

The Outsider

Synopsis: 75 years in the future, the Earth is a burning cinder, destroyed by the apocalypse. All that is left of humanity is a majestic floating city, in orbit, called Island in the Sky. The culture on the city is obsessed with entertainment options in the city, called zones, where its citizens can recreate experiences on the former earth. These zones are Las Vegas like recreations of New York City, Rio, Bohemian Grove, and the Serengeti. Citizens can go there and experience locals who are not actors, but have been mind-programmed to believe they are really in New York, etc., always with a high degree of danger or sexual titillation.

Island citizens are also into sports, and the biggest sport is Island Football, which looks like Australian rules football – players wear soccer type outfits, and dribble and kick a rugby-like football. The Michael Jordan of Island football is DOMINGO ST. CROIX, 40, a black man of Caribbean descent. Island citizens are stunned when Domingo “volunteers” for “exploratory”, and is sent off in a pod to explore for a new world for the Island to land on, and its citizens to inhabit.

However, it is revealed that Domingo is drugged, and is being removed from the Island by the powers that be (chiefly a secret sorceress, TERCITA DIAZ) for becoming too Godlike. A plan to detonate Domingo’s pod malfunctions, with Domingo crashing to Earth, near what was once Taos, New Mexico. Domingo is stunned to find that Earth, far from being an uninhabitable cinder, is a thing of beauty, recovering from the apocalypse, and harboring a relatively primitive nascent society, headed by ALANA and the “Strong Women.” They are conflicted between following a spiritual lifestyle vs. restoring technology.

Domingo is taken under the wing of SANTUSH, an older black man who mentors Domingo on the ways of his people, and larger spiritual truths. Domingo undergoes training and comes to understand his mission is to return to the Island, to tell the people there the truth (that the Earth is alive), and bring the Island back to Earth.

Domingo revels in the beauty of the New Mexico landscape, and gets his opportunity to return to the Island when an Elite Reconnaissance Corps craft lands nearby on a mission. The ERC, a secret Island military agency, knows the Earth is alive, and have come to abduct young women to take back to the Island. This is because women living on the Island have become infertile, so only “hosts” brought from Earth can be used for conception, to keep the Island population viable.

Several women are trapped and captured by ERC forces, including Santush’s mixed race lesbian daughter, CALABRIA, 24. Domingo manages to stow away in the ERC vessel and makes it back to the Island. There, he reveals himself, which is a PR nightmare for the Island power structure. They try to co-opt him into playing along with their ruse. He pretends to do so.

Ultimately, the truth is revealed, and Domingo brings the Island back to Earth, where the Island people emerge to join the new world, while Terecita is destroyed.