

Tides

A Science Fiction Audio Drama

Tides is a science-forward science fiction audio drama created by Jesse Schuschu and Ayla Taylor. Tides was originally conceived as a short story, back when Jesse and Ayla were in college at the University of Pennsylvania. It languished unpublished for several years, until Ayla saw its potential as an audio drama. It has undergone a lot of changes since that initial incarnation and they are now happy to share it with the world.

The Story:

Dr. Winifred Eurus is member of the first manned expedition to Fons, an Earth-like moon wracked by extreme tidal waves due to its orbit around a nearby gas giant. When surveying the oceans her submarine is destroyed, leaving her alone to walk to higher ground before the wave comes back. Along the way, she makes notes about what she finds in the intertidal zone, and gradually realizes that some of the life there is more than what it seems.

The World:

Fons is a moon orbiting the gas giant Volturnus, in a solar system far from Earth. Smaller than our planet and beset by magnetic storms and vicious tidal forces caused by proximity to its larger neighbor, nevertheless it is home to the only extraterrestrial life more complex than bacteria that humanity has yet found. The story takes place on the wide plain separating ocean and dry land, where twice a day - though the days are much longer - enormous waves sweep through the landscape and obliterate everything not evolved to survive these conditions.

The Characters:

Dr. Winifred "Fred" Eurus: A curious and excitable xenobiologist, Fred is often more concerned with exploring the world around her than her own survival. What she lacks in social skills, she makes up for in scientific interest.

While most of the story revolves around Dr. Eurus alone on the planet, there are several other important characters on the Stribog, the ship orbiting Fons. Dr. Victor Stevens is Fred's assistant, who often takes the brunt of her misanthropy. Dr. Robert Montague and Dr. Melissa Wang are some of the other scientists on the mission while Captain Ed Ricketts is the perpetually exasperated captain of the ship.

The Cast:

Julia Schifini as Dr. Winifred Eurus
James Oliva as Dr. Robert Montague

Jordan Higgs as Dr. Victor Stevens
Emily Wang as Dr. Melissa Wang
Zach Libresco as Captain Ricketts

The Crew:

Jesse Schuschu: Writer and Co-Director
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"This podcast fills all the boxes in my ideal narrative podcast. A fascinating setting, a great main character, and a team that legitimately cares about it. I can't wait to hear more!

- Caleb Grider, iTunes

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- Elena Fernández-Collins, [The Bello Collective](#)

“In its first 2 episodes, Tides cements itself as one of the great new sci-fi audio dramas. The humor is on point, the setting is lush, and the voice acting and sound production are on point. Dive in as soon as you can!”

- bassbonebyfbo, iTunes

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- inkphemeral, iTunes

“It's easy to tell that Jesse Schuschu's a scientist. Dr. Fred Eurus is an instantly endearing (if prickly) guide to an alien planet. This show is well-written, fascinating, and a whole lot of fun. The banter is great, the worldbuilding is pristine, and the concept is excellent. Can't wait for the next episode.”

- ChemicallyWrit, iTunes