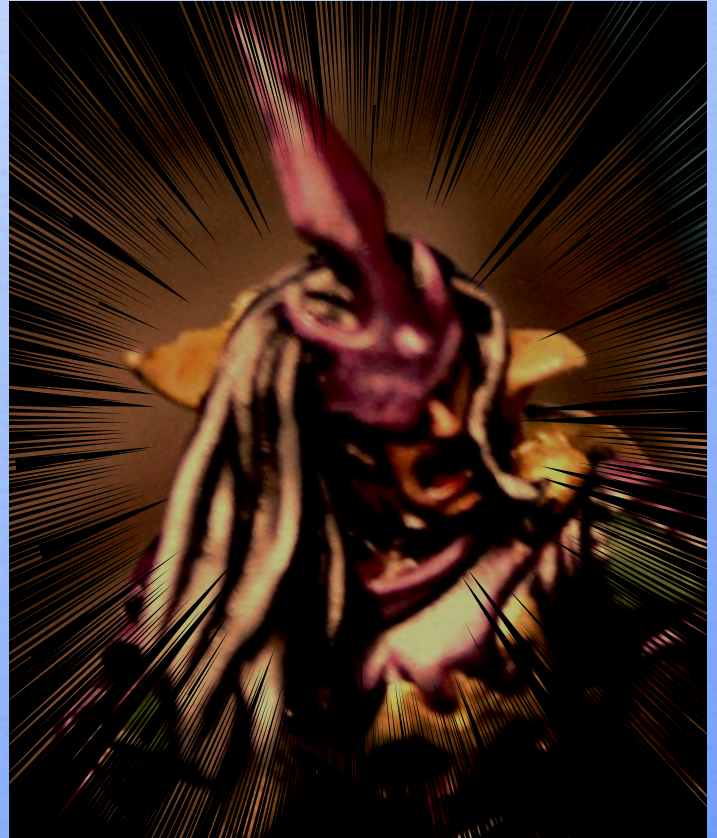


The Adventures of the Koraki



Five Parsecs
From Home...

Episode 2: Delivery Service

Echov is the 5th planet orbiting a binary star. Once a verdant eden, it's mineral wealth doomed it to become a wasteland.



Yellow clouds of sulphur and ash blanket the planet. On the surface, mega industrial sprawls compete with wastelands of ash. The population clings to areas between the two.



Alright crew. What did we find today?



Red, The Captain

The best prices for those old colony rifles. And I brought all the credits back.



Mugs, the scrounger



Crow, Feral nomad



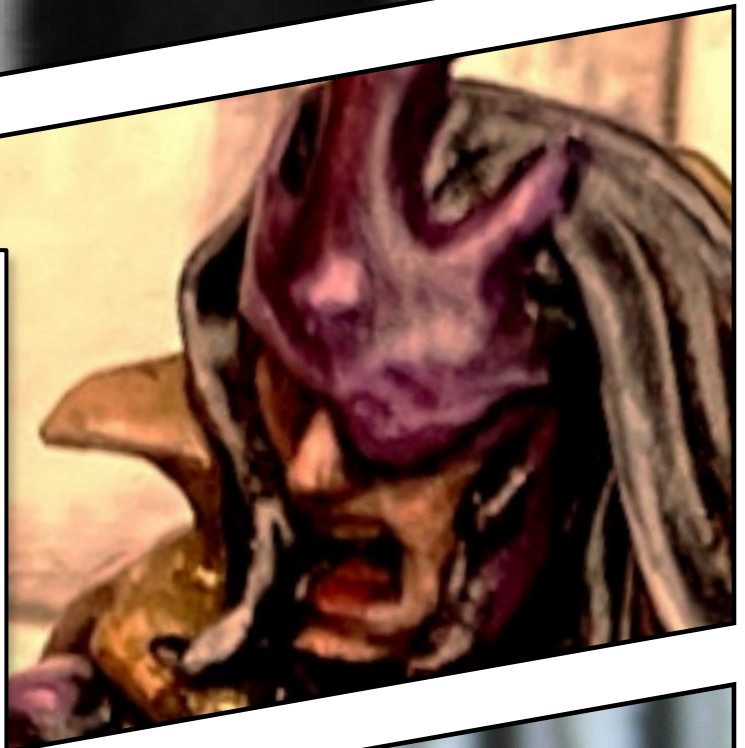
Fancy, 1st Mate





TELL THEM NOTHING! NONE ARE TRUE BELIEVERS. THE WAY OF TE'KATH IS FORBIDDEN TO OUTSIDERS. THEY CANNOT KNOW WHAT YOU SEEK.

