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THE GREATEST LARP HAS BEGUN

A GITCOIN AND BLAYLOCK COMICS JOINT PRODUCTION

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**COMICS**

**FOR BLAYLOCK COMICS**

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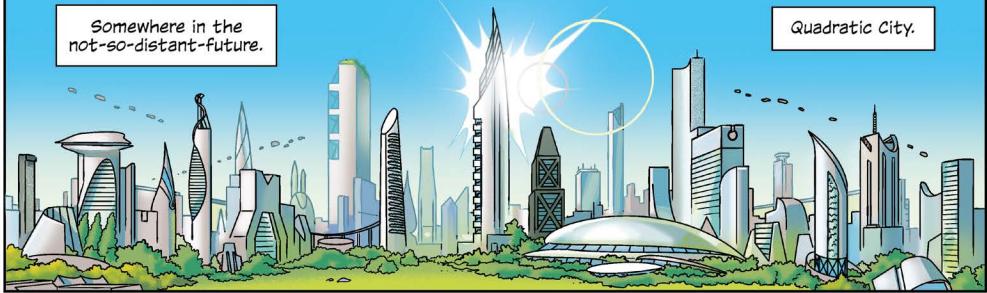
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Somewhere in the  
not-so-distant-future.

Quadratic City.

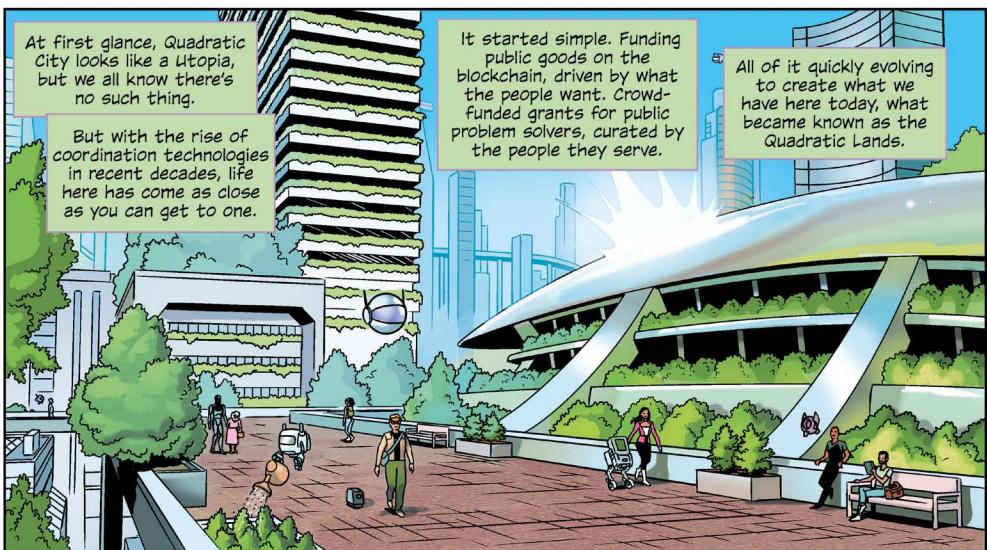


At first glance, Quadratic City looks like a Utopia, but we all know there's no such thing.

But with the rise of coordination technologies in recent decades, life here has come as close as you can get to one.

It started simple. Funding public goods on the blockchain, driven by what the people want. Crowd-funded grants for public problem solvers, curated by the people they serve.

All of it quickly evolving to create what we have here today, what became known as the Quadratic Lands.



Still, like I said. Utopia is a fiction.

Because no matter what, somewhere, somehow, communication breaks down. Coordination fails and confusion sets in, and when it does...



