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CHAPTER II

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NEAR EARTH
DYNAMICS SYSTEMS

TWO WEEKS PASSED





ARE WE AT THE STEELWORKS AGAIN?



TOO RISKY TO USE THE SAME LOCATION TWICE

WE'RE GOING TO SET UP IN THE OLD BAT STORE



THIS IS ONE OF NIVEN'S NEEDS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT COULD EVEN BE THE ONE THAT REPLACED YOU

SO HOW DO YOU FANCY GOING HOME?



I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS



THE RIG IS SET UP
BACK IN YOUR MA'S
STORE ROOM



MA? WAIT THIS
ISN'T YOUR MA'S
BAT STORE IS IT?!

HARD
WARE
STORE
CELL

YES, I GREW UP
WORKING HERE

BUT, IF WE
GET TRACKED
THEY'LL KNOW
IT'S YOU!



YOU DON'T NEED TO
TELL TAO-AN THE
RISKS, IT WAS HER MA
WHO INTRODUCED
HER TO RED

BUT...

IT'S OK, WE ALL SAW HOW
GOOD YOU WERE WITH
THAT LAST HACK, YOU CAN
DO THIS MATE. I KNOW YOU
WON'T GET US CAUGHT



PLEASE, I KNOW IT'S A RISK BUT RED'S RUNNING OUT OF RIG SITES AND I KNOW THE TECH HERE IS SOUND



OK.. BUT THAT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THIS HACK

JUST KEEP YOUR HEAD ON THE TARGET

EXACTLY, THIS IS NIVEN, THINK ABOUT HOW THEY TREATED YOU, USE THAT ANGER



I THOUGHT ABOUT MY OLD MANAGERS AT NIVEN, IMAGINED THEM ADMIRING THEIR PERFECT NEDS, EVERYTHING TOLD ME IT WAS A MISTAKE TO DO THIS HERE..

BUT I KNEW I WAS GOING TO ANYWAY



HAVE YOU SEEN ANY REPORTS ON THE NEDS BEING HIT?



I HAVEN'T WANTED TO DO ANY SEARCHES ON MY KOMS

I KEEP HOPING SOMETHING WILL POP UP IN THE INSTANEWS REPORTS



THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THERE YET. I CHECKED



YOU CHECKED!?


BUT...

DON'T WORRY I USED A STOLEN KOMS RIG BUT IT'S WEIRD I COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING ABOUT THE HACK




WEIRD THEY MUST HAVE SUPPRESSED IT

EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT, THEY CAN'T KEEP THAT UP FOREVER THOUGH. WE'RE NOT THE ONLY DRED OUT THERE



I SUPPOSE WE JUST
NEED TO KEEP
HITTING NEDS UNTIL
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO
IGNORE



SPEAKING OF THAT,
DREX HAS SOME
NOTES FOR YOU ON
THESE NEWER NED
MODELS

LOG IN WHEN
YOU ARE READY!



READY?


