

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Vacation to Mars

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“Vacation to Mars” is a crime-thriller set on the first commercial colony on Mars. The story follows a reporter named Benson who travels to a human colony on Mars to investigate the death of his daughter. In order to figure out the truth of her death, he impersonates a detective in order to gain access to the colony and its personnel. Throughout the course of the story, he determines that his daughter was a whistleblower, she was attempting to shed light on the dangers of a new construction for the colony and was killed by a colony detective on the orders of the colony’s director.

This is a modern film noir set in a futuristic sci-fi world. On this Mars colony, there are no shadows, the villains and “heroes” clash against the backdrop of red sand and glass domes. As Benson pursues the McGuffin of the story, he enters the world of film noir where nothing, and nobody, are what they seem at first – including him. Everyone has an agenda and a secret to hide, and this perfect Mars colony is about to come crashing down because of it. What is submitted for this creative project is the first act of the screenplay, introducing all the major characters and the inciting incident of the script.