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SPACE ADVENTURE WITH A 'DOWN HOME' TWIST

Seattle, WA, March 10—Local Seattle author and former teacher Raven Oak of Magnolia, will debut a new science fiction novella *Class-M Exile*, on June 15, 2015 by Grey Sun Press. The novel will be available in both trade paperback (ISBN 978-0-9908157-4-7) and eBook formats (ISBN 978-0-9908157-5-4) at major and independent booksellers with the suggested retail pricing of \$5.99 (paperback) and \$1.99 (eBook).

Bay-zar. Class-M planet in the middle of no-where. Dust, dust, and more dust. Unless ya circled 'round to the more habitable region, you'd be stuck without a ship to anywhere. Round the corner though, you could find everything from ship parts and dried food packs, to roast dog and the rare bi-cycle. Hell, you could even buy yerself a gen-u-ine religion if you were so inclined.

The ultimate tourist trap. And here I'd taken the bait.

When Eerl stepped off The Marzipan, he was one of a billion tourists on Bay-zar. He expected to shop for rare artifacts from war-ravaged Earth and maybe study at the grand library, but not even his background in Human Studies from the University of Tersia could prepare him for what came next:

A military beefcake with a grudge, a wartime conspiracy, a stolen ship, a galaxy full of prejudice, and at the center of it all, a young human named Mel in search of the truth.

Her search for her past and his quest for knowledge take them across the stars as they uncover the darkness and fear in us all.

“The plot for *Class-M Exile* came to me during a writing workshop. I remembered when a new student arrived at our small-town school in Texas. She was an enigma, and the complete antithesis of ‘Texan,’ so I had to befriend her. I was ostracized for sticking up for the ‘weirdo,’ but it was worth it. Like Eerl, I’ve always cheered for the underdog.”

Oak is a member of the Magnolia Chapter One writers’ group, the Northwest Science Fiction Society, Cascade Writers, and the Pacific Northwest Writers’ Association. In addition to writing, she is a “geeky gamer” and frequent patron of local gaming stores where she enjoys tabletop and card games.

Her debut novel, *Amaskan’s Blood*, is an Amazon bestselling fantasy novel (released January 2015), with consistent 4 and 5 star reviews. Of *Class-M Exile*, Andy Whitaker of SF Crowsnest says, “There’s a nice twist to the end of this story...I enjoyed ‘Class-M Exile’. not only for the main story and plot twists, but for the implied depth to the back story. It’s well worth reading.” Janine A. Southard, author of the award winning *Queen & Hive* series says, “Oak combines a multi-species future with a contemporary ‘down home’ flavor to create a gripping work of heartbreak and racial tension.”

To request a review copy of *Class-M Exile*, schedule Raven Oak for an interview, or more information, please contact Grey Sun Press at info@greysunpress.com.