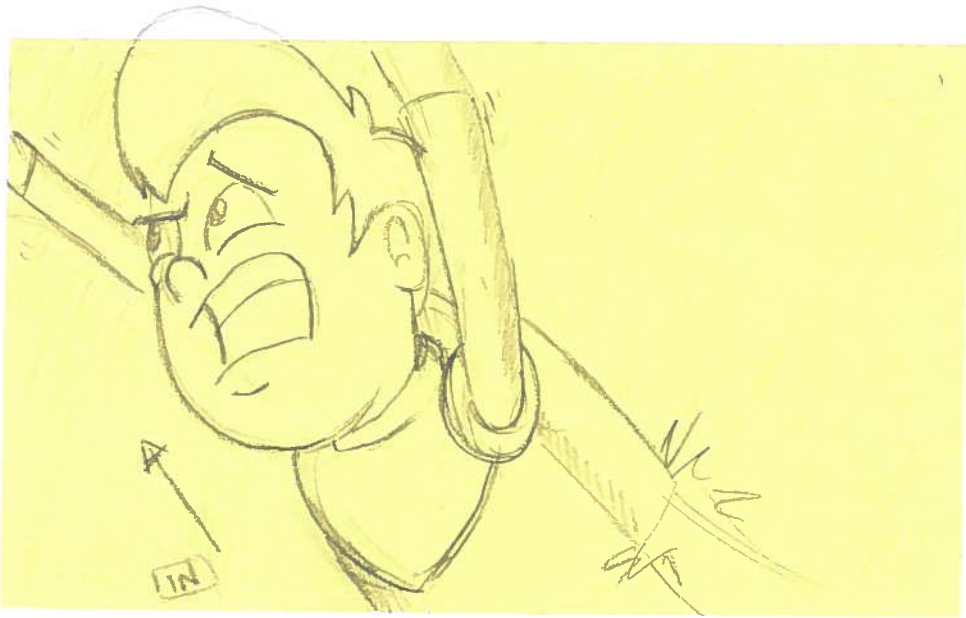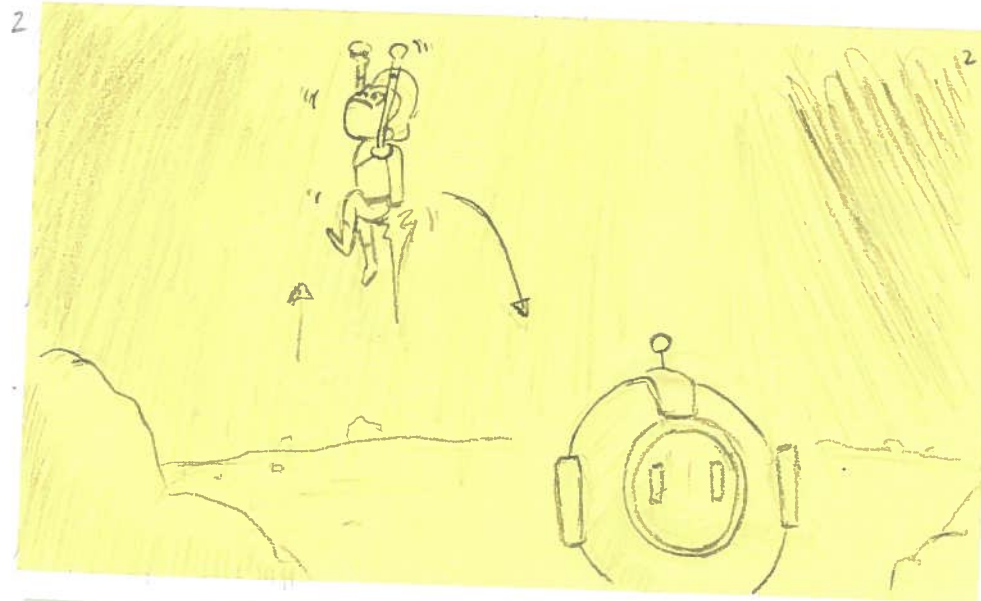EWs of Foreign planet in an unknown galaxy.

CU of Hamlet rising into bot
frame. He struggles to stay
aloft.
Cave int. Day

WS of Ham struggling to stay
aloft. His jetpack loses power and
he plumets to the ground.
A.I. surveys their surroundings.

Ham: "Oof!"

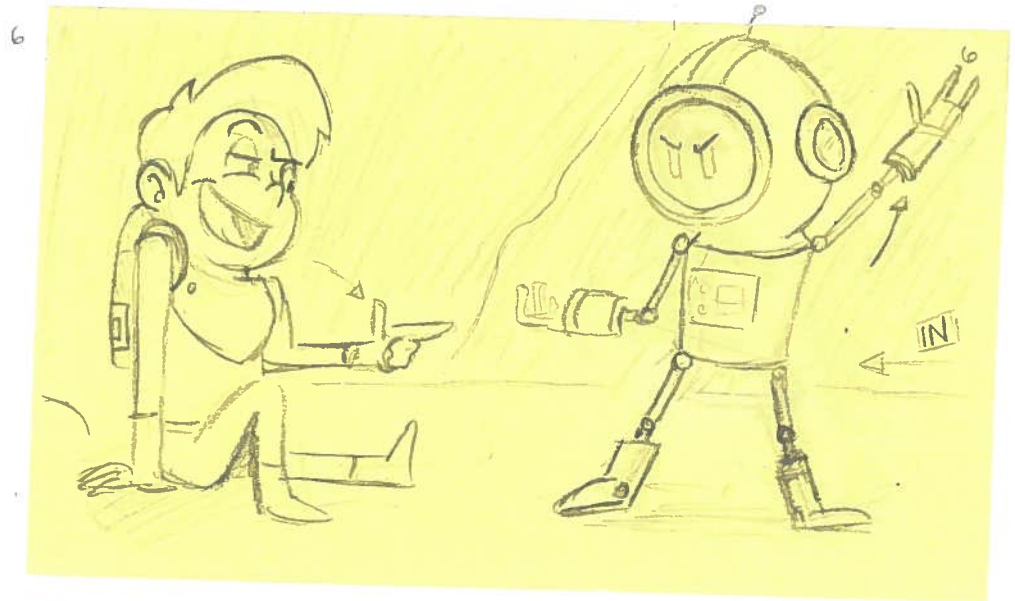A.I. turns to see what happened.

A.I.: "The battery's dead then?"

Ham: "Yup, all outta juice."

ECU of solar battery on Ham's jetpack.

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Ham: "Maybe a solar-powered jetpack wasn't the best idea for an underground expedition... Oh well, that just means more time to look around!"
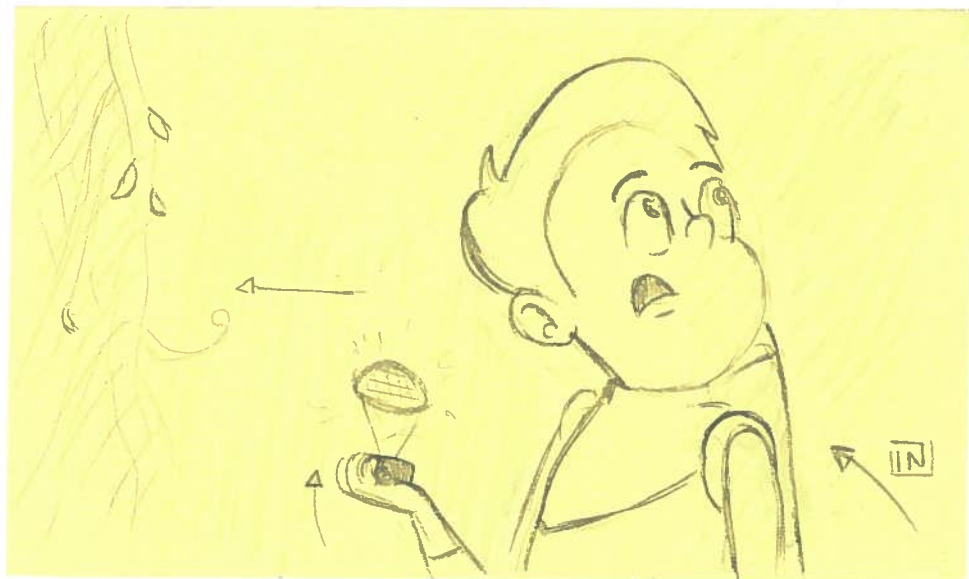
Ham sits on the ground recovering from his fall.

A.I.: "More time?! ^Ham We've already been down here all day, and haven't found anything.

Ham: "You mean we haven't found anything YET.