NIVEN OUTPOST CORPORATION

EARTH'S ORBIT

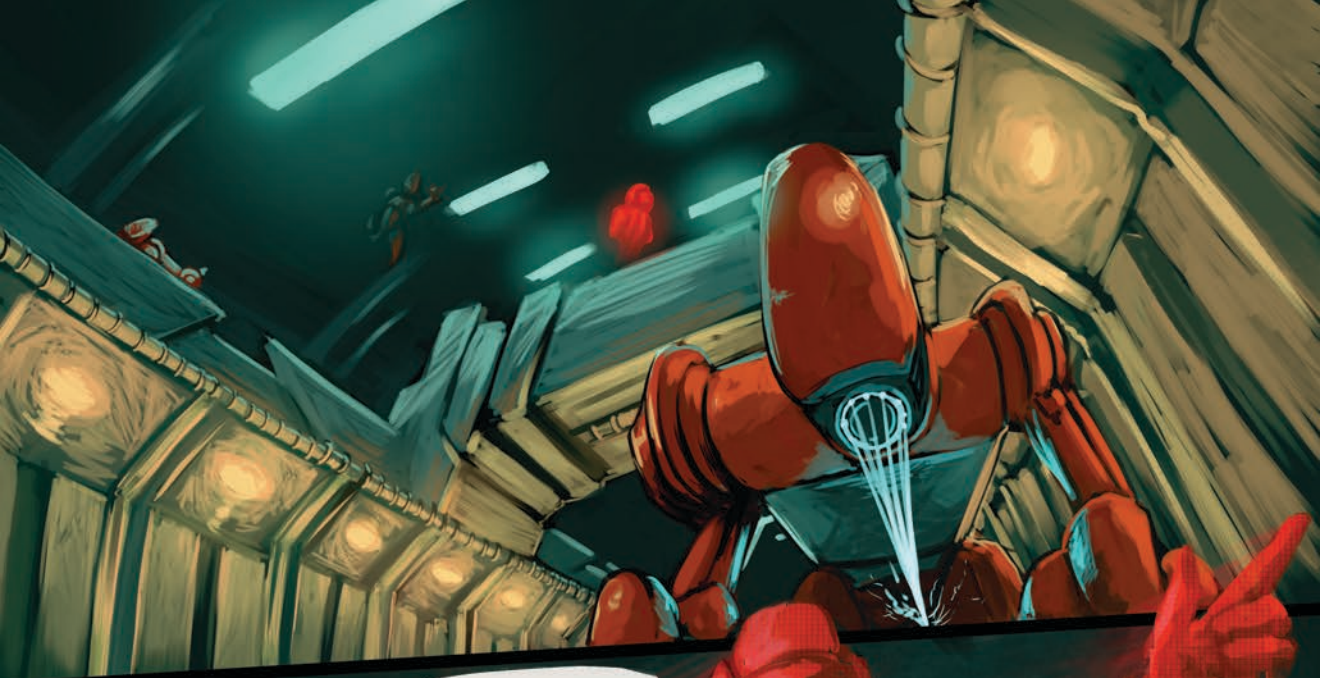


THE NEW NEDS HAVE ALLOWED US TO DECREASE HUMAN LABOUR BY OVER 3000%

PRODUCTION HAS VASTLY INCREASED



WE ARE VASTLY INCREASING THE RATE OF REDUNDANCIES ACROSS ALL SECTORS OF THE CORPORATION

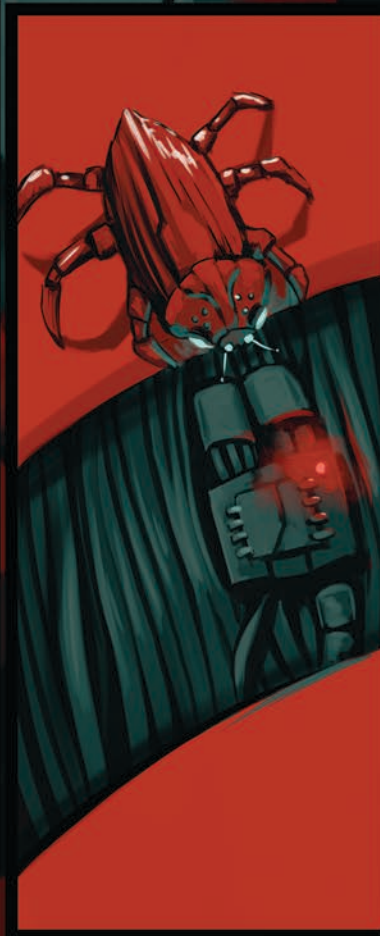
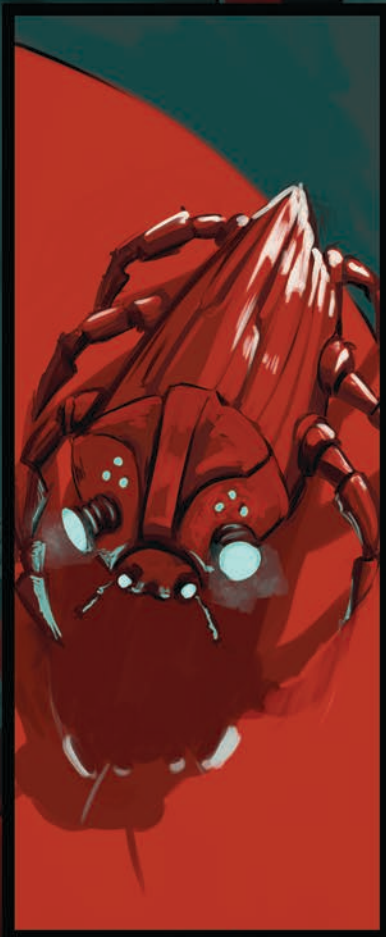


