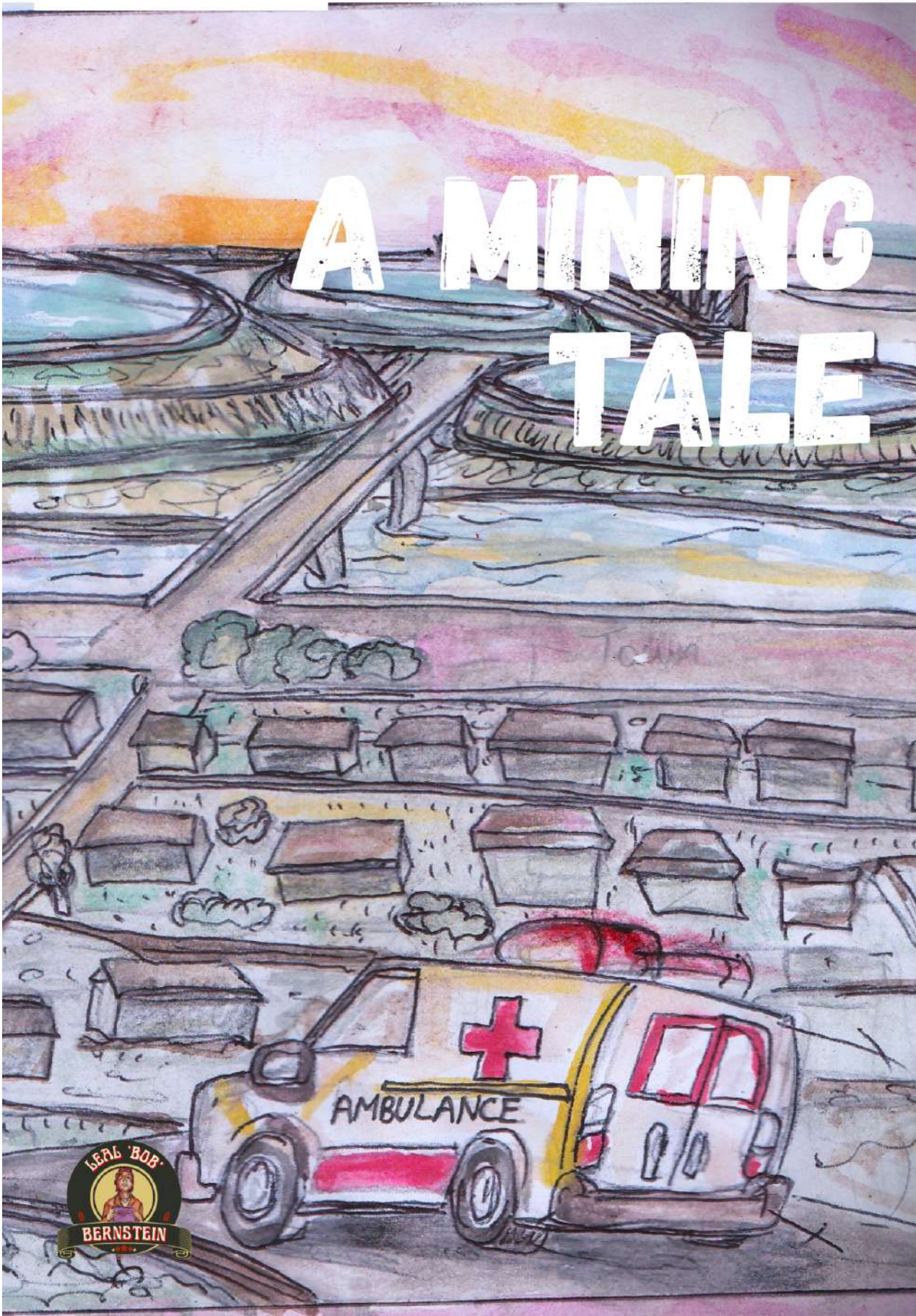




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communities call these yellow mountains

gold mine dumps that have been polluting
the area and poisoning communities



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It is not IF a TAILINGS disaster will take place but WHEN

Mining is a waste producing industry
It leaves dumps, legacy mines.





They are caught between a company that sees time in years and a reality that kills in days



Our homes are too close to the mine dumps... dry waste and wet waste tailings cause asthma, cancers and other ills



We live near wealth so they say we get sick and have low immune system that only leave us sick...

More Importantly the
water contains uranium
and strontium
which are both radioactive



There must be a better way to
live and let live.
mine waste remains the biggest
environmental challenge for the
industry and creates huge amounts
of toxic and non toxic waste that
remain forever.

We must engage government,
Environmental and water
affairs







We must organize ourselves to overcome the asymmetries of knowledge, power and democracy

Global mining produces 13 billion tons of tailing per year.