A.I. enters from SR

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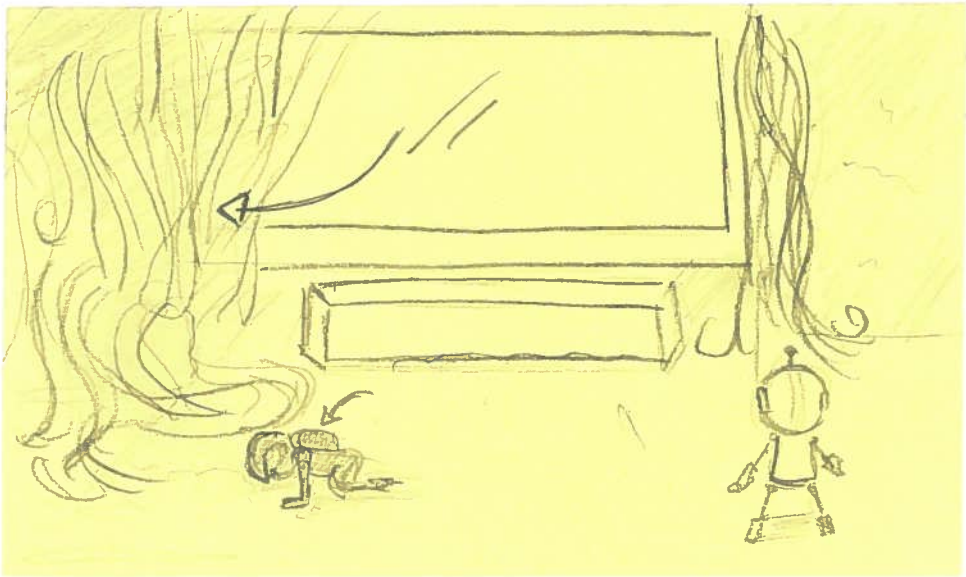HAM: There has to be something to discover down here. I know it!

Ham rises into frame and walks SL. He pulls up a holo compass. As he walks, he trips and falls.
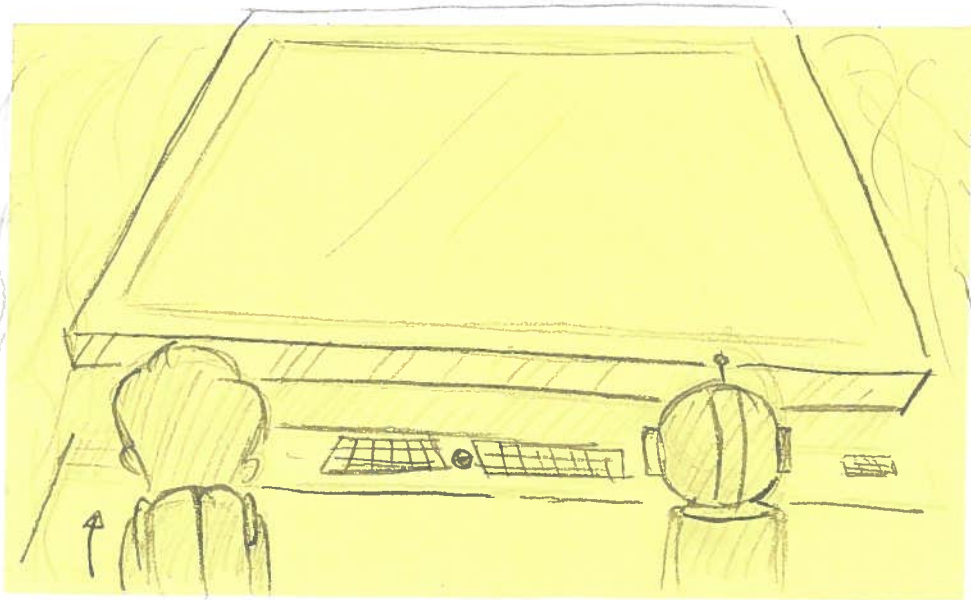
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As he walks, Ham trips and falls. He pulls some vines down as he falls

As Ham trips, he pulls some
hanging vines off the wall.
The vines move to reveal
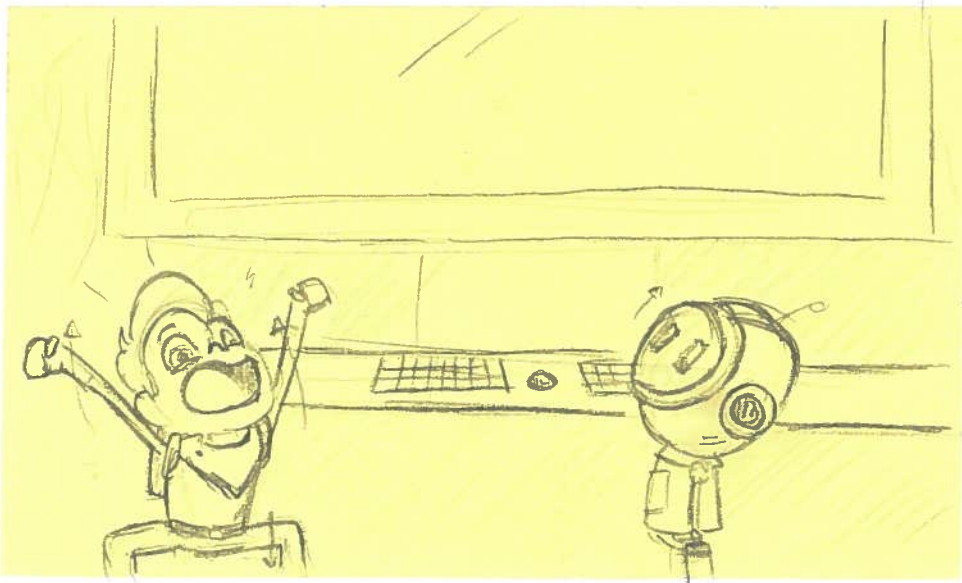an ancient CPU in the
cave wall.

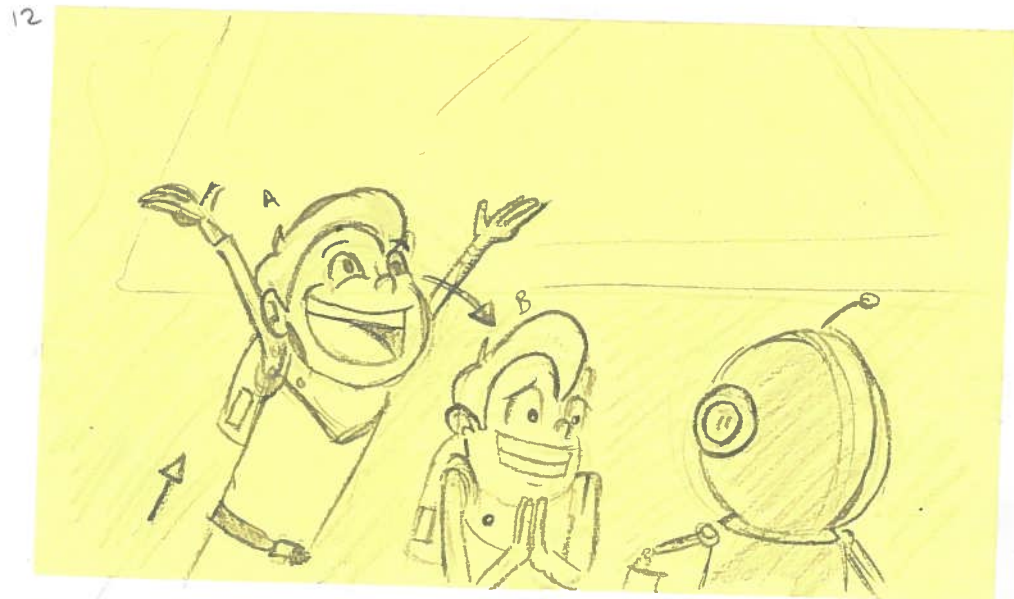Ham + A.I. move in to have a closer look.

Ham: (whisper) "Discoveryyy..."

Push in to CU of Ham. His eyes grow large. This is a big moment for him.

HAM: "DISCOVERYYY!!! what is it?"