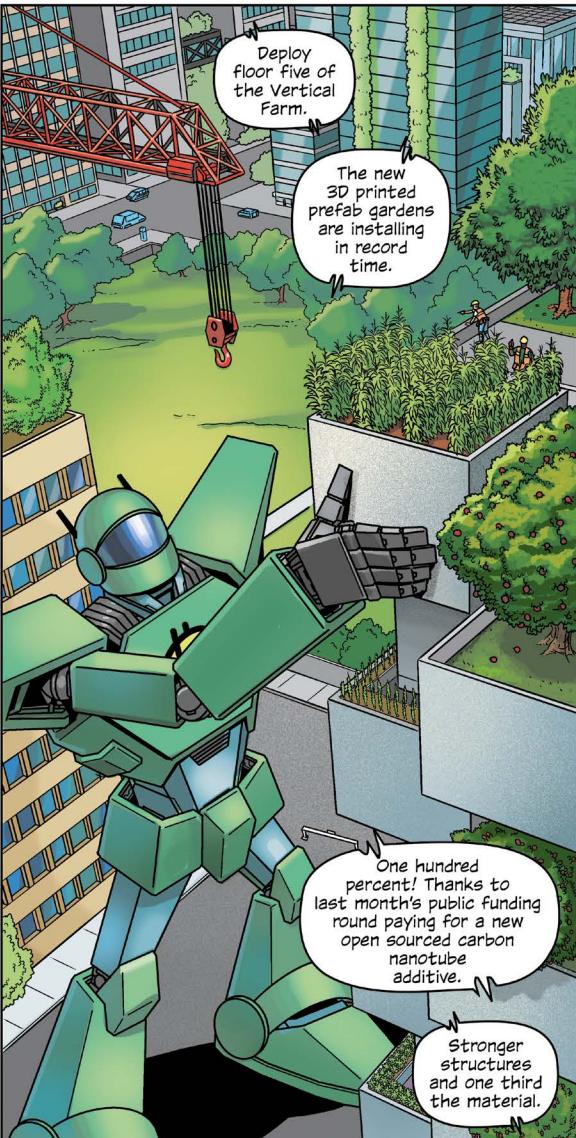
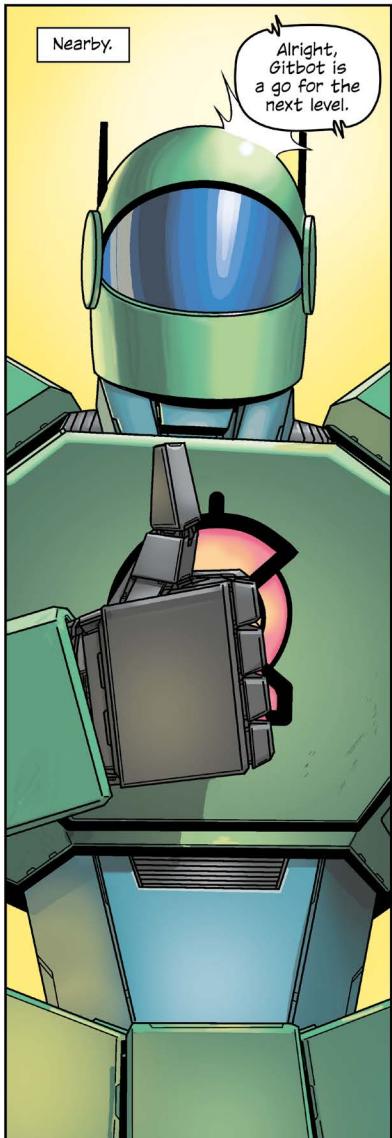
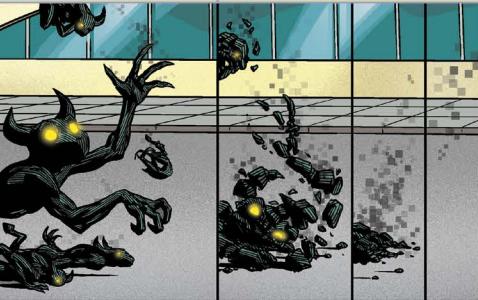
...someone... or something is always ready to DEFECT & to prey on that system collapse.