UNITY FORGES STRENGTH. DISCORD BREEDS WEAKNESS. TRUST YOUR INSTINCT AND SHARE YOUR PATH WITH YOUR COMPANIONS. THE LIGHT OF TE'KATH WILL ILLUMINATE THE WAY.



I will tell some of what I know, but not all.

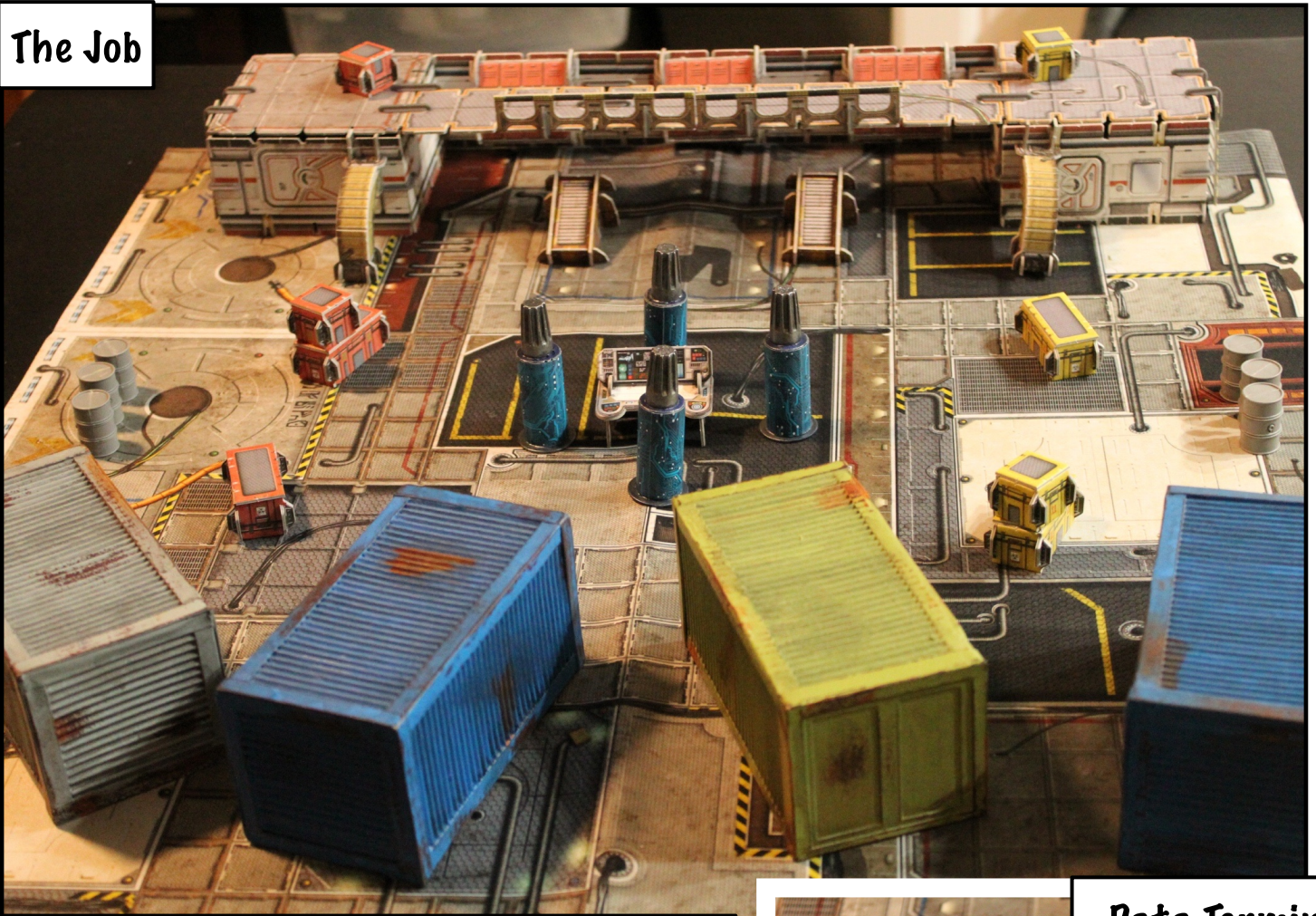
I found an old K'Erin scroll written in an ancient dialect. I have not finished reading it.