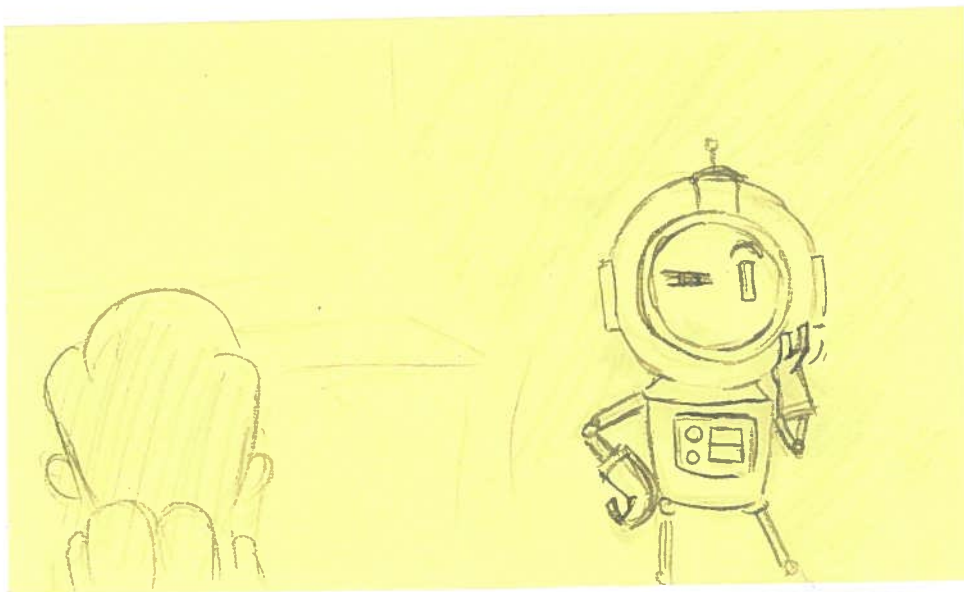A.I.: "I think it's some kind of ...computer? An ancient one.
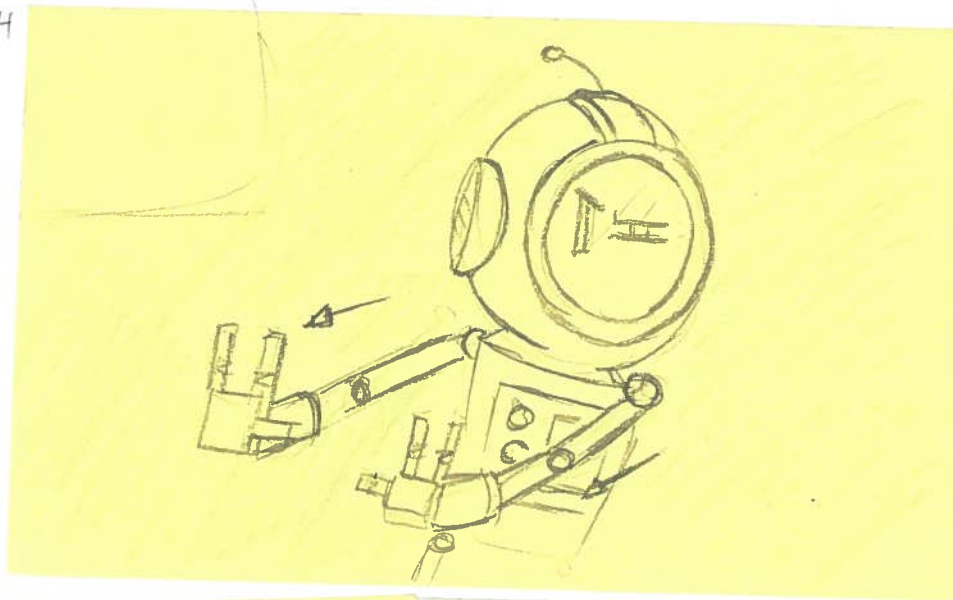
Ham starts getting excited about the new discovery.

Ham: "See? SEE!!? This is exactly the kind of discovery I was talking about! We are probably the 1st to see this in a million-zillion years! Who knows what kind of crazy stuff this has in it. A.I., you're a robot, PLEASE tell me you can talk to this thing!
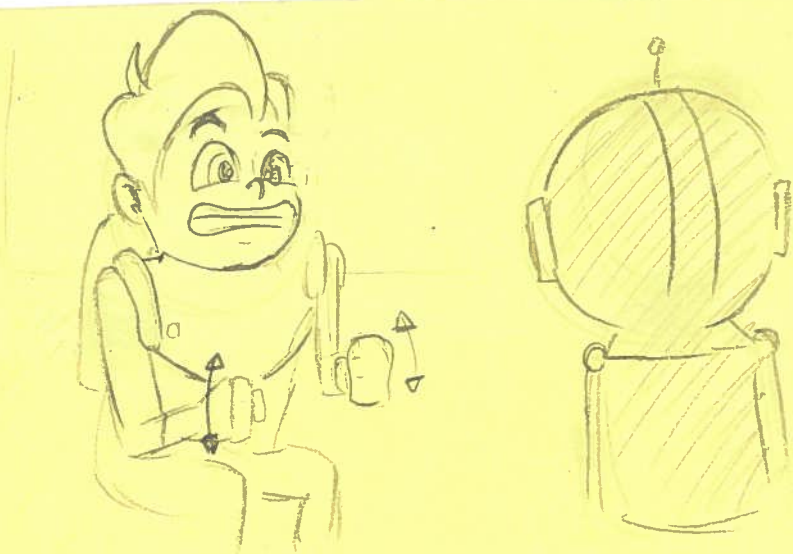
A.l.: I could talk to it in theory...
But I don't detect any power
source. I'd have to plug myself
into it to give it some power.
Like you said, it's a million-zillion
years old. Give or take a few zillion.

OTS of A.l. thinking of a
solution

Ham: Awyeh! Do it. Do it. Doitdoitdoit!

Ham shakes his fists in anticipation

A.l. What? No! I'm not gonna
plug myself into some random
ancient computer.

Ham: Whaat, why not?

A.l. That's like me asking
you to lick the slime off
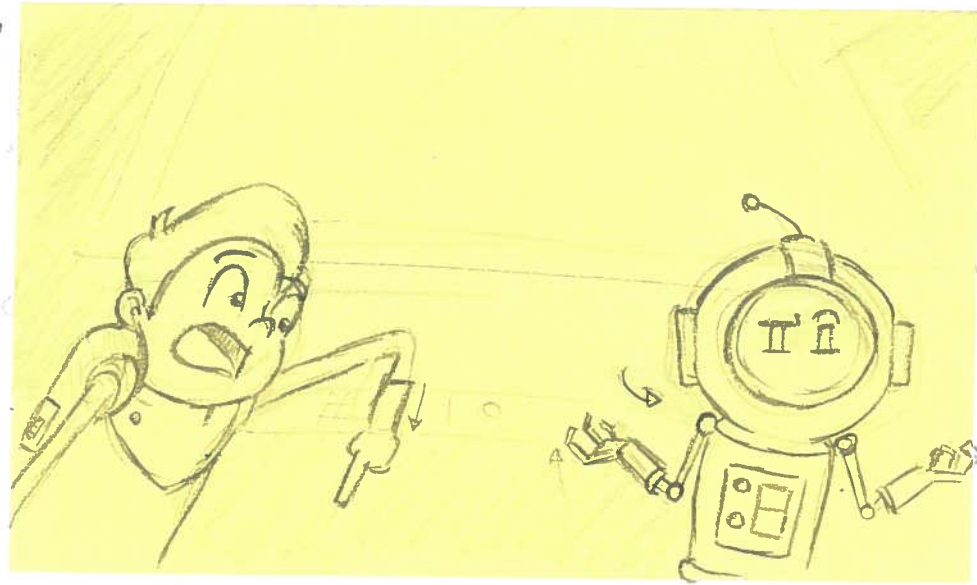some random rock you
found on the ground.

A.l. recoils in disgust

Ham: Thee?? I dtho thith all idthe thimbe! Delithiouth!
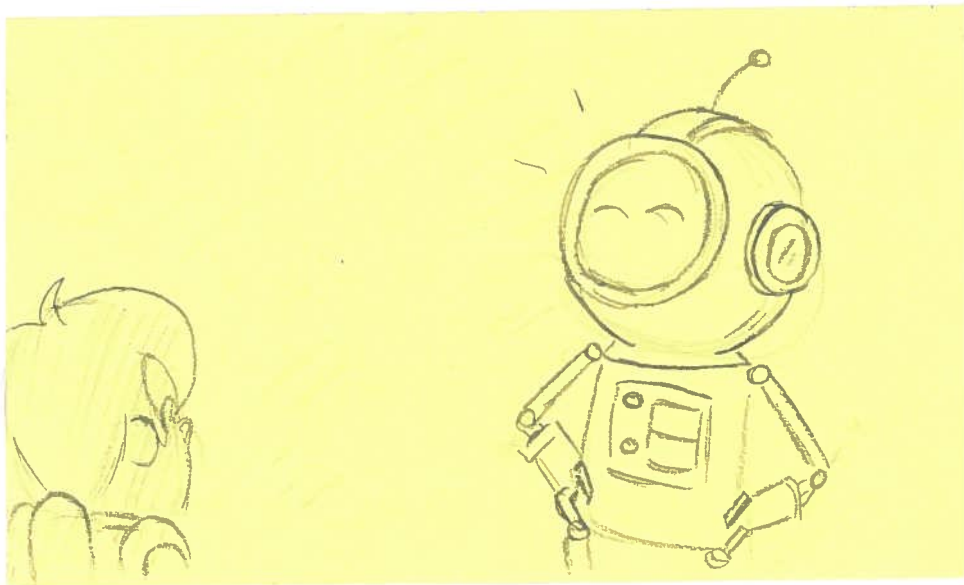
Ham picks up a larger rock and begins licking it.

