

# Mine Shaft Entrance

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m.driussi — 12 Jun 1998, 16:44

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Peter Westlake — 12 Jun 1998, 16:17 · follows m.driussi

At 16:44 1998-06-12 GMT, you wrote:

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Not through that bit! You said:

Such a tower from the roots of the continent, how interesting! Perhaps it can go gaseous to get out quickly through such tiny passageways. Or maybe the mine links up with a vast open pit with a long spiral ramp that the tripod can stump up to the surface. Or maybe it walks through an essentially hollow Urth and finds the Tower Access To Surface Tube nearest to the battle front and appears just in time.

- and I hadn't realized you meant the actual surface entrance when you were talking about tiny passageways. I thought you meant the deep tunnels (roots of the continent etc). I hadn't thought of the tower coming out of the mine, you see; it clearly couldn't, not the way Severian came in, nor would it need to. This is Father Inire's machine, not one of the Ascians' that fights in the battle, and it lives in the mine.

SBear.