THEY HAVE ADAPTED TO EVEN THE MOST SPECIALISED TASKS

THEY ARE INCREDIBLE MACHINES



THERE ARE NOW NO ENGINEERING TASKS FOR WHICH THEY ARE NOT SUPERIOR







IT DID FEEL GOOD, ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE HACK I HAD THE FACES OF THE DISCARDED PEOPLE I HAD SEEN SINCE I GOT BACK TO THE SLUMS.



THAT GIRL CALI FROM THE NEWS, WHO HAD DISAPPEARED..

MY FRIENDS FROM NVEN WHO HAD SHARED IN MY SORROW.



WE HAD FINALLY STRUCK A BLOW FOR THEM.

CONGRATULATIONS...

WHAT THE...





IF EVEN THE
NEWEST MODELS
ARE THIS VULNERABLE
THEN MAYBE WE
COULD BRING
THEM ALL DOWN

IT MIGHT TAKE ME
A WHILE, THAT WASN'T
EASY DREX



NO BUT WE'RE NOT
ALONE, REMEMBER

RED TOLD ME THAT SEVERAL
OTHER DREDS HAVE ALREADY
BROUGHT DOWN OVER 50
OF THE OLDER MODEL NEDS..



I THINK WE MIGHT
BE THE FIRST TO HAVE
HIT THE NEW ONE
THOUGH!



WELL THAT FEELS PRETTY GOOD

YOU DID AMAZINGLY WELL!

WHAT CAN I SAY, YOU'VE GOT A GOOD TEACHER!



I THINK WE OUGHT TO CELEBRATE THIS. MEET ME AT THE JETTY, WE'LL TAKE KRI-AXIN'S OLD DENG BOAT

AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO STAY SEPARATE UNLESS WE'RE HITTING A TARGET?



TRUE BUT YOU DON'T ALWAYS DO AS YOU'RE TOLD DO YOU? ANYWAY, I WANT YOU TO SEE MY ART!



YOU'RE AN ARTIST?

YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT! SHE'S THE BEST ARTIST IN YURUSHI



NOVA IS
LETTING US
USE HER
UNCLE'S OLD
DENG BOAT



THAT'S ONE OF YOURS AS WELL ISN'T IT?