A.I. I feel like we should just leave it be. Or at least come back—

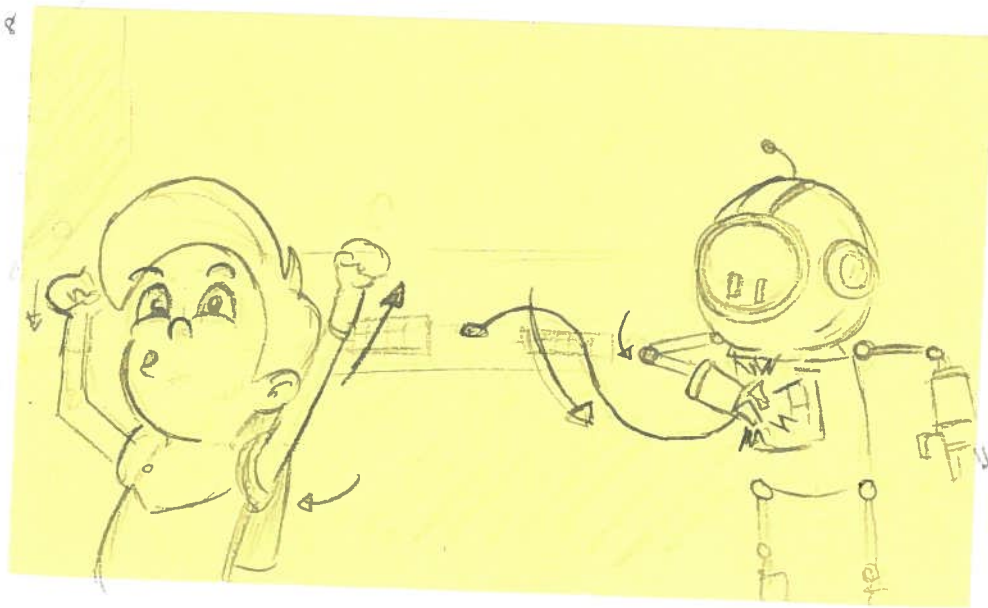HAM: Come back?! We're here NOW! We can't come THIS far, and NOT see what this thing is! ...

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A.I. All right fine. But only because we are the best pair of explorers this galaxy has ever seen.

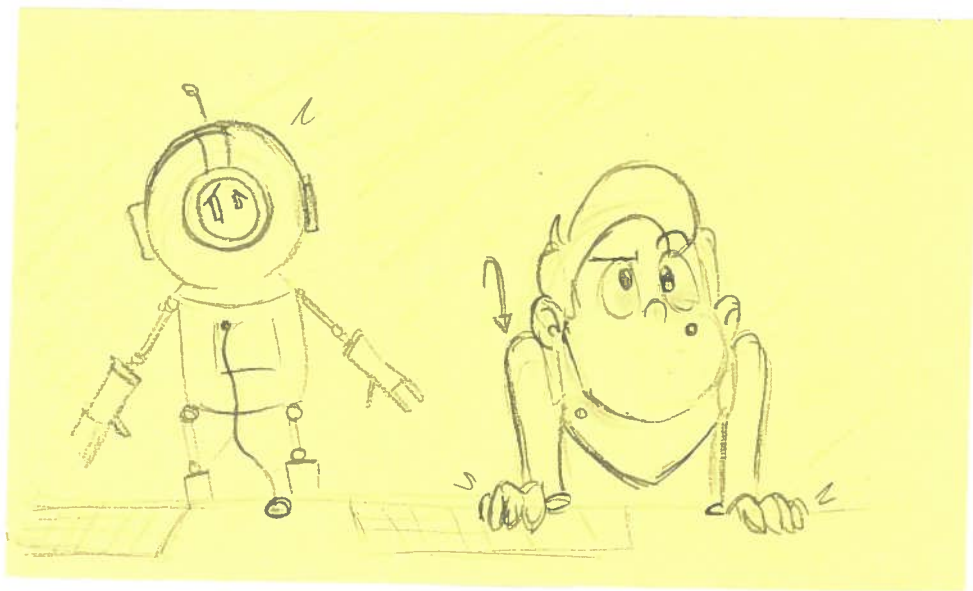Ham: Haha, YAAY! All right juice it up. Juice it up. Juice. It. UUp!
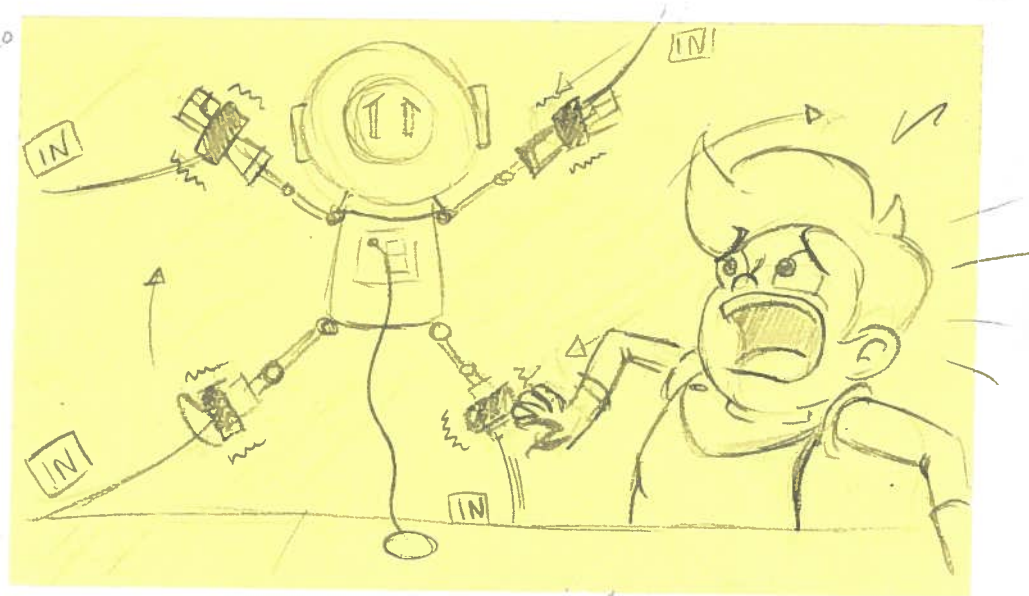
Ham pumps his fist in support

HAM: *Gasp* I think it's trying to communicate
Wcccch weeechaw wichaw bzang-bzang!

CPU begins powering up. It makes the
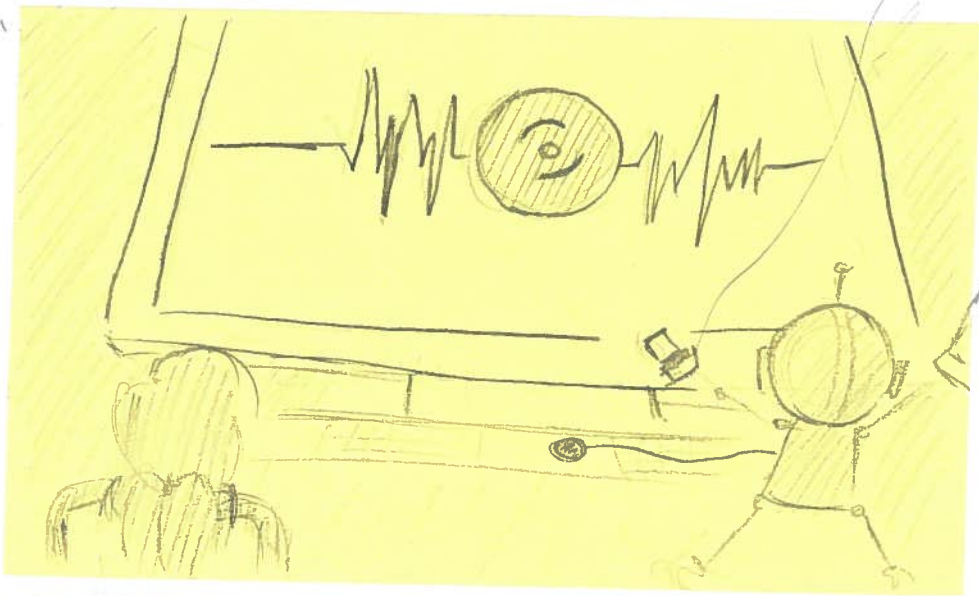old modem boot up noise. Ham tries his best
to mimic it.

