A group of exterminators, out on a routine colonizing mission, get captured by an Arxur raiding party. The group is transferred to a remote cattle farm and due to the lousy security they manage to book it into the nearby forest. Out in the frigid wilderness, they struggle to survive on the few edible plants while also having to avoid roving bands of Arxur. Barely scraping by, (If you, the author, feel like it and have the time) they try their best to find a way off the planet, and maybe even free the remaining cattle on the farm.