Interesting. We'll see about that later.

Fury, a K'Erin mercenary

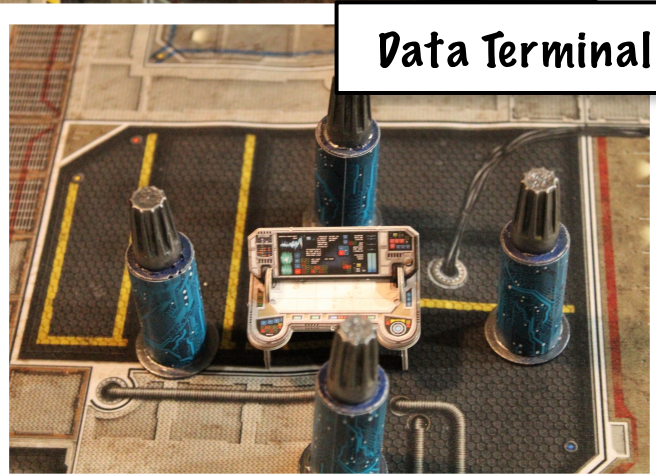


The Job



The data terminal is located in a warehouse on the outskirts of the star port. The guild sent a full strike team including a supervisor and a marksman to recover the data on the last attempt. They mean business.

Data Terminal



Manufactory Guild Strike Team



Fury use those containers on the right as cover to deliver the package. Mugs and Crow go with him.



Angel get up on the gantry to provide covering fire.



Fancy and I will stay in the center to keep'em occupied. Let's move.

This is Supervisor Smith. We have you surrounded. By warrant of the Manufactory Guild I order you to surrender the data. Do so and you are free to go.

Target acquired. Firing.



Supervisor is down.





Moving to secure right flank.





We're making progress. I'm halfway to the other side. Crow and Fury are moving up.



Take your sweet time.



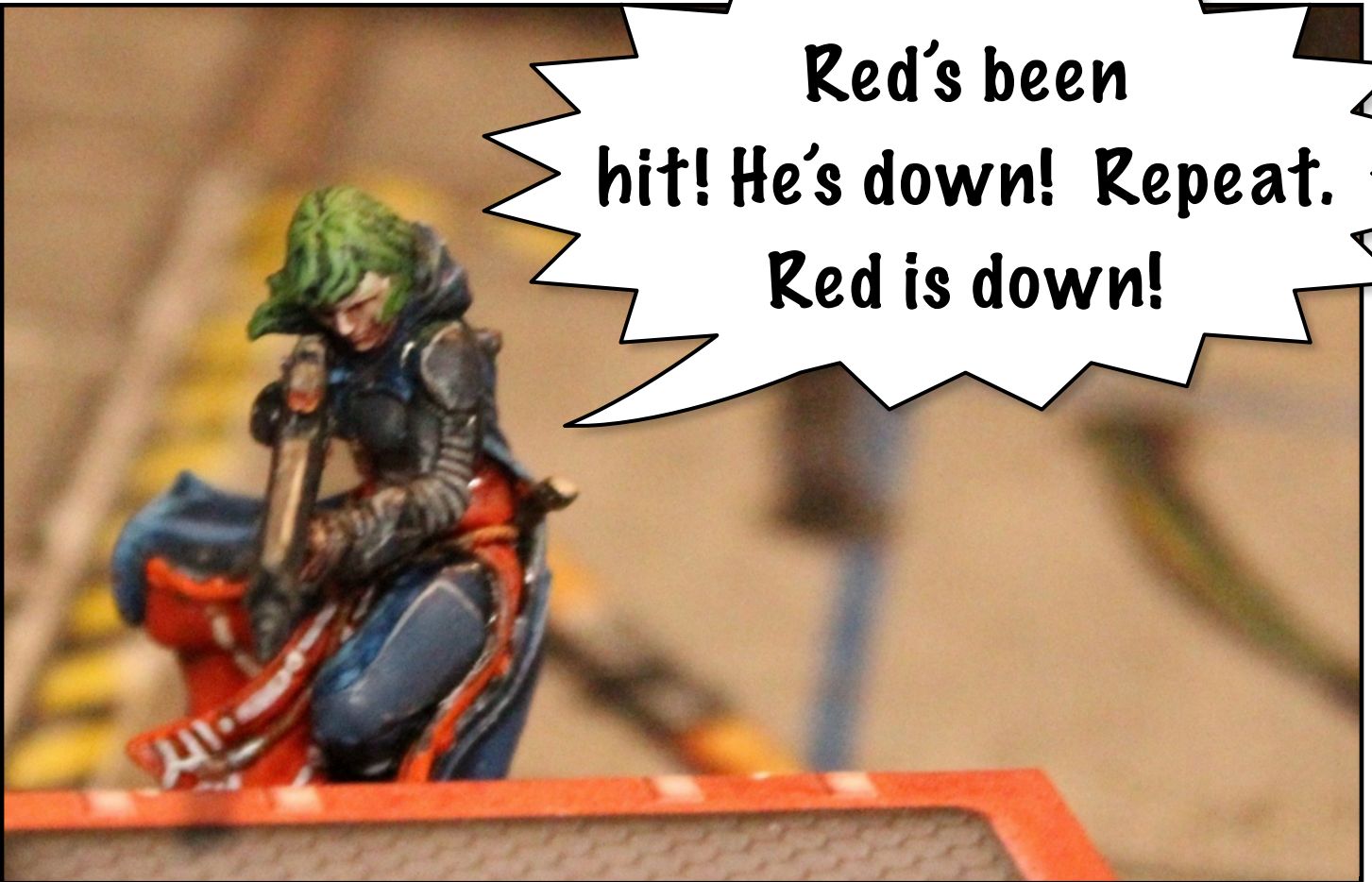
Target
acquired.