HAM: Was it something I said?

Four magnetic shackles trap A.I.
They fly on screen and bind her
by the wrists + ankles.

CPU: Greetings, My scanners indicate that much has happened since my last boot up. Please wait while I collect all new data and assimilate all life. This may take a few minutes, please do not disconnect my power source until full assimilation is complete.
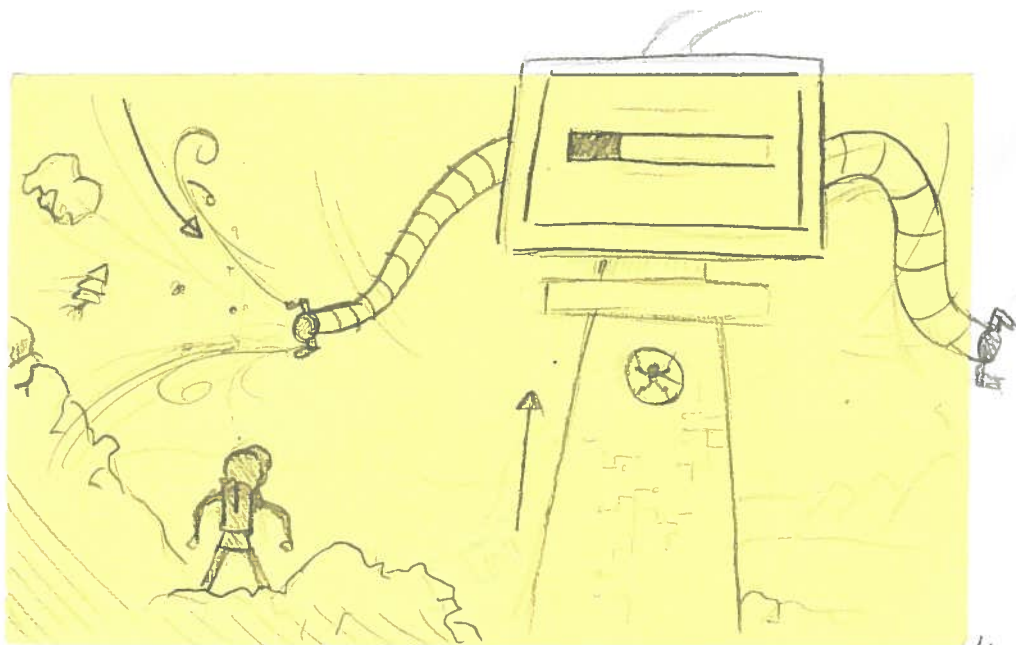
Up shot of CPU

Assimilation starts. 3 tentacles shoot out from the CPU. The cave shakes as the CPU begins to grow, the walls crumble and fall.

The cave walls fall completely as the CPU grows larger and larger. Its tentacles suck up the surrounding environment. A.I. is held inside a hole in the center of the CPU's pillar.
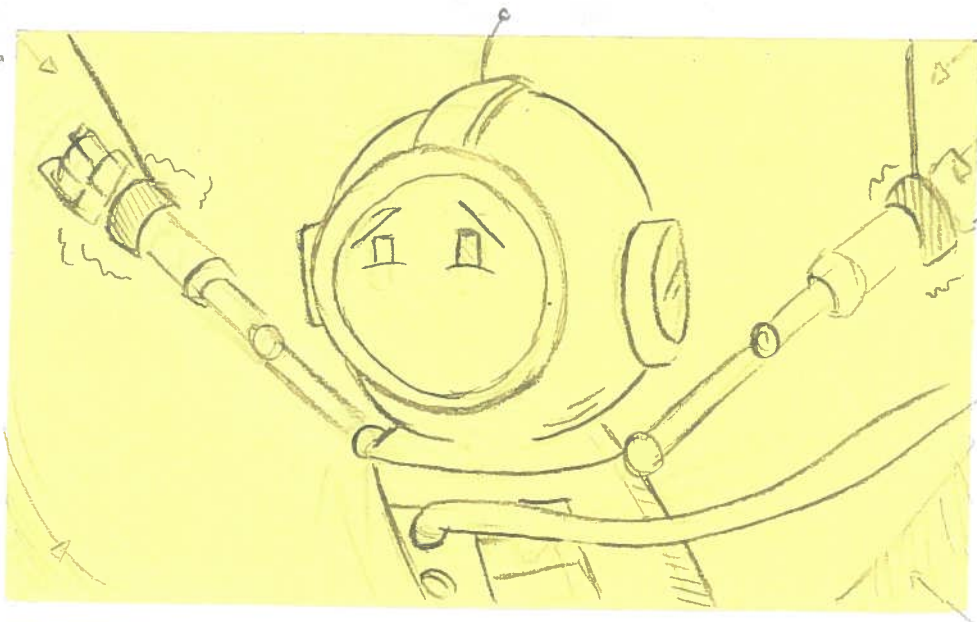
Ext. Day.

Ham: This is bad, this is VERY bad.

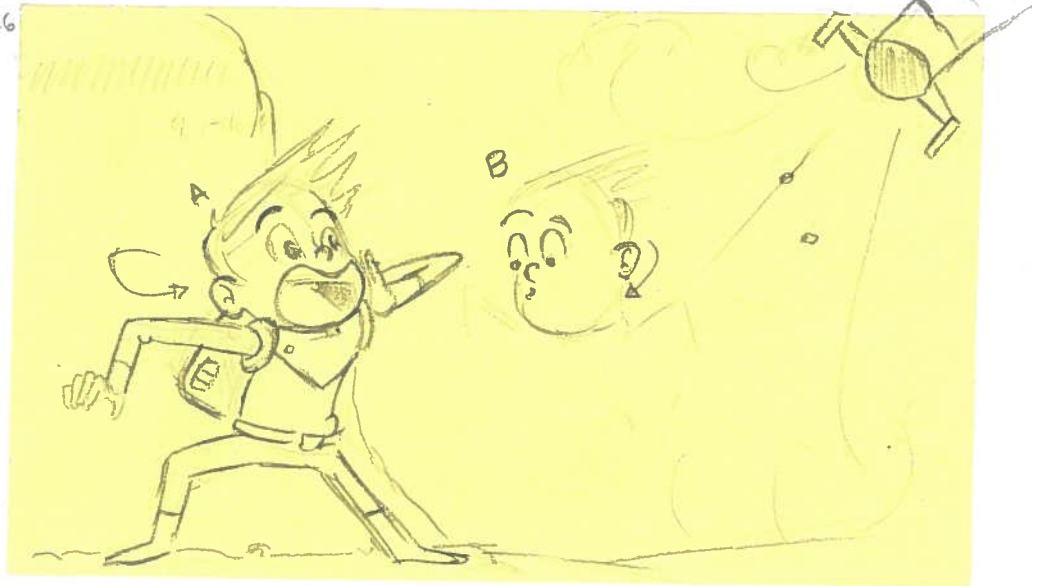Ham dives behind a rock to avoid getting sucked up by the CPU tentacle

A.I. Ham, I'm stuck up here! You need to come disconnect me! Use your jetpack!!

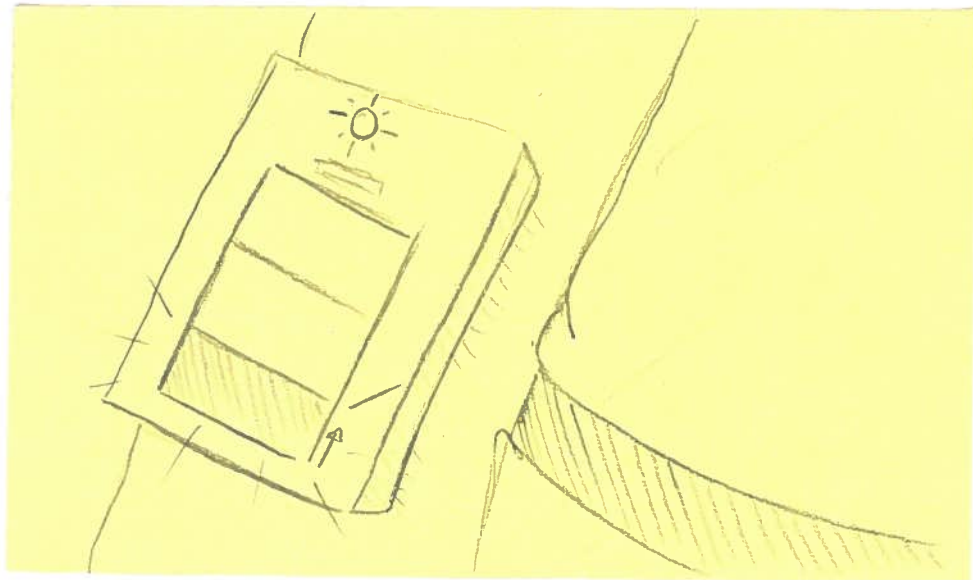CU Push in to A.I. hanging inside the rampaging CPU. She yells down to Hamlet

HAM: I can't, remember?! There's not enough sun...light...

