

Silence. A misty rocky sphere hangs in black space.

A title Planetoid L632, Bowen's Landing mining colony  
besides Primary Export: Platinum

Then, a sound: DRIP. DRIP. DRIP. A voice echoes from afar:

KOLTON (O.S.)  
Al? Come on man, let's go.

An approaching light illuminates the black space revealing more rock and steam. We realize we are not in space, but-

INT. MINE TUNNEL - NIGHT

- inside the sweaty bowel of a MINE. Water drips slowly from the tunnel wall. We move off the wall and find the source of our illuminated sphere: an abandoned head-lamp beaming on to the wall. KOLTON, a weathered miner, picks it up.

Kolton scans the cavern with his head-lamp. His light lands on a MAN's outstretched legs on the ground.

KOLTON  
Hey, Al? You ok?

Kolton scans up the body. He freezes, horrified. He runs. The screen plunges into darkness.

A title appears: A L I E N : O R E

EXT. BOWEN'S LANDING, MINING COLONY - DUSK

Wind HOWLS. Snow swirls. Figures burst into view: bundled up MINERS. They cut pass a sign: BOWEN'S LANDING, POP. 354 98.

START  
SCENE 1

MARTIN (male, 30s) calls to LORRAINE (45-60, a woman both toughened up and worn down by years on the job). His voice is whipped away by the wind.

LORRAINE  
WHAT?

MARTIN  
(louder)  
My nuts! I think they might  
actually freeze off this time!

Lorraine laughs. The miners push through the mine entrance (marked with a "Weyland-Yutani" sign).

**CONTINUE** INT. MINE ENTRANCE - DUSK

The miners, including RYO (female, 40s), CLARK (male, 30s), and WINNI (female, 20s), shake off snow. At lockers they peel off coats, store lunch-boxes, and grab tools/hard-hats.

LORRAINE  
Martin, they survive?

MARTIN  
(checking)  
Still hanging in there, Lorraine.  
Thanks for checking.

LORRAINE  
Mayumi wants more kids. She's not gonna hear her husband lost 'em on our watch.

RYO  
Damn right. Lorraine, I hear you've got another grand-baby on the way. Congrats.

Lorraine hits the shaft cage button. The door SCREECHES open.

LORRAINE  
Yeah. Some nuts do need freezing off. Soon as we find that new deposit -

CLARK  
- If we do -

LORRAINE  
- *When* we get that bonus, I'm getting Anna off this rock. Those kids are gonna get something better outta life.

Lorraine and the miners stream into the cage. They push card-chips into a clunky device. As they clock-in:

**END**

~~INT. MINE OFFICE - NIGHT~~

~~ID's of miners appear on a monitor. CCTV footage beside shows the miners in the mine cage. Lorraine looks up:~~

~~LORRAINE (ON VIDEO)  
Hanks, they find anything yet?~~