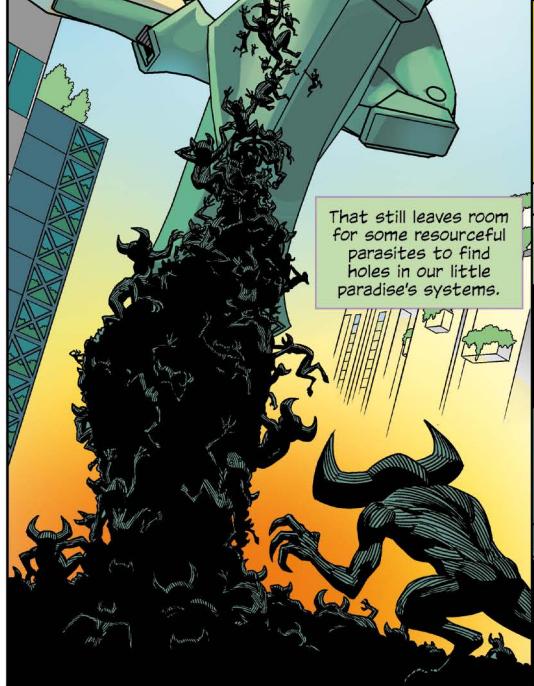
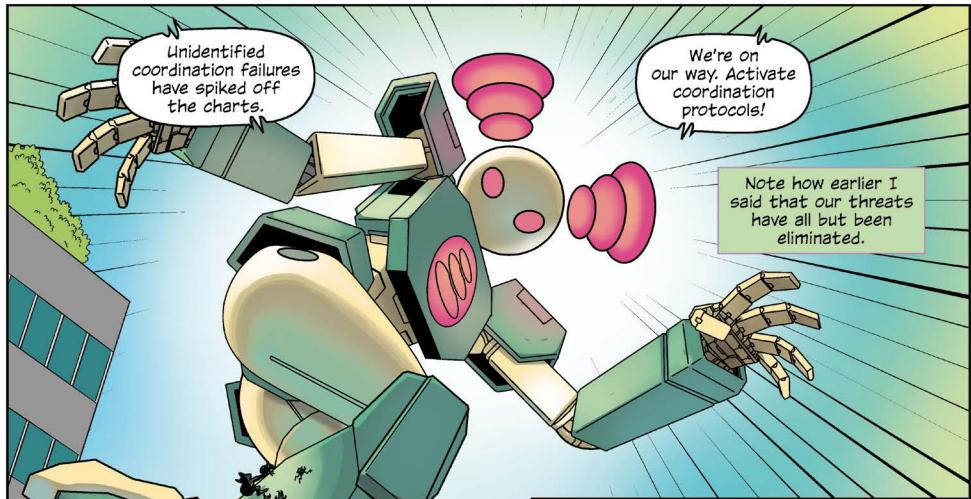
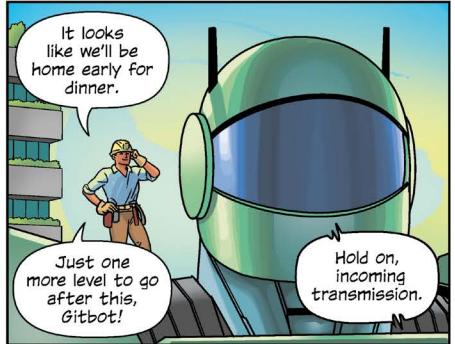