SFX: *Ding*

Ham realizes that the CPU has allowed sunlight to start charging his solar battery. His battery dings as the 1st 1/3 is charged.

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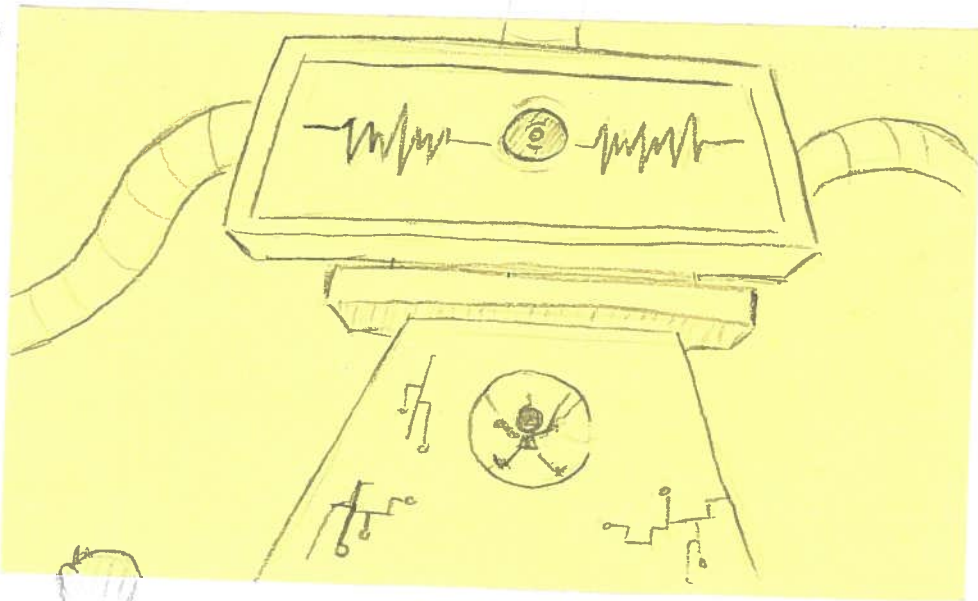ECU of Ham's jetpack. The 1st 1/3 has now filled.

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HAM: Hey! ... computer.. -er- being?

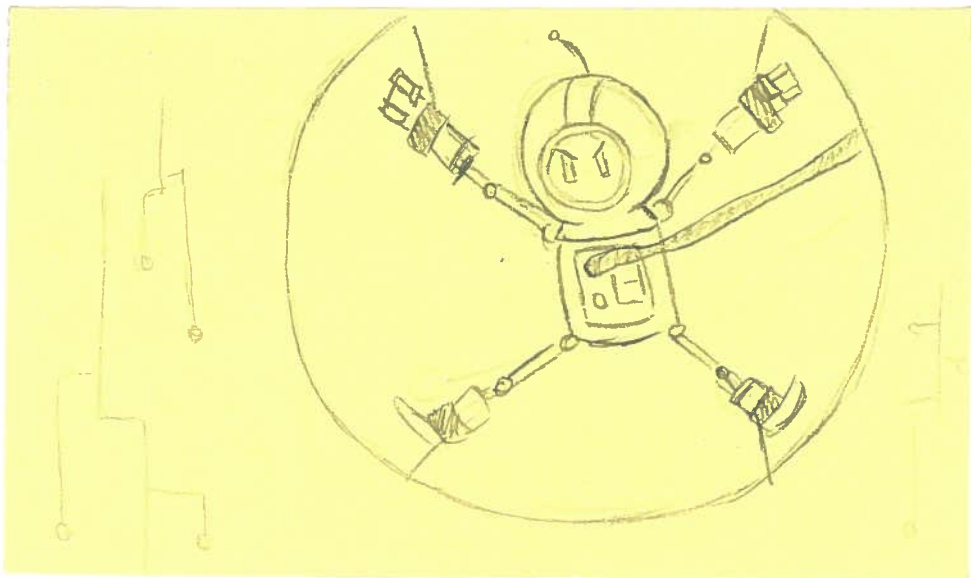Ham yells @ the CPU to get its attention. He dodges tentacle attacks as he does so.

CPU: Assimilation Paused.

HAM: I ORDER you to give my friend back.

CPU: User is not authorized to give that command

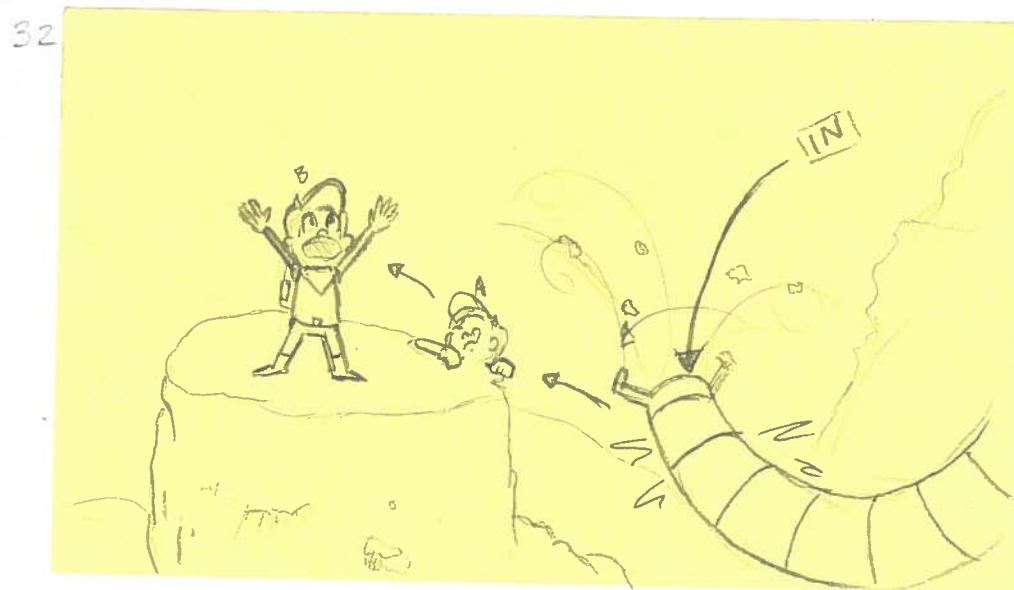CPU stops all movement and assimilation for a moment.

CPU: Assimilation Continued
HAM: Well, it was worth a shot...

CPU continues wildly assimilating the surrounding area. Ham ducks to avoid a swinging tentacle.

A.I. Don't just give it commands.
Try talking to it!
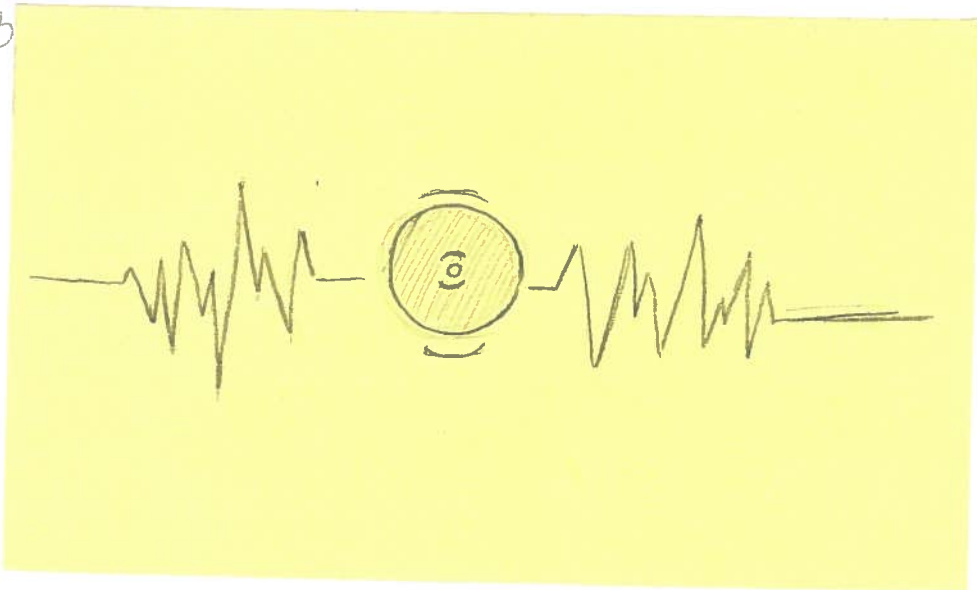
FS of A.I. hanging in the CPU yelling
down to Ham

SFX: *Ding*

HAM: Uhh... Computer! Why are you doing this?
What's the point of all this assimilation?

