

“To the Moon”

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‘To the Moon’ is a feature length script inspired by the 2024 Oscar qualified space fantasy short film, ‘Ro & the Stardust’.

In a dystopian future, on a planet called Ecnue, a free spirited teen and her terminally ill grandmother hatch a plan to build a rocket ship they plan to launch to the moon, en route to Earth. When their plan fails, their illegal activity comes to the attention of the planet’s General Commander who vows to restrict travel off Ecnue surface, no matter the cost.

STORY

The film reimagines the 20th-century rivalry between Cold War adversaries: The Soviet Union (USSR) and the United States of America (USA). Following World War II, the two nations focus on the development of missile-based nuclear arms. This fixation spills over into both countries demonstrating technological advantage in the achievement of spaceflights. This race brought ground-breaking launches of satellites, robotic space probes to the Moon, Venus, and Mars, and human spaceflight in low Earth orbit and ultimately to the Moon.

1969, Americans land on the moon.

1977, a planet similar to earth is discovered.

1996, the first colony on Ecnue is founded.

2025, civilians on earth with an aptitude for math and science are offered work on Ecnue.

2035, citizens of Ecnue receive news that a nuclear war has destroyed Earth, they are the only surviving humans and must remain on Ecnue.

Among those left behind is an afro-Caribbean family whose matriarch, Sonia Linares (80), served as an engineer with the Latin American Aeronautics and Space Administration when planet Ecnue was discovered. Now terminally ill, Sonia is determined to see planet Earth one last time. With the help of her granddaughter Aurora “Ro” Linares (16) she builds the rocket ship - the failure of her flight reveals a truth that changes everything. The citizens of Ecnue are not the last surviving humans. Earth is thriving and Ecnue is its power source.

SETTING - WELCOME TO ECNU, 2041

Humans have colonized a planet near similar to earth. This planet, known as Ecnue is a little slice of earth. Exactly 100 miles of earth like conditions; cities, suburbs, farms and a lake that serves as a border from the waste. The rest of the planet 'the waste,' consists of over 2 million surface miles of undeveloped land abandoned after earth was destroyed.

Water, air and dirt is as far as the similarities go. Ecnue does not have animals or insects.

CHARACTERS

Sonia Linares (80), is the matriarch of the family. She's not your average grandmother, Sonia is a former engineer who is determined to build a rocket ship and launch herself to the moon before she dies.

Aurora "Ro" Linares (14), is a brilliant teen on the verge of many things. Her mother doesn't get her and she's discovering herself and her place in the world all while helping her dying grandmother realize her own true calling.

Celeste Linares (40) Celeste is a serious professional. She works as a technician under the General Commander. She supports her family and is a single mom to a very independent and expressive Ro. Celeste's focus is to provide for and keep her loved ones safe.

Fefe Jackson (15) is one of Ro's best friend. She has aspirations to train for an engineering job but her parents are both farmers making her transition almost impossible. Still, she juggles her duties as a grower and lives vicariously through Ro's adventures.

Marcus Sears (15) is Ro's other best friend and neighbor. His parents think Ro is a bad influence and prefer he stay away from her. Both of Marcus parents are soldiers on Ecnue. Marcus hasn't grown into his physique. Slim and short in stature, Marcus is hyper focused on gaining muscle and impressing his parents.

Valerie Simmons (30s) General Commander on Ecnue. Commander Simmons is a no nonsense leader. She was born on Ecnue and has no emotional connection to Earth.

She is not empathetic or friendly. Her aim is to keep Ecnue running efficiently and make sure the last of the humans remain safely on the planet.

Lieutenant Owen Condor (40s) is Commander Simmons' righthand. He is also in love with Celeste.

Captain Jonathan Guzman (40s) is a soldier deployed to Ecnue to investigate the disturbance caused by the failed launched. Captain Guzman's appearance is intentional but also sparks worry within the small military community as they had never seen him and thought they were the only humans left.