

A FEATURE SCREENPLAY

AUREUS

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The greatest gold rush is coming home

Science fiction adventure with humor



A cautious mission leader and a cocky engineer send a robot ship to Uranus, then hitch it to a gold-rich asteroid for the ride home as sabotage turns their treasure run into a fight to save Earth.

THE STORY

In 2108, gold is so scarce that factories stall and medical implants wait while fortunes sit in private vaults. Dr. Lena Ortiz's diamond-mining mission to Uranus faces cancellation until brilliant, cocky engineer Theo Mercer finds a ride home: Aureus, a passing asteroid packed with gold.

Golden Retriever launches without a human crew, carrying seven maintenance androids called FLEAs. At Uranus, violent storms turn diamond collection into a survival test. Then comes the real trick: catch a moving mountain, land on it, and steer it back toward Earth.

The mission's enemies have other plans. Theo's wealthy uncle stands to lose an empire, and Lena's former mentor has turned caution into a crusade. Sabotage cripples steering, destroys a FLEA, and forces Lena to expose her own mistake, even if it costs her command.

After a three-and-a-half-year return, a final attack blinds the homecoming. With the world watching, Lena's team must trust Lucky, a scarred FLEA with six working hands, to read the stars and finish the most audacious delivery in history.

COMPS

The Martian Inventive problem-solving and wit under impossible odds.

Apollo 13 An ensemble racing to bring a mission home.

WALL-E A resourceful robot with an irresistible emotional pull.

Big science, sharp banter, and a little FLEA worth cheering for.

Seeking producing and directing partners

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