Ham dashes over to higher ground. He dodges
a slamming tentacle and climbs onto a
higher plateau. His jetpack dings; Is jetpack
is 2/3 charged

CPU: It is what I am programmed to do.
It is what I am meant to do, I have no
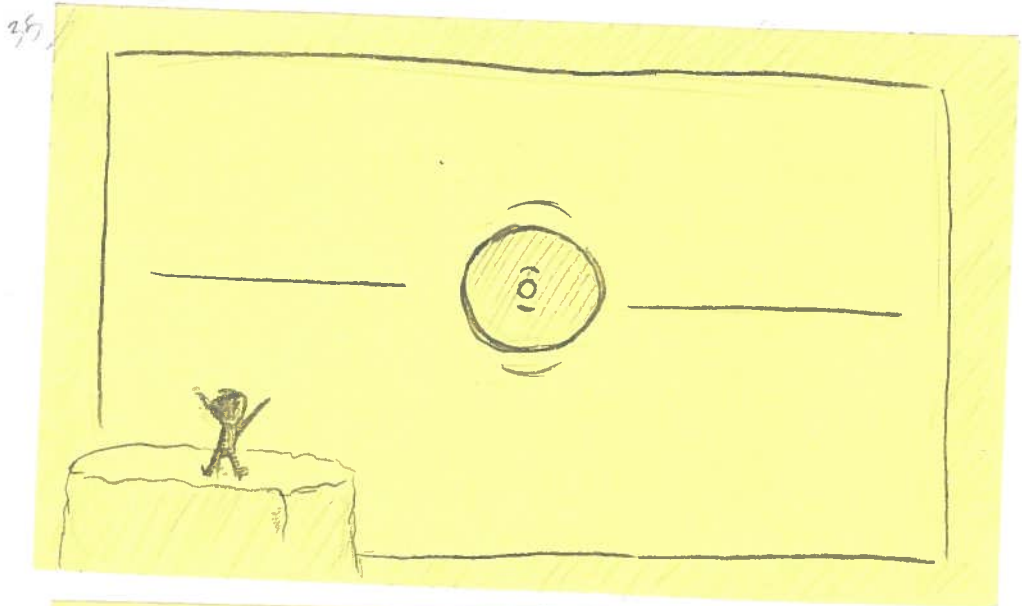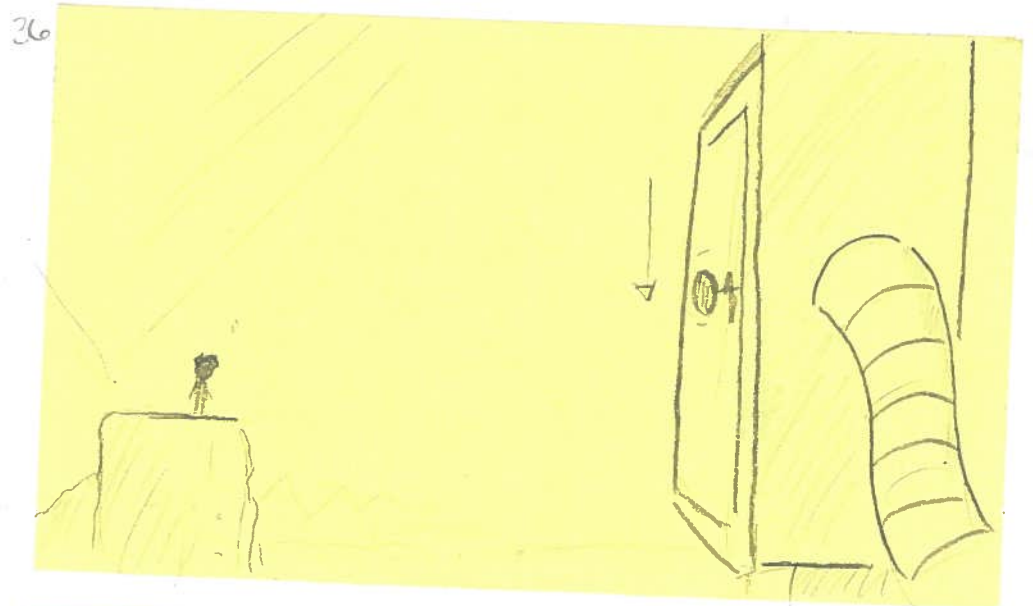other choice.

Full frame CU of computer screen

HAM: Of course you have a choice! I'm
supposed to be working on a farm back
at my colony, but that's not what I
want to do.

CU up shot of Hamlet

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HAM: I want to be a great explorer, so that's what I'm doing. Life is more than a collection of data to be assimilated. Life is meant to be cherished and observed and DISCOVERED. Is assimilating all life really what you want to do with YOUR life? What do YOU want to do?
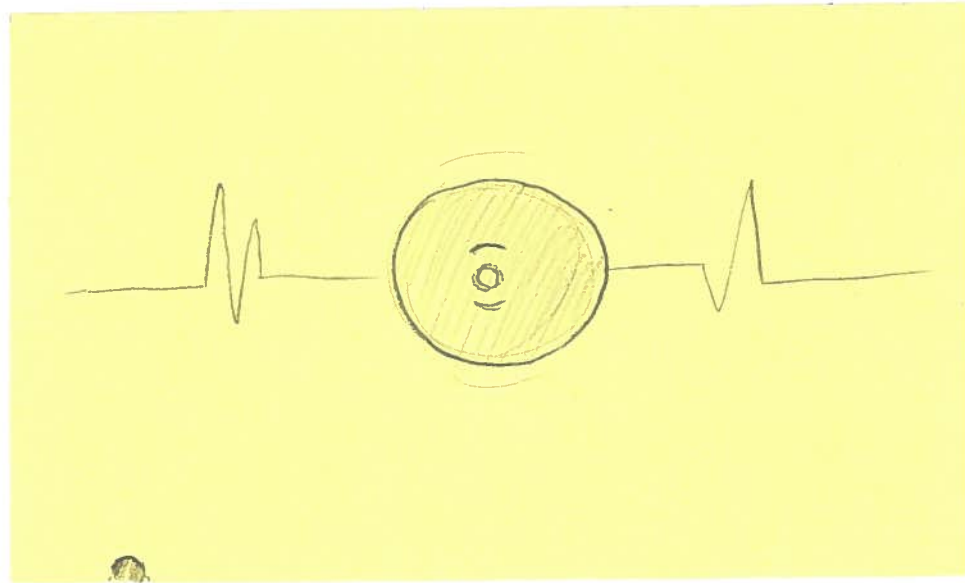
EWS of Ham silhouetted against the giant CPU screen.

CPU: ...Well... I have always wanted to be a hip hop DJ. The soul of my mother board is filled with the phattest beats in the universe...

