Homebound
Silly Robots in Space

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Finding ore to fuel the ship should be pretty easy—there's just one catch.

When it's not properly contained, the ore is toxic to anyone but a robot.
So you'll have to get it on your own.

If we refuel and pick up supplies at this planet, it should be the last place we need to stop.

Can you do it?!

Okay... Good enough, I'm just going to land.
we've landed far enough from town center to not be spotted, but close enough to get there on foot.

While I go into town for supplies, you take this.

Follow the dot on the screen

Once you find the ore, put it in here.

AND Lie Low!

It's not going to be like last time!
Wow did you just come out of that spaceship? That's so cool!!! We never get any newcomers here. This is... Yeah!! Can I touch the ship?

Oh no...

You didn't see me!

Huh... weird.
Who are you? And why are you following me?

I thought you'd recognize your own family.

Meanwhile...
Just follow the tracks!

Hi!

Easy, right?

Right!

You again!

Waah!
What are you doing here?!

Uh, I live here? This is my family's farm.

Are you following me?

I'm supposed to be walking my dog.

Yeah, his name is Comet, but he ran off.

You have a dog? Why are you here? And what are you looking for?
I am trying to find a fuel source for my friend's ship.

There should be ore deposits we can use beyond the river, but I can not cross it.

you're trying to go to

THE CURSED QUARRY?!!

Long ago people would mine deposits of rare green stones at the cliffsides across the river. For a while all was well...

but then the curse set in. One by one the quarry workers fell ill. The mysterious illness spread to others with the ore.

It only stopped when the quarry was shut down.
Yes! That is exactly what I am looking for!

What??

I just said that everyone who goes there gets sick.

Ping Ping

Which means it is exactly what I am looking for.

Besides, I don't get sick.

If you say so.

... well, I suppose getting rid of those stones would be good for us too...

If you help me find my dog, then I can show you where the quarry is.

Deal?

Deal.
What do you want?

I don't have a home.

To bring you home of course.

I get it, the whole "teen rebel" phase.

But what comes next?

You think that returning some tech will get you anything? You are one of the people who stole it in the first place.

You can run away but you'll always be one of us.

Bring us the robot, Aurora.

And we'll forgive you.

Everything can go back to how it was, and we can forget this ever happened.
No.

A Robot is not worth the trouble you've gone through chasing us.

you don't want Sal, you want me. You want my loyalty back. So I'll make you a deal Captain. I'm going to take Sal home, and you aren't going to do anything to stop me.
And if you agree to that...

then afterward, I will come back.

very well.

Alright

Then I'm done here. I'll see you when I get back.
Haha

Comet!  Aurora

We found you!

This is Maxy,

They are helping me find the fuel source.
Oh my! how did you escape??

Sal, there's something you should know.

My family—the bandits found me in town...

you must want me to get the fuel so we can leave as quickly as possible!

No time to lose. I will not let you down!

but—

right...
A few hours later

Do you have to leave? You're the coolest people I've ever met!

I have to leave.

I promised Sal that I'll help them get home.

but then you could come back!

you could visit! Stay on the farm and watch Comet.

Please?

I-I can't.

I am done.
Aurora! Are you coming?

Yeah, let's go.
To be continued...

Thanks for Reading!

Hello! My name is Sarah Kaye, I was in the SUNY New Paltz class of 2024. I made this comic for my honors thesis, which focused on illustration, formatting, traditional artwork, and storytelling through comics and Graphic Novels. This book serves as a launchpoint or “pilot episode” for a larger story.

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A girl who is on the run from her space-cowboy family travels from planet to planet while helping a robot escape and return home.