YES THAT'S PART OF A WHOLE SERIES I DID

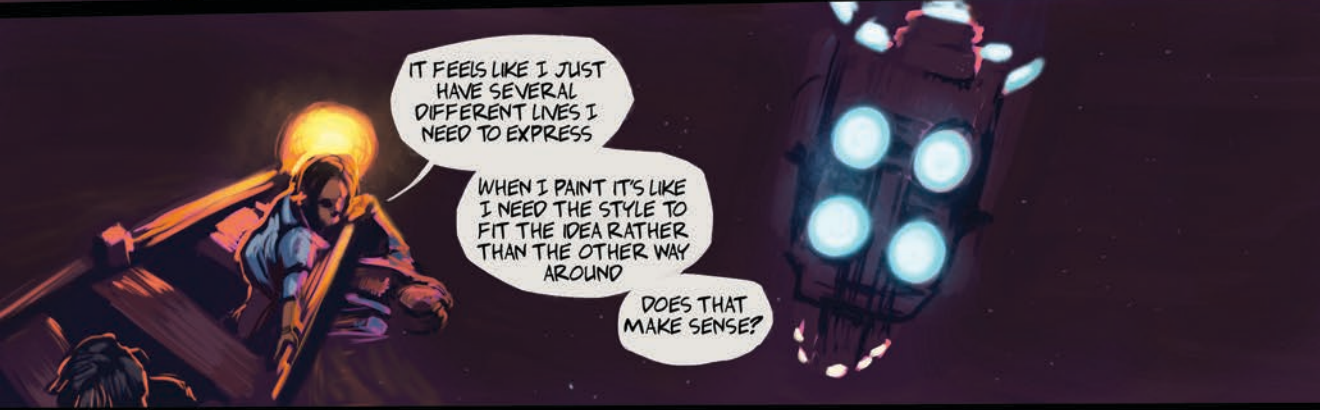
YOUR STYLE SEEMS TO CHANGE SO MUCH FROM IMAGE TO IMAGE





YEAH SHE'S ALWAYS DONE THAT

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN



IT FEELS LIKE I JUST HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT LIVES I NEED TO EXPRESS

WHEN I PAINT IT'S LIKE I NEED THE STYLE TO FIT THE IDEA RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?



IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME, BUT IT FELT GOOD TO BE THERE.