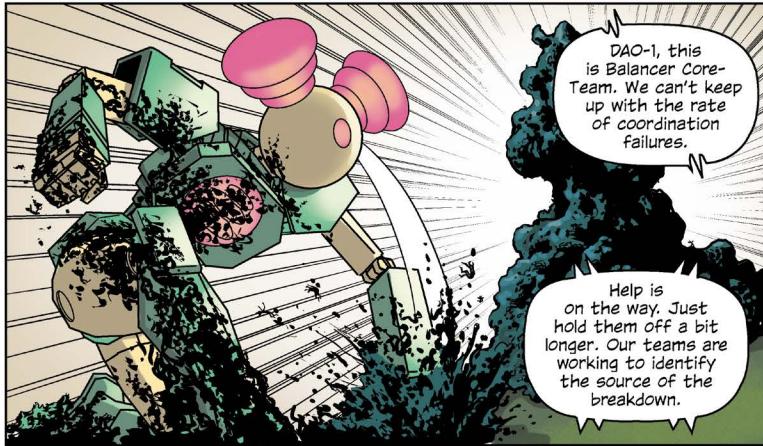
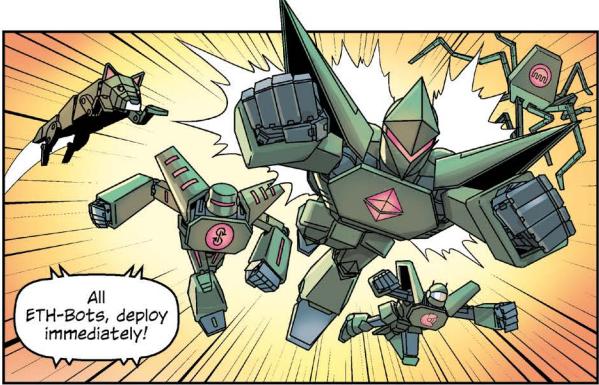
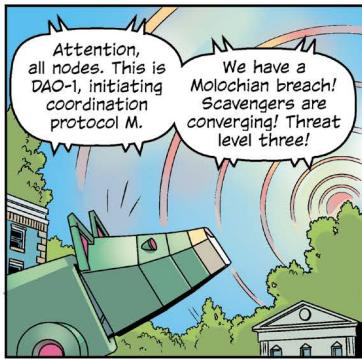


Centuries ago coordination technology was created to keep threats from harming a city.

But in Quadratic City, the incentives such threats, and the systemic parasites they breed, feed off of to survive, have been all but eliminated.







You can just call me Anon. Who I am isn't important, and fortunately for our Bot Squad and the core teams, I've already peeled back the layers of this mystery.

Six months ago Trad Industries found surging demand for product last quarter had led record profits, but also to a buildup of toxic byproduct from their manufacturing.

Typically disposed of using a neutralizer and safely releasing into the water through industrial carbon filters.



Let the byproduct build up to a lethal level in the factory, or release it with possible criminal charges.

But increased demand in filters due to new environmental standards voted in last year caused a shortage one month prior, leading to a major dilemma.

Efforts to move the product to a landfill were stalled by bureaucracy, after which, the CEO of Trad Industries made a hasty decision.

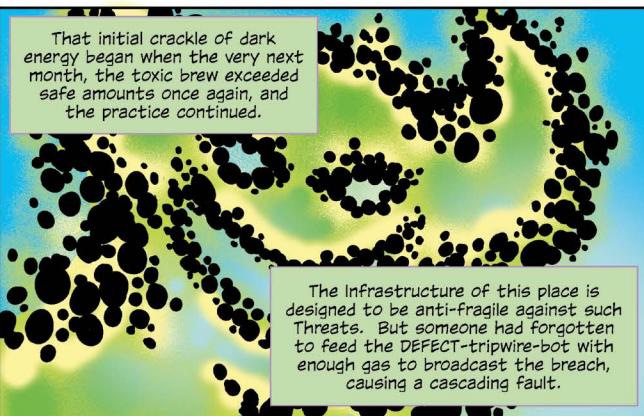


Ordering the release of the product into the nearby river in the dead of night, hidden from inspectors to avoid any penalties or bad P.R.

This act alone wasn't enough to feed Moloch's spirit.

That initial crackle of dark energy began when the very next month, the toxic brew exceeded safe amounts once again, and the practice continued.

The Infrastructure of this place is designed to be anti-fragile against such Threats. But someone had forgotten to feed the DEFECT-tripwire-bot with enough gas to broadcast the breach, causing a cascading fault.



By month five, filters were again in supply, but the company board feared attracting regulator attention if they placed too large an order.

Moloch's spirit grew.

In month six, when the CEO, now accepting this practice as a new way of business rather than reducing output, that...

...that's when Moloch pounced!



But that's not the true root of this problem. There are layers beyond this - and that's what I'm the best at doing. Finding out what's really going on.

God, do I love this not-job.

The "big bad CEO drama" is just a diversion from another issue behind it all.

Case in point. This fine, brilliant citizen of Quad City. Three years ago he discovered an enzyme compound that could not only clean up the existing pollution...