BANG



Red's been
hit! He's down! Repeat.
Red is down!



No! NOOO! By
the Light!

CALM YOUR MIND. FOCUS ON
YOUR PURPOSE. THE WILL
OF TE'KATH IS LIKE A
FLOWING RIVER. IT CAN
DESTROY AND RENEW.

TE'KATH SHOWS
YOU THE PATH.
THE LIGHT
CANNOT SAVE
YOUR CAPTAIN.
YOU WERE A FOOL
FOR TELLING HIM
ANYTHING!



Payback time!



Moving. Enemies on the left.



Son of a.....



Covering fire! Fury get the lead out!



Bugging out!





Moving. Enemy contact left.



Take that!

BIFF

Ughh!



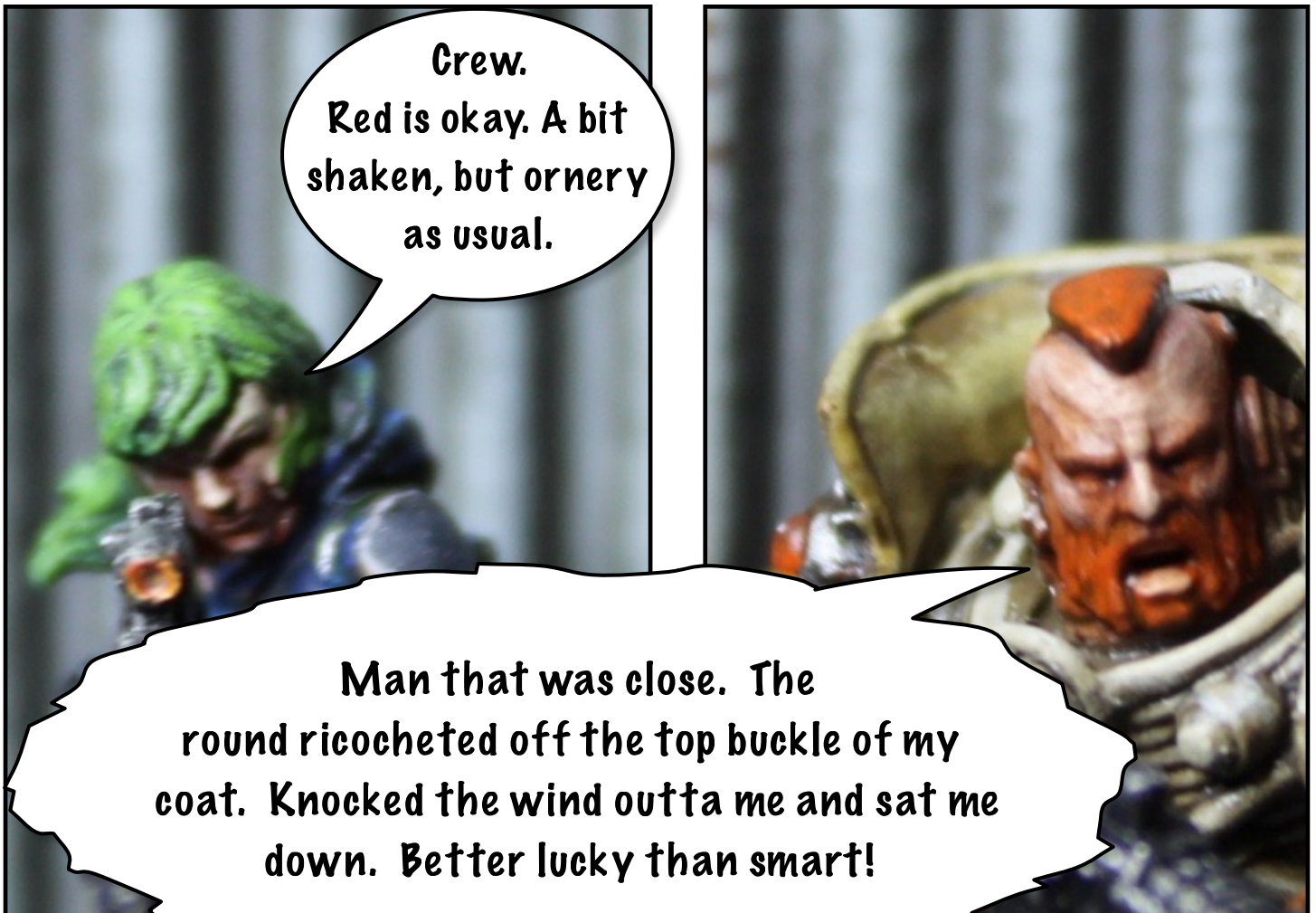
Say Goodbye!



