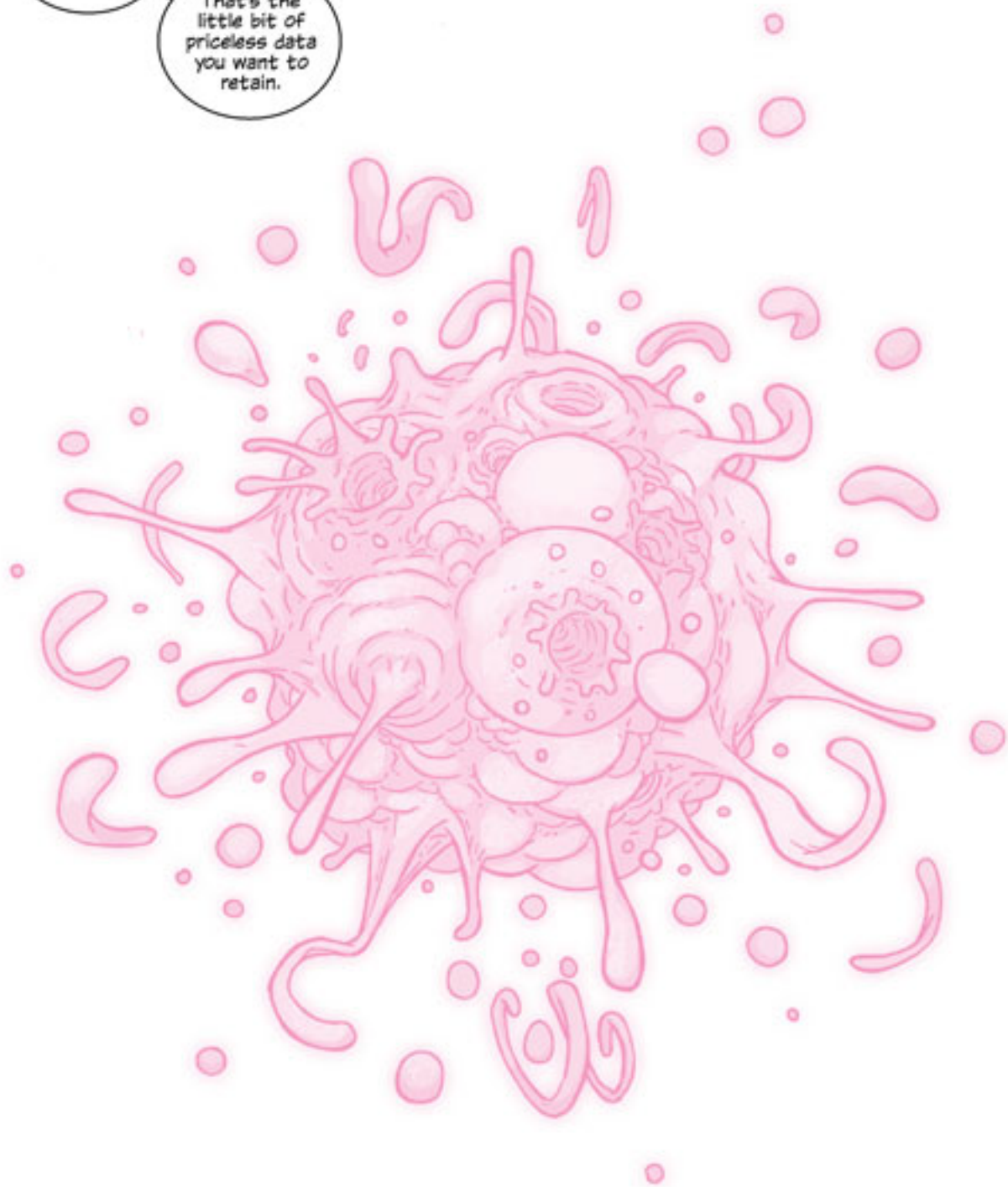


*Unnaturally
occurring.*

That's the
little bit of
priceless data
you want to
retain.





A spore must be manufactured...

And we have done so. Again.



Readings say it's stable, and I've engaged the container sequence.

Yes...



Done! But not done!

The nesting material has been secured...



But it seems that your projections were too optimistic, Primor.

You said there would be a yield of twelve units, but after mining only three, we exhausted most of this planet's supply.

This fourth unit is only a partial...



When it hatches, the lack of density means that spore won't produce fully functional larvae. Which is disappointing.

If your goals are planet-sized, there are better ways than this to kill one.

Why even bother, Primor?



Ah...actually, guildsman. The results were exactly what I expected.



Huak! We had a deal. A yield of twelve. You get the first four -- we get the last eight.

Yes. Well... I'm brilliant and you're a gullible bunch of qhurgg. Each of those things has its own yield as well.

But I've also shown you how it's done...and if you are cunning enough, there will always be other planets to mine.