WE WERE A TEAM AND WE WERE GOING TO CHANGE THINGS



WE BELIEVED WE WERE INVULNERABLE



BUT OUR SUCESS HAD BROUGHT ATTENTION



POWERFUL PEOPLE WERE DEMANDING ANSWERS

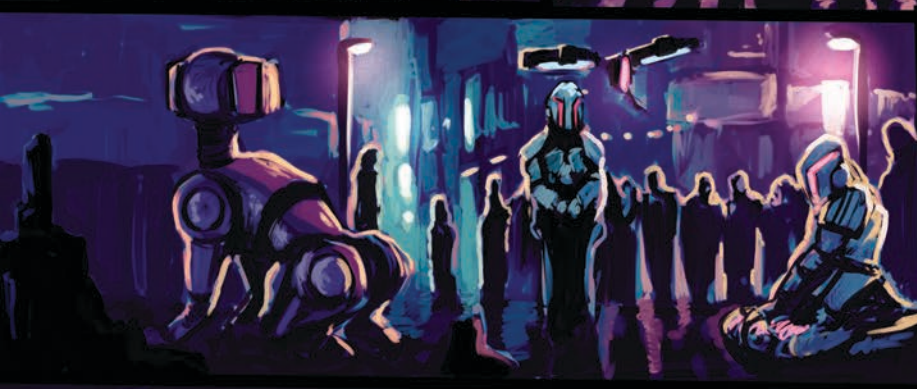


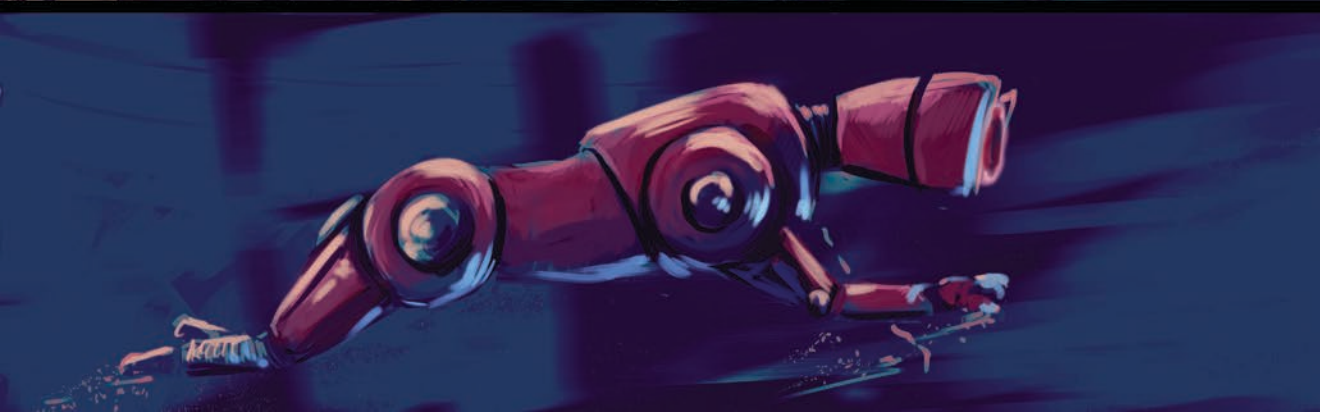
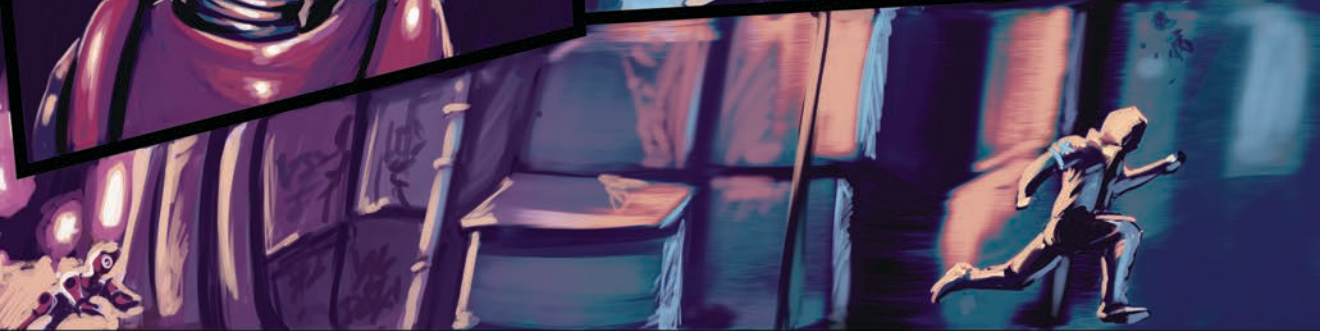


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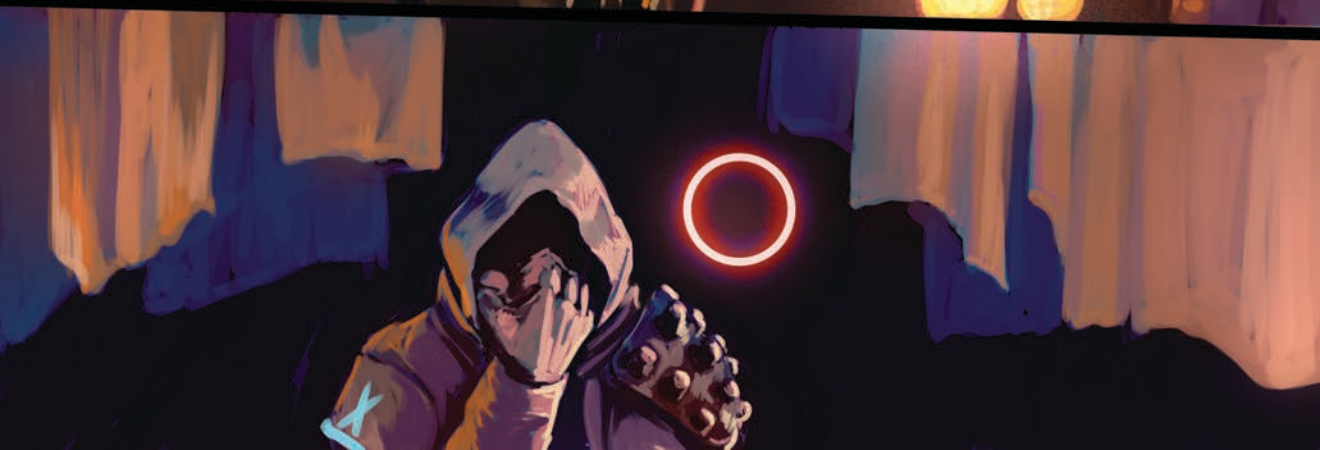


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NOW THE LUDDITES
WERE THE TARGETS

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