

Five Basic Scenarios on South China Sea

(based on James Robertson's book "the Sane Alternative")

China, Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia

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Business as Usual (BU)

To each his own development of the area based on their individual political, development and security agenda.



Disaster (D)

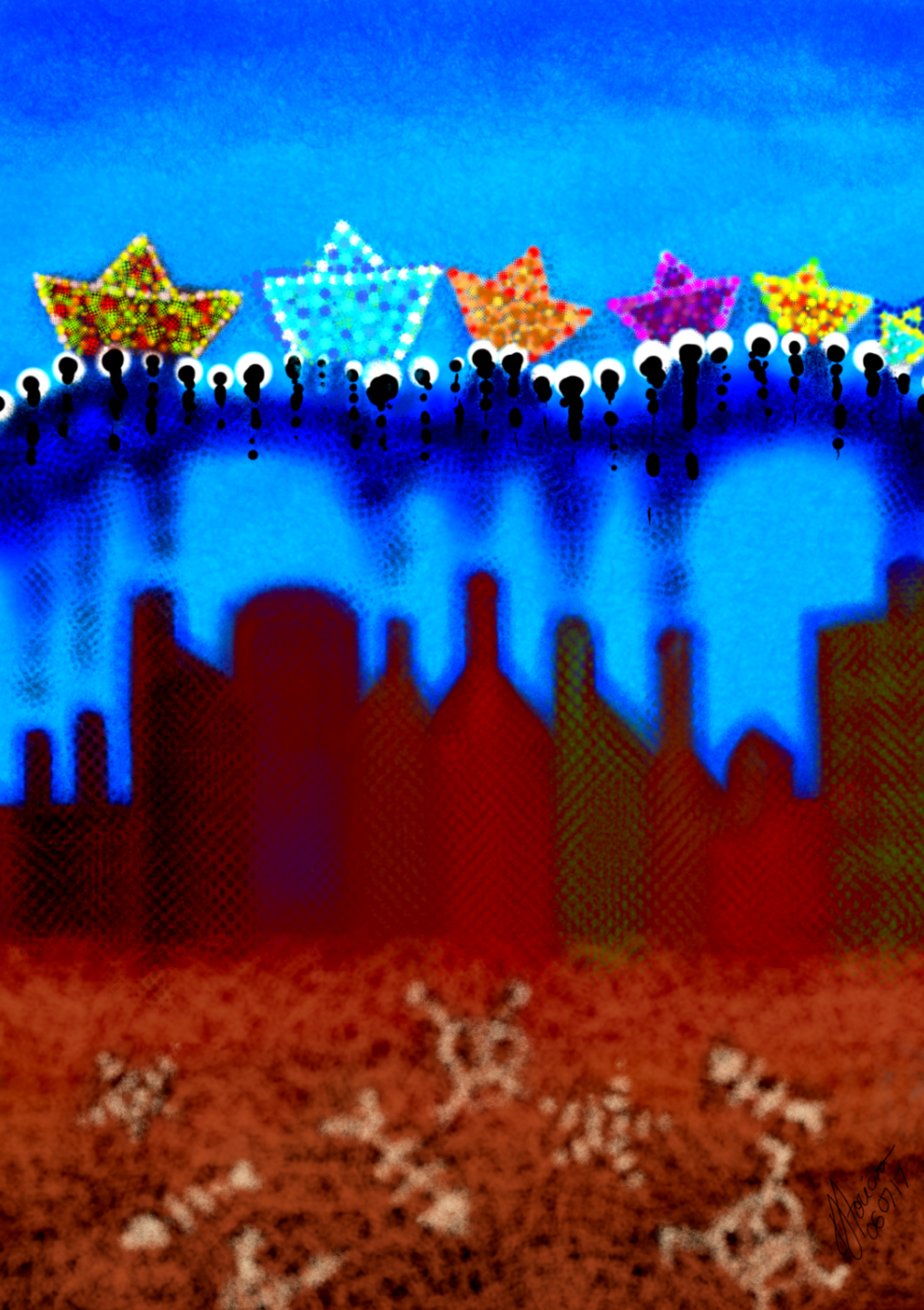
Skirmishes and violent encounters among the countries dominate this scenario. Environmental disaster hits most of the islands due to unwanton surplus extractions.

No collective or international governance and rules of engagements being followed. Chaos dominates the sea.



