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From: Hobbeth Sent: 10/10/2006 9:49 PM

The team members still on the ground watched as Thunderbird One quickly disappeared into the clouds. The EMTs got a call and headed out shortly afterward. Soon there was silence, then Virgil cleared his throat and swallowed hard. "Okay," he said to the others. "Time to get back to work. We need to get Seven into the pod."

"How do you propose we do that, Van Gogh?" Elise asked.

He paused for a moment, looking at the two sections lying half a kilometer apart. "First, we turn the control cab upright. Brandon, I want you in the Firefly on one side, lifting; Elise, get in the DOMO. You'll pull from the other side. Kat, once it's right side up, see if you can get it running, or at least get the electromagnets functioning, so we can reattach the two sections. It'll be easier if we can get the whole thing in at one time. We may need to dig a path to the pod. Tin-Tin, go get the chains and ropes; Kat you help her. We may need to tow the parts inside, and I want to be ready. Let's move!"

Everyone quickly separated to do their assigned tasks. Virgil raised Two, enabling the others to get the equipment out of the pod. Brandon and Elise soon got their vehicles in place, and ten minutes later, the control cabin was righted. As they moved off to work on the medical cabin, Kat began to check out the motor, with Gordon assisting.

"Van Gogh, if this engine is repairable, I can't do it; I don't have enough training to handle this much damage. But I think I can reroute enough power to activate the electromagnets."

"Do it, then." He looked at Tin-Tin. "Sweet, it's up to you to determine where to place the chains and ropes; you have the expertise. I'll help you take the chains and ropes; we'll go to the medical cabin first. It'll need to be hauled to the control cabin. Then if Kat is successful, we'll reattach them, and move the chains." He tapped his earpiece. "Cousteau, head to the medical cabin. We'll need to haul it to the control cabin."

"F-A-B. On my way."

When they arrived there, the medical cabin had been righted. Virgil called Brandon. "Start clearing a path to the control cabin. Then do another to the pod." Brandon answered in the affirmative and moved the Firefly into position, then lowered the blade and began clearing the way.

Virgil and Elise helped Tin-Tin attach the ropes and chains, and Virgil contacted Gordon about half-way through, telling him to bring the Excavator over to haul the medical cabin to the control cabin

It took an hour, but, with help from a farmer and his two sons, Seven's cabins were finally reattached, and ready to be towed into the pod. Tin-Tin had used some of the chains to connect the two cabins, in case the magnets failed again. Gordon started up the Excavator and slowly

began towing the Thunderbird toward the pod. Once he got it inside, he shut down his vehicle and got out to remove the chains. The others began putting the rest of the equipment into the pod.

A thought occurred to Virgil as he looked at the field and the damage they had caused, and he turned to the farmer, thanking him, then asked if he knew who owned the field they were in. As it turned out, it was the farmer's and Virgil apologized for the damage.

"No apologies needed. This field was left fallow this year. You just saved me some of the plowing up. Now you go on and get your people home. You've done a good job around here, and we appreciate it."

Virgil shook his hand and thanked him again, then hurried to his 'Bird. He lowered it over the pod. Soon pod and 'Bird were one, and he lifted off again. As he started to head out, he had two thoughts. Sure hope Mom recovers and Better make a pass over the farm to check out how things are there. He piloted Two on a heading that would take it over the Tracy farm.

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