Alpha 5 is outta here.

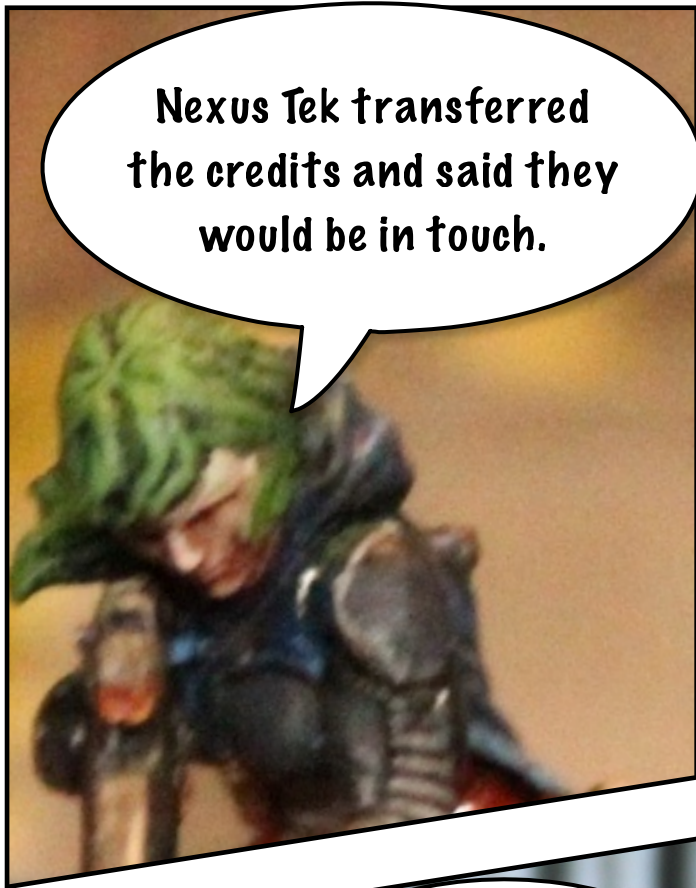


Data
uploaded.



Crew.
Red is okay. A bit
shaken, but ornery
as usual.

Man that was close. The
round ricocheted off the top buckle of my
coat. Knocked the wind outta me and sat me
down. Better lucky than smart!



Nexus Tek transferred the credits and said they would be in touch.



Found some unusual stuff after the fight — a schematic of some kind and an encrypted data stick.



Red, about the scroll I found...



Let's talk later Fury. My ears are still ringing.



SEE FOOL. NO ONE CARES.....HE HE HE.....



FLOW WITH THE RIVER.....

FIN