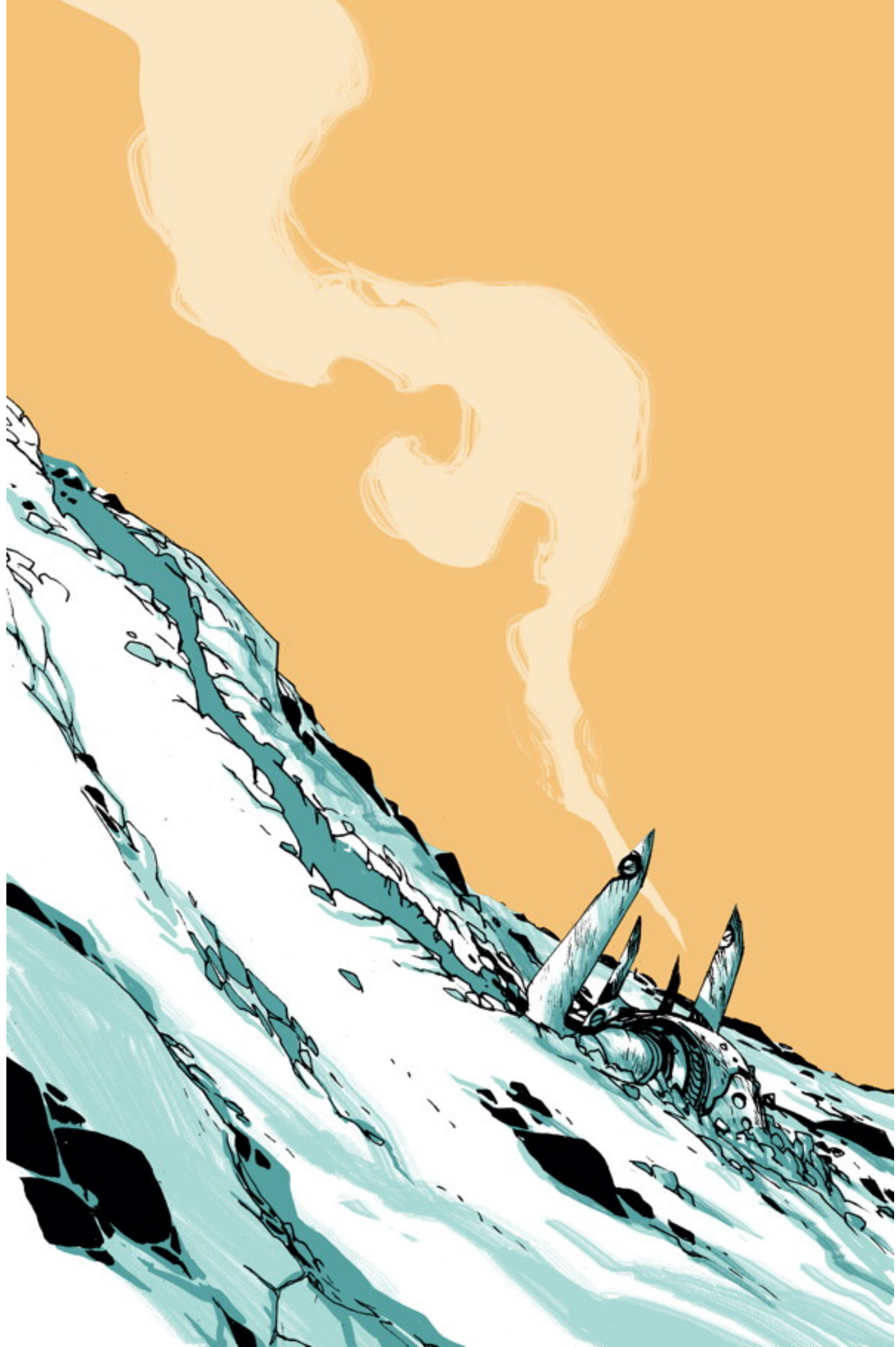


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**OUTCAST**

PART ONE







YOUR COMPLETE LACK OF ROMANTICISM IS REFRESHING. REST ASSURED THAT WHEN YOU RETURN--

THE SECOND I RETURN!



--WE WILL FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION TO YOU.

ALL OF THIS CONSIDERABLE TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE WILL BE DEDICATED TO GIVING YOU WHAT YOU WANT.

BUT ONLY AFTER.



TIME, SO TO SPEAK, IS AT A PREMIUM. SO IF YOU ARE READY TO--

ONE MORE NIGHT.

I WANT ONE MORE NIGHT WITH HER BEFORE I GO.



IT APPEARS THERE'S A ROMANTIC IN YOU AFTER ALL, JOSHUA.



"JOSHUA..."

YES!

MY NAME IS JOSHUA!

AND THIS...THIS DEVICE ON MY WRIST...I'M SUPPOSED TO USE THIS...!



TAP TAP TAP



CAN YOU HEAR ME?

ZZTCH TZZT



ZZTCH TZZT

TAP TAP



HELLO? I'VE LANDED... SOMEWHERE, BUT THE SHIP IS DAMAGED!

CAN YOU HEAR ME? THIS IS JOSHUA! PLEASE RESPOND!



HMM...?



EIGHT...?  
WHAT--



WHAT DOES IT DO EXACTLY?

IT LETS YOU CONTACT US. IN ITS OWN WAY, THIS LITTLE DEVICE IS AS REVOLUTIONARY AS THE SHIP YOU'RE TRAVELING IN.

GOING BACK IN TIME IS ONE THING. BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FUTURE ONCE YOU GET THERE IS ANOTHER THING ALTOGETHER!



IT CAN BE TUNED TO SPECIFIC FREQUENCIES DEPENDING ON THE STATIC, MUCH LIKE A RADIO.

TUNE IT TO THE HIGHEST FREQUENCY--CHANNEL EIGHT--AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU.

GIMME A PEN.



A PEN...?

YOU SAID THERE'S A CHANCE OF MEMORY LOSS WHEN I GO BACK.



I DON'T WANT TO FORGET HOW TO CALL HOME...



YES!  
EIGHT!



ZLHTT-ZLHH

TAP TAP TAP



DAMMIT, C'MON--!

ZTKKZ



HELLO?  
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?