It could stop the toxic byproduct from ever existing if simply added into the manufacturing recipe.

But the legacy system, though outdated, still worked, and no one had interest in funding this bright idea.

DAO-1, This is Anon. I've identified the problem. Uploading the proposal to GovernorAlpha.sol

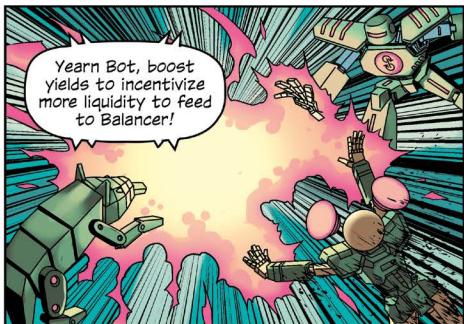
Request is set for immediate deployment of community voting to authorize Coordination Protocol seven.

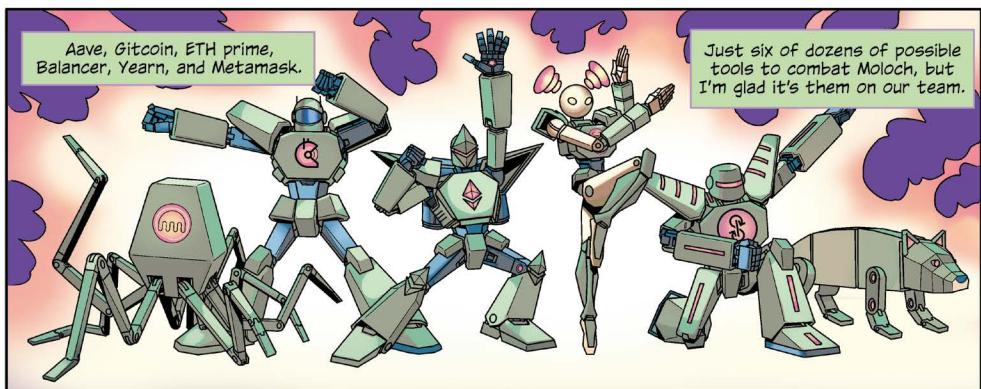
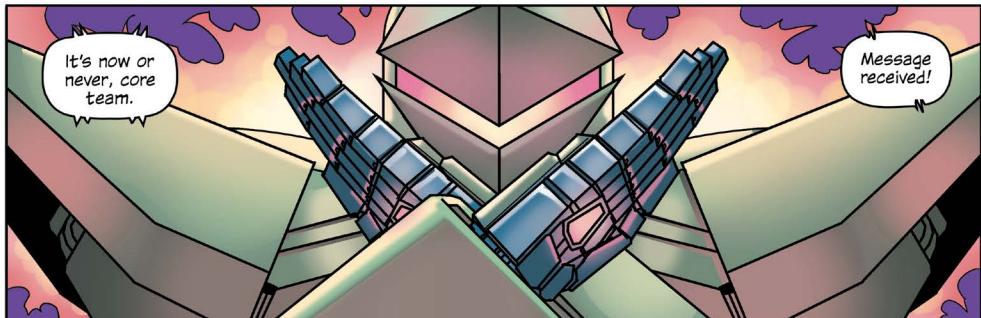
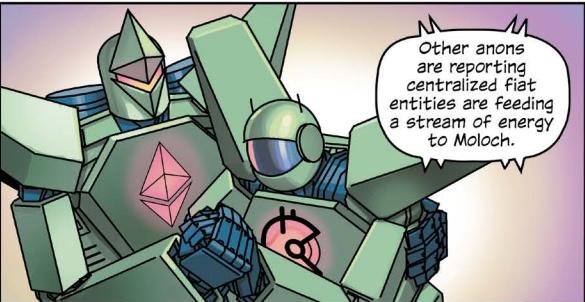
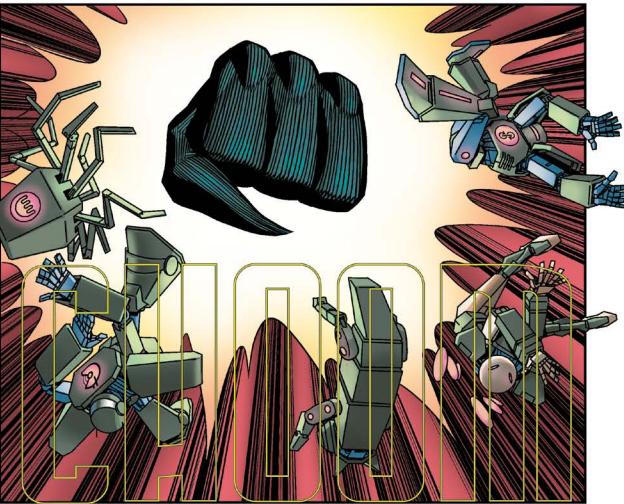
Anon, A.I. cross-referencing affirms your theory. You have the driver's seat!