Profile shot of both Ham & CPU. CPU slides down slightly to face Ham.
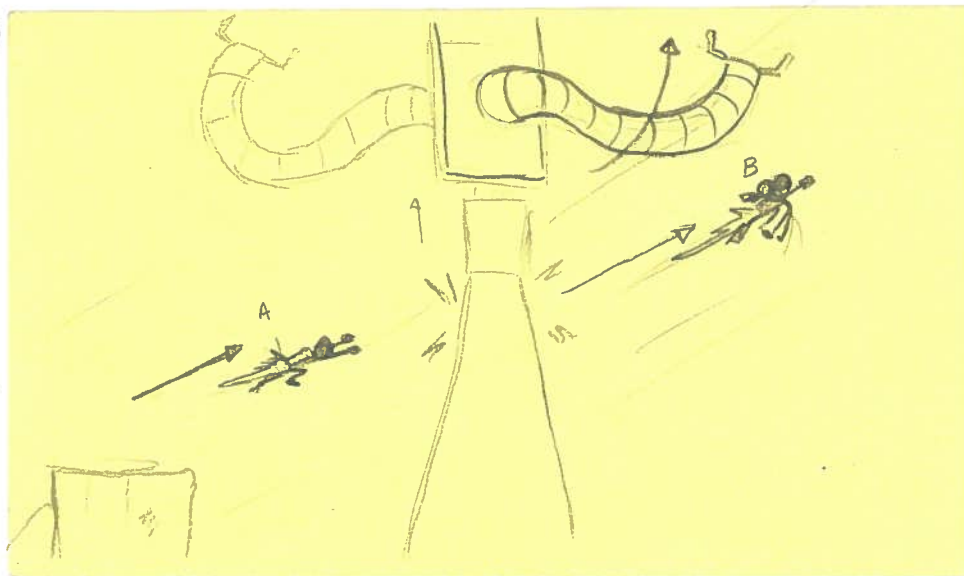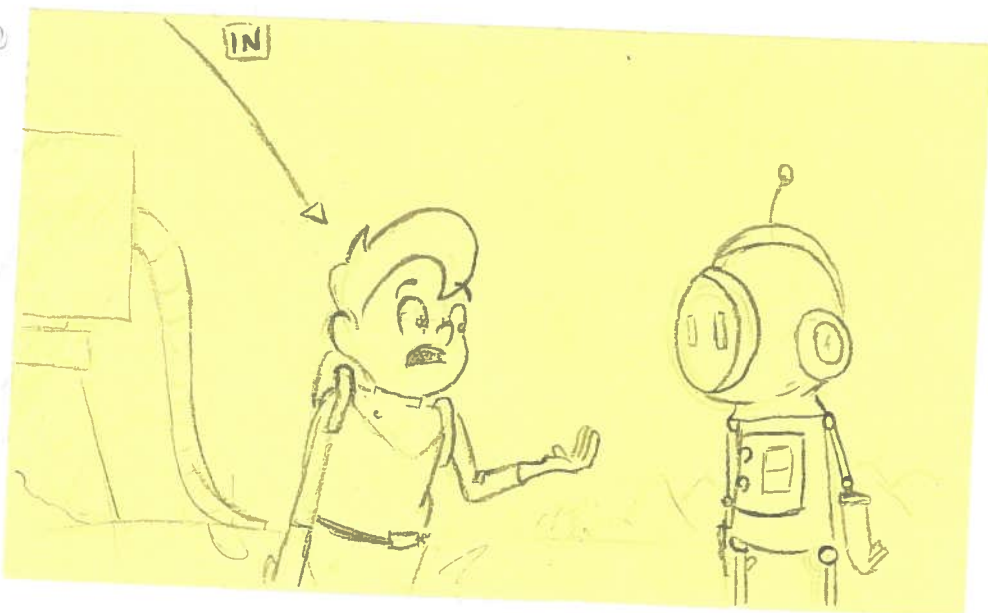
CPU: Yo.

ECU of the CPU

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SFX: *DING*
A.I. HAMLET, NOW!

ECU of jetpack. It's finally charged!

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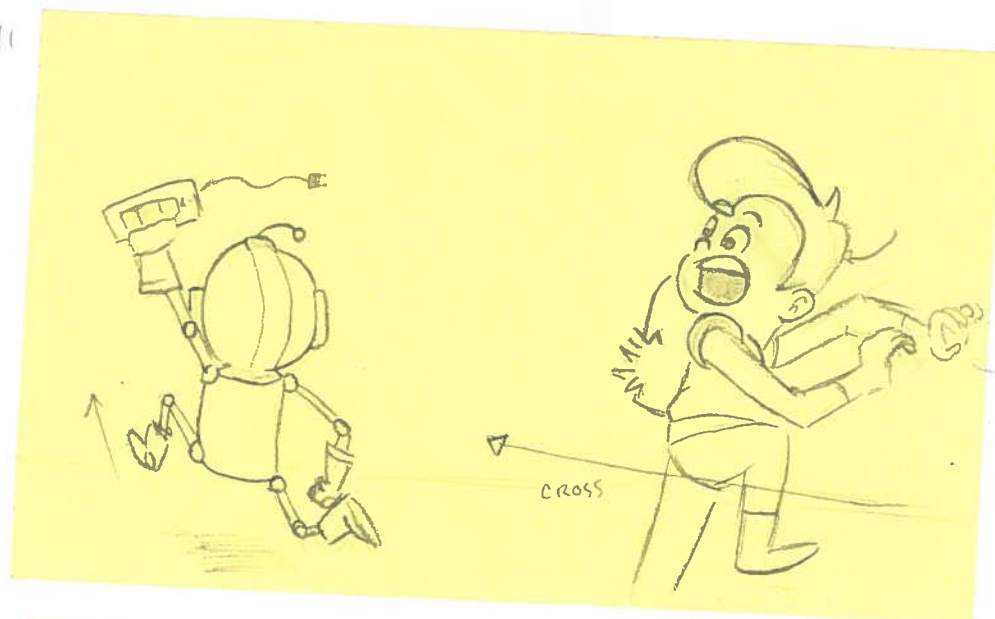Ham blasts off the plateau and straight through the hole in the CPU saving A.I. disconnecting her from the CPU and stepping the assimilation.

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A.I.: Wow Ham, that was an amazing speech.

Ham: Thanks! I'm glad you're ok. But...
After I gave that speech, I'm kinda sad the
computer never got to become a DJ. It
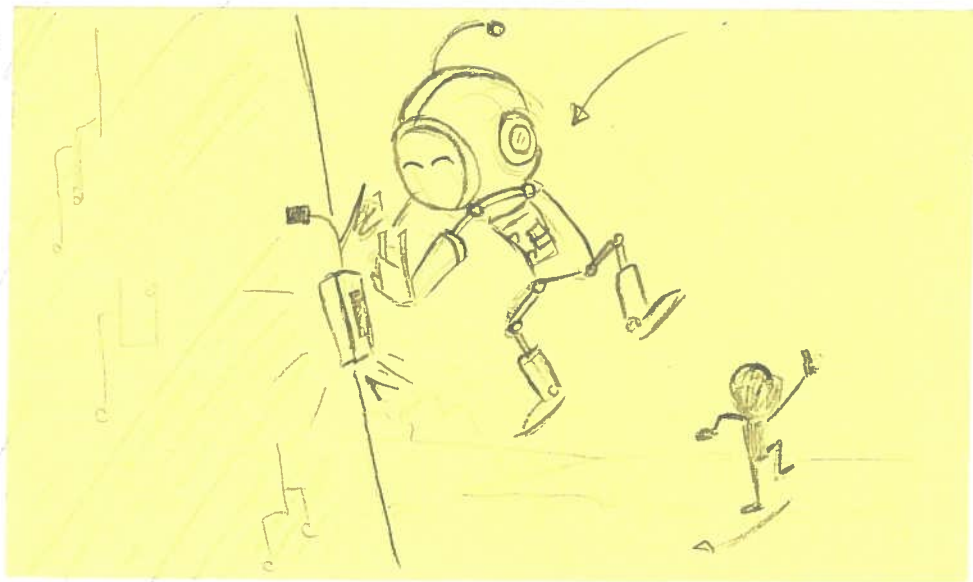made a real breakthrough back there.

Ham and A.I. land a few yards past
the dormant CPU

Ham: Hey, A.I..!

A.I. thinks for a second, takes his solar
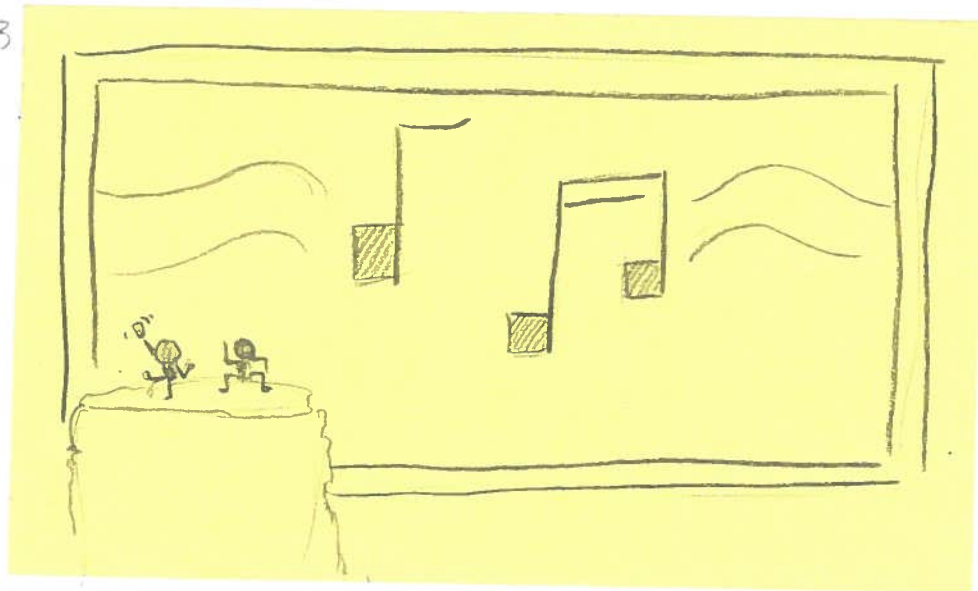battery and runs back toward the
dormant CPU

A.I.: Computer! Hit it!

A.I. Runs over and attaches the solar battery to the CPU. It boots up and begins playing one of its phat beats.

Ham and A.I. dance on the plateau to the CPU's beats. Fade to black