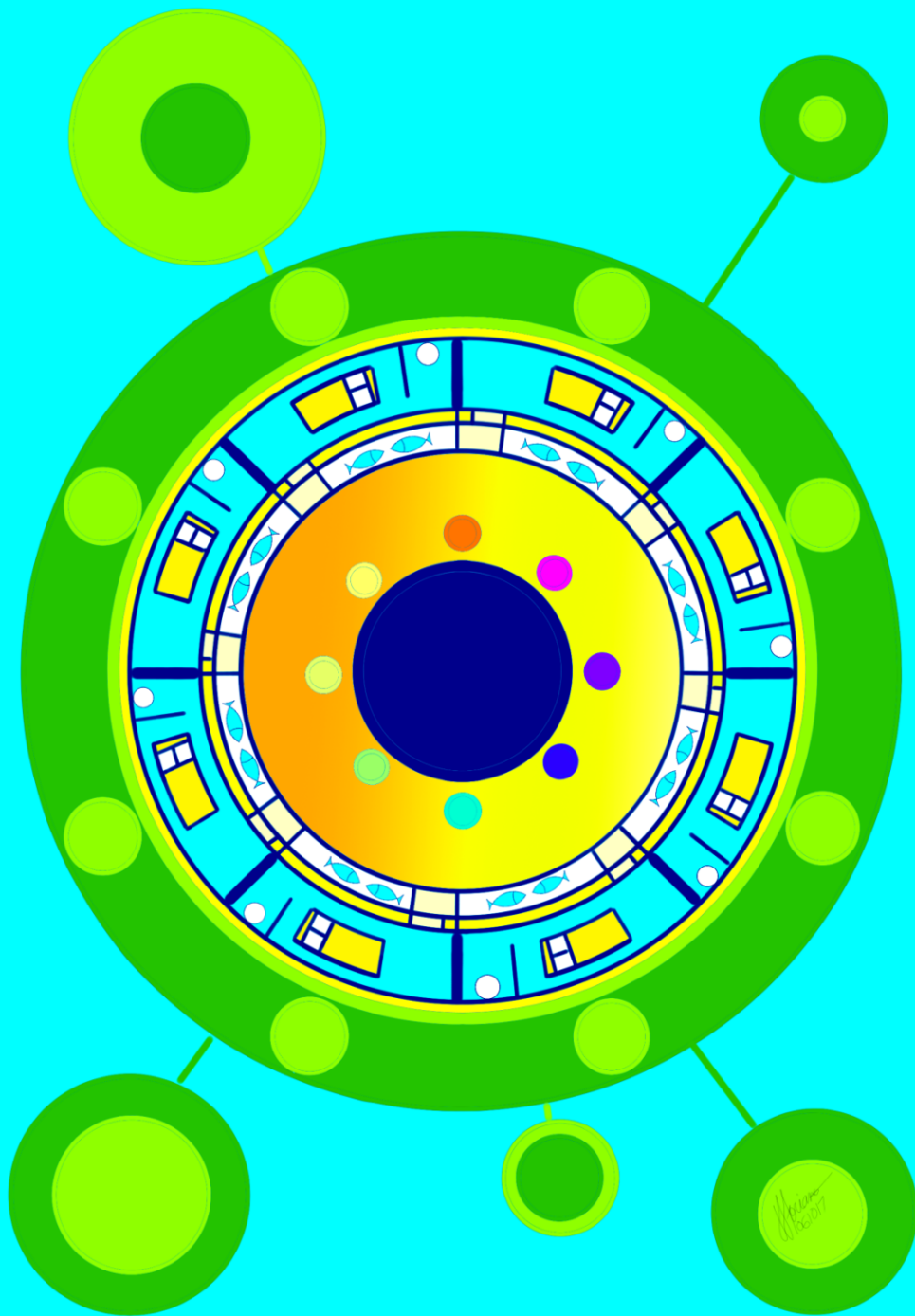
Authoritarian Control (AC)

China rules over in cahoots with their allies on what happens in the sea. All other countries have to abide by the ruling of China. The Association of Southeast Asian countries (ASEAN) bows down to the power of China.



Hyper-Expansion (HE)

China and all countries just develops and expands the areas they control without coordination. Exploration of the sea, minerals under the sea and all other resources in the sea are exploited to the maximum without regards to ecology, human security and sustainable governance.



Sane, Humane, Ecological (SHE)

A condominium treaty based on an equitable formula for sharing the sea has been formulated and all countries satisfied with the agreement. Peaceful co-existence between countries have been established and human net-weaving being practiced. The unifying and uncompromising parameters of the developments and relationships in the area will be the love and respect for the ecology (Ecophilia).



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Other *futures* are
waiting
to be born

By Magritte