Mining produces staggering volumes of waste between 90% and 99% of all processed materials ends up discarded rock or tailing



Only a tiny fraction is actually recovered for use

By 2050 tailings and waste rock are expected to reach 2 trillion tons. Yet the tiny fraction that is actually recovered



These tailing dams remain
a permanent scar on the
face of the earth

People are having breathing
problems, some various
kinds of asthmas, others
cancers these so-called
"Mine Dust Lung Diseases"
(MDLD's)

Why are they not
putting up signs?





Source: Federation for a Sustainable Environment. Supplied by: Natasha Griffiths

**TAILINGS ARE
NOT CHILD'S
PLAY**



The authorities are not siding with the poor, that's why we go to the HRC



Company representatives acknowledges the problem exists but they treat it as a long term project

No one knows how many tailing dams there are in the world.

IN South Africa we can monitor them through these rights



give us a decade and we'll fix it.

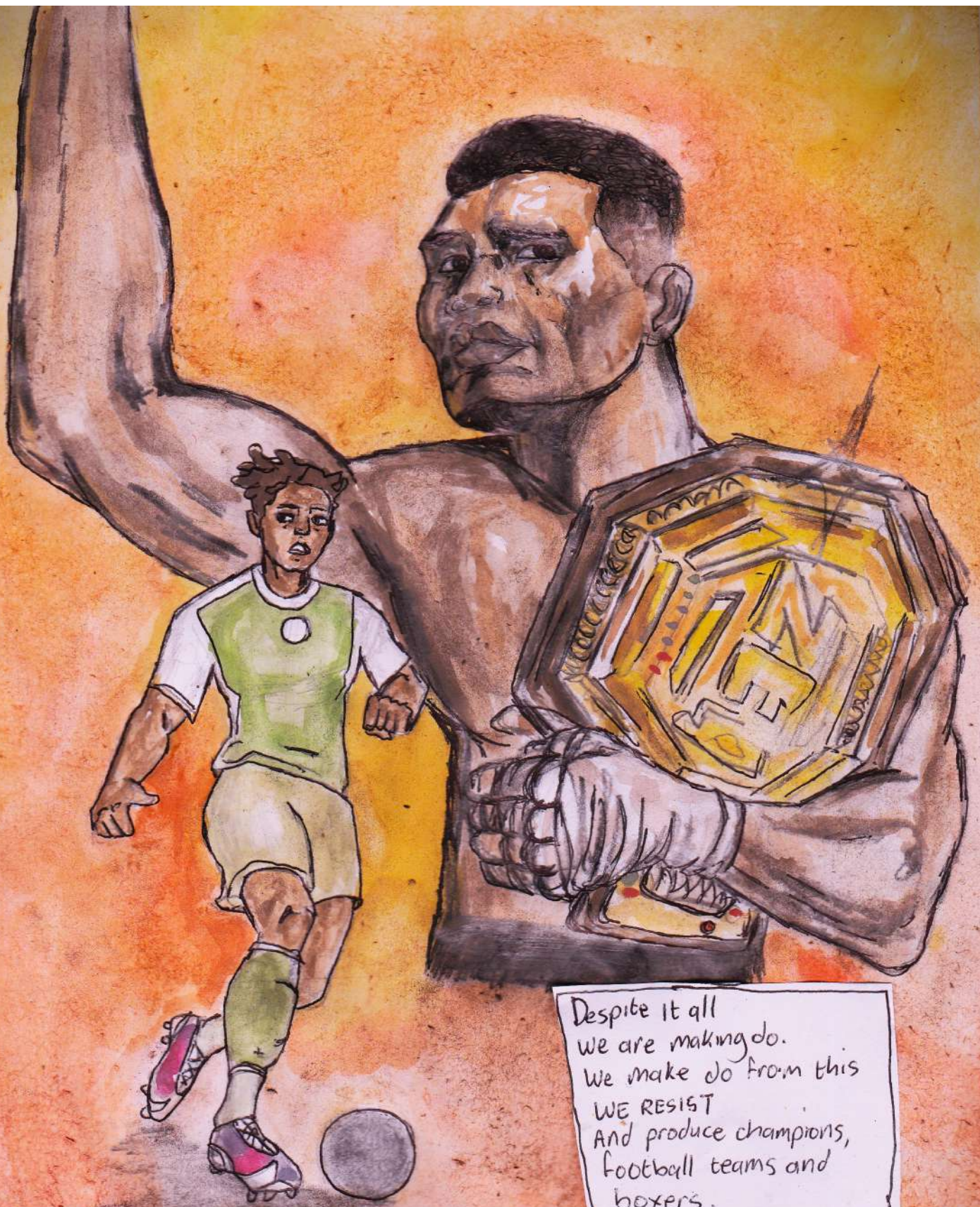


He reassures yet his calmness feels out of step with the suffering of the people

WE ARE LOOSING TWICE WE HAVE LIVED WITH THIS FOR DECADES



People cannot wait any longer...



Despite it all
we are making do.
We make do from this
WE RESIST
And produce champions,
football teams and
boxers.

SAFETY FIRST GUIDELINES

THE BEST TAILINGS DAM IS
THE ONE NOT BUILT!