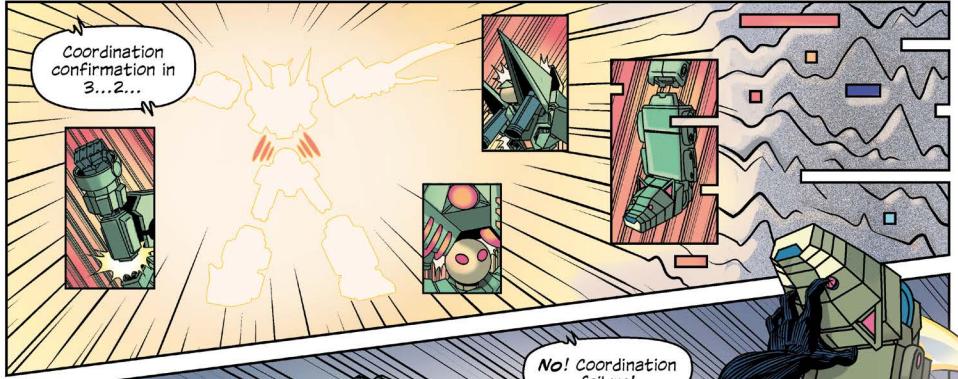


Anon to Balancer and Metamask bots. Converge to increase liquidity for token convertibility.

Yearn Bot, boost yields to incentivize more liquidity to feed to Balancer!







Scatter if  
you can to reattempt  
connection! Hello?  
ETH Bot team?

I think  
I found  
something.

We were working  
to coordinate, but it looks like  
the apathy of citizens has reached  
a critical threshold. Coordination is a  
choice. Without the engagement  
of our citizenry, the bots are  
left powerless against  
Moloch.

I have  
to admit, this  
looks bad.

Not enough  
contributors  
responded to reach  
a quorum, the toxic  
overspill will last  
five years!

The can  
has been "kicked  
down the road," so  
they say.

Public  
funding tactics  
are dropping too  
fast.

Crowd  
incentive  
levels are  
plummeting!

We...  
We've  
lost.



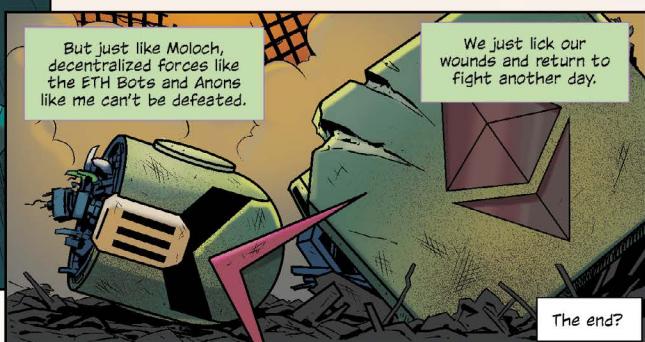
ROOOAAAARR!

It's not easy to watch, is it? But that's how these battles go sometimes.



But today was extra hard.  
We were so close, but  
someone took the easy way  
out. One person taking a  
bribe here or there, pushing  
the old status quo forward.

And Moloch  
grows stronger.



But just like Moloch,  
decentralized forces like  
the ETH Bots and Anrons  
like me can't be defeated.

