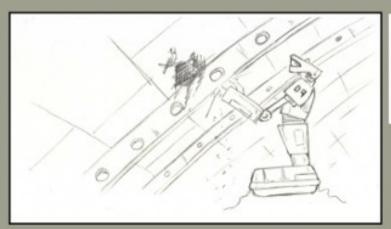


SEARCHING FOR A POSSIBLE HIDDEN
PHOTAAH BASE, ANUBIS SLOWLY MAKES
ITS WAY THROUGH THE DELTA SECTION OF
THE GHOST NEBULA. IN COMMAND OF THE
SHIP, CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MAKES AN
ENTRY TO HIS LOG...

THE NEBULAS THICK AND CHARGED GASSES PREVENT US FROM GOING ANY FASTER..

...AND NAVIGATION IS DIFFICULT AS WE TRY TO MAP THE PHOTAAH SHIP'S TRAJECTORY.

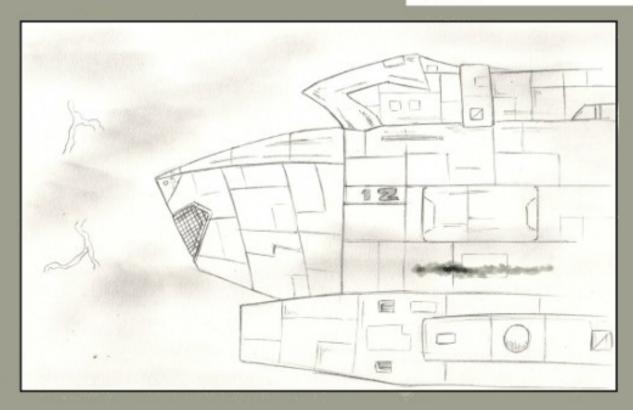




AT LEAST THE SLOW PROGRESS HAS GIVEN US TIME TO AFFECT SOME REPAIRS... REPAIRS THAT WHERE INTERRUPTED BY THE PHOTAAH ATTACK ON THE SHIP.











SIR! IM DETECTING

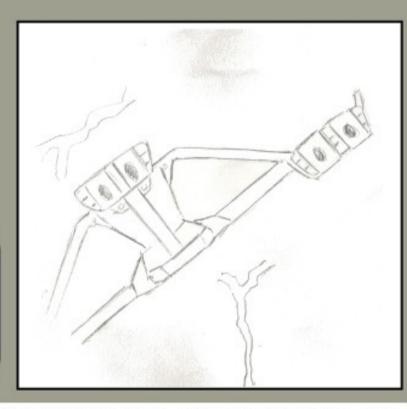
MULTIPLE ENERGY

WITH PHOTAAH!

READINGS CONSISTENT

FULL STOP IS ORDERED AND 200,000 TONS OF CRUISER COME TO A STOP IN THE GAS...

OUR LONG RANGE
SENSORS PICKED THEM
UP BUT I RECOMMEND
WE GO TO PASSIVE
SCAN TO AVOID
DETECTION... AND STOP
HERE AS WELL!



ANUBIS'S SENSORS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE PHOTAAH, AND UNTIL THE CREW KNOW HOW MANY PHOTAAH SHIPS THEY ARE UP AGAINST, THE DECISION IS MADE TO STAY OUT OF RANGE AND USE PASSIVE SCAN ONLY.

SO AS TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER, A NEW EXPERIMENTAL STEALTH SHUTTLE IS PREPARED FOR USE...

