

Screenwriting Extract ~ Fantasy Feature

"The Rim of Infinity"

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Synopsis:

A young girl travels to the edge of a fantastical world in search of her only friend; her home-made robot.

Scene extract:

INT. HANGAR

DAY

BLACK

SFX: HEAVY DOORS ROLLING OPEN

Double doors roll open to reveal a hangar where fantastical TRANSPORT MACHINES are being tended to by TOILERBOTS - dwarf-sized robots with mechanical expertise.

CRYSTAL, a young girl dressed in overalls and a T-shirt, enters the hangar following SPAN, a gleaming, gangly robot. Span leads Crystal to a spectacular and enormous machine, the RIMMODULATOR. Underneath the body of the Rimmodulator, the Toilerbots service the engine and polish the trimmings.

SPAN

The Rimmodulator is encased in a germ-impermeable hull, generated by a twelve-gurgle molecular shift, with 3,497 cablefurgs of flexinol wiring throughout.

Span walks up the ramp. Crystal surveys the undercarriage.

CRYSTAL

What's to say it won't break down? It's attached to the Everythingconfobulator, isn't it?

SPAN

The Rimmodulator travels at the speed of 87 blurple-purps per digibit. You have plenty of time.

CRYSTAL

Of course...

Span enters the Rimmodulator. Crystal follows.

RIMMODULATOR (V.O.)

Welcome to the Rimmodulator, Eidolon's fastest flip-chip fibre

liquid transport machine.

INT. RIMMODULATOR/ INT. HANGAR

MOMENTS LATER

Span sits in the cockpit. Crystal enters.

SPAN

Harmonic motion distributor.

Peripheral sightspans. Transonic receiver. Axial inclination rider.

Axial inclination over-rider. Steering wheel.

Span shifts a lever. The Rimmodulator starts.

CRYSTAL

Cool!

Span gives up his seat.

SPAN

You will have to adjust the mirrors.

Crystal sits in the driver's seat.

CRYSTAL

Is this the accelerator?

The Rimmodulator suddenly TAKES OFF. Span is thrown off balance.

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

WHOA!

The Rimmodulator careers towards a bank of machines. Janitorbots scurry out of the way. Crystal swerves to avoid a crash. The Rimmodulator drives around in crazy circles.

RIMMODULATOR (V.O.)

Please adjust speed monitor exchange immediately... Please adjust speed monitor exchange immediately...

SPAN

You are violating vehicle management practice. Stop it!

CRYSTAL

How?!

SPAN

The brakes!

CRYSTAL

Where?

RIMMODULATOR (V.O.)

The interferometric brake module is located-

Span pulls a lever marked "BRAKE". The Rimmodulator comes to a dramatic halt.

RIMMODULATOR (cont'd) (V.O.)

- directly below the speed monitor exchange.

SPAN

That was irrevocably irresponsible! You endangered our existence, you disabled a Toilerbot, and you scratched the germ-impermeable hull!

CRYSTAL

Heh! It's my first go. I can't get it perfect first time!

SPAN

Why not?

CRYSTAL

Because it was just a practice.

SPAN

Practise is error. Practise is imperfection. There is no imperfection in Eidolon, and you are imperfect.

CRYSTAL

Oh really? Is that what you think? Well then, why don't you drive off into unknown dangers and save the world? I'll just stay here and wait for that perfect machine to break down.

Span begins to RATTLE. He looks down and sees that he is losing his NUTS and BOLTS.

SPAN

(picking up his parts)

Epoch will fix it. Epoch will fix everything.

CRYSTAL

Yes - with my help.

SPAN

Your help? Your help is questionable. You are only going to the

rim to find your... friend.

CRYSTAL

That's right.

SPAN

I shall be recommending to Epoch that your help be terminized.
Span backs out the cockpit; he BANGS his head on the doorway.

SPAN (cont'd)

Poxy pox.

He hurries down the ramp. The ramp retracts.

RIMMODULATOR (V.O.)

Standby for safety belt connection.

An automatic safety belt secures Crystal.

RIMMODULATOR (cont'd) (V.O.)

Cross-checking liquid-fuel components.

INTERCUT - INT. RIMMODULATOR/EXT. DESERT - CONTINUOUS

The hangar doors slowly open to reveal the DESERT.

RIMMODULATOR (cont'd) (V.O.)

Components checked. Ready for take-off.

Crystal steps on the pedal. The Rimmodulator shoots out the hangar onto the pale hot sand. Crystal grips the steering wheel in exhilaration, as the Rimmodulator flies across the sand.