We just lick our  
wounds and return to  
fight another day.

The end?



# GITCHIN

# **ETHEREUM FOR PUBLIC GOODS**

## **ANON VS. MOLOCH**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PUBLIC  
GOODS FUNDERS LEAGUE, WHO HAS  
FUNDED PUBLIC GOODS IN THE ETHEREUM  
COMMUNITY FROM GITCOIN GRANTS 1-10**

**POLYGON**

**ETHEREUM FOUNDATION**

**ENS**

**YEARN**

**BADGERDAO**

**SYNTHEТИX**

**IEARNFINANCE**

**BALANCERLABS**

**KRAKEN**

**EF**

**OPTIMISM**

**BINANCE**

**MASK**

**CHAINLINK**

**YEARN**

**CMS HOLDINGS**

**HARVEST FINANCE**

**MATIC**

**DEFIANCE CAPITAL &**

**THREE ARROWS CAPITAL**

**#FERRET PATROL**

**1337 WORKING GROUP**

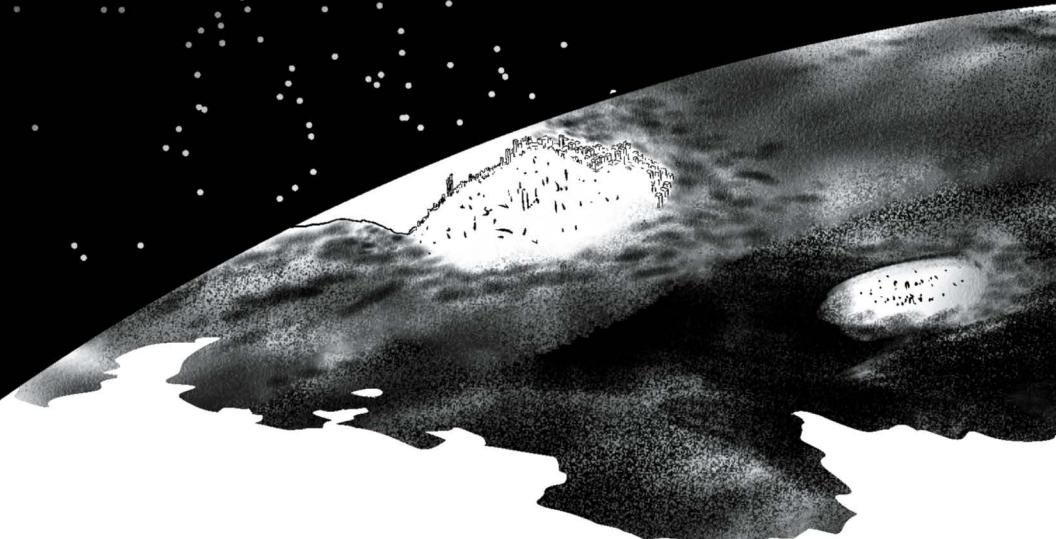
**SNX**

**UNISWAP**

**ARAGON**

**CMS HOLDINGS**

**EPNS**



**OKEFFALT**  
**STAKEFISH**  
**MASK**  
**UNSTOPPABLE DOMAINS**  
**PASTADAO**  
**FIRE EYES**  
**INTEGRAL FINANCE**  
**DAOsquare**  
**FUTURE\_FUND\_**  
**YAMFINANCE**  
**SUSHI**  
**FIRE EYES**  
**TELLER**  
**ARAGON**  
**ECONOAR**  
**DORAHACKS**  
**STAKEFISH**  
**RLESHNER**  
**1KX**

**1INCH**  
**THE GRAPH**  
**NANEXCOOL**  
**BANTEG**  
**NANEXCOOL**  
**LOBSTERDAO**  
**ANDREW KEYS**  
**BC\_WORKSHOP**  
**\$MEME**  
**SPLUNK**  
**MEKNAB**  
**FOLLOWTHECHAIN**  
**AURYN-MACMILLAN**  
**ERIC CONER**  
**TENQKP**  
**ALGORAND**  
**SBASED**  
**SUNI**  
**BADGER**

