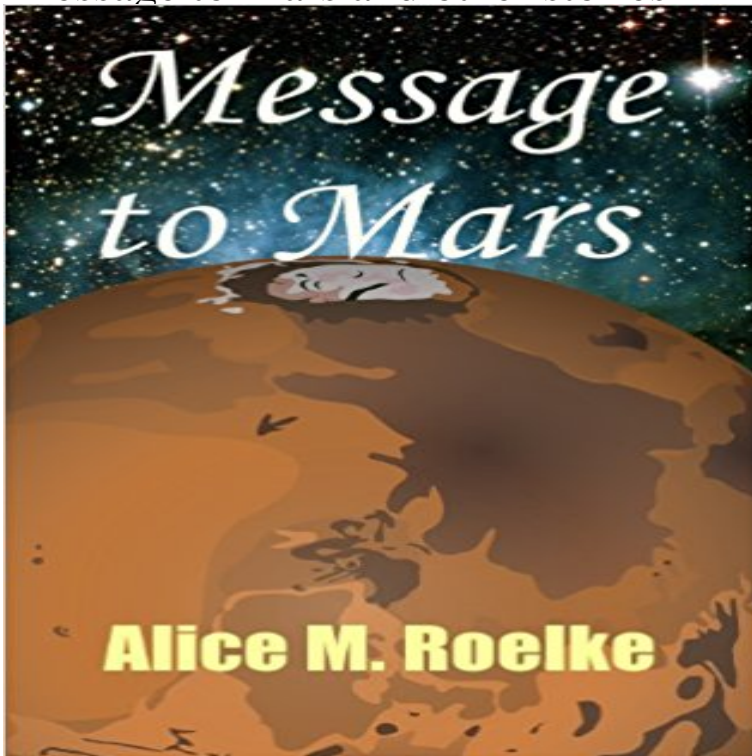


## Message to Mars and other stories



Four science fiction stories about Mars by Alice M. Roelke. Stories previously appeared in Ray Gun Revival. Message to Mars: Bill will deliver the message to Mars, no matter what it costs him. Jackson Bluffs: Jackson's ship might be occupied, but that doesn't make him helpless. Sky Voices: Vale remembered how she'd wished for the stars. It seemed ironic, now.

Evergreen and Always: Someone wants Bill to deliver a Christmas tree... to Mars.

Excerpt: Message to Mars: Bill Salle walked through lashing rain up the path to the mansion's door. A fierce storm had pounded the Eastern Coast of North America for days, but neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet could keep the messenger from his clients. The door opened on his second knock. Senator Cleary stood there himself. He held a drink, looked like he hadn't slept in days. The messenger took one look at his eyes, and stepped inside.

You needed a message delivered. The senator nodded, raising his eyes. As quickly as possible. To Senator Salinger on Mars. He deserves. He gulped. I owe a message. It can't go through normal channels. Bill jerked his head. It could be construed as treason. If the message says what I think it says. Could it? Well, a lot of things could be, these days. He turned back to the empty room, the roaring fire. Don't get caught. It means war, doesn't it? Bill twitched his hands from his pockets to pluck the reinforced stainless steel cylinder from a side table. You're warning him the negotiations have failed. The senator didn't turn. I'd offer you a drink, but I know. I've got to hurry. Bill stepped back outside, one, two, feet splashing out into puddles. He turned his collar up tighter against the cold rain, but he wore no hat. The rain running down his cheeks felt peculiarly and appropriately like tears, like the rain was expressing something he couldn't. He glanced at the sky, as though expecting to see the moon, then kept

walking. In space, night folded around him in his little shell-like ship. It was silent, comforting as a velvet quilt pricked with diamond stars. Bill set the autopilot for his little silent streaming ship, then walked to fetch a towel and dry his hair. He stood in the middle of the tiny control bridge, and looked back at the cylinder, gleaming like a skull next to his controls.

He carried it with him to his bunk, and tucked in for a few hours. Beeping alarms. He awoke, grabbed the now-warm cylinder and ran. A large shipseveral large shipsfilled his electronic view, piercing the tranquility of space. Words blared through his speakers. Turn back. Turn back. You have no authorization. He grimaced, cranked the volume down. He sat down and typed out a query. May I pass? Messenger Service. Delivery for Mars. He waited for a reply, tapping his fingers on the dash. Billthat you? A human voice cut into the litany. Hey, Archer. Yep, its me. In spite of the circumstances, he leaned forward and grinned, a cocky grin. Can I pass if I beat you at a hand of poker? The cylinder rolled forward in his lap, and he sobered. Hell, Bill, its been forever. The voice telegraphed regret. Bills eyes hardened. He tightened his grip on the controls. Archer said, But you know I cant do Shoot me down, then. Bill accelerated. He angled wildly, threaded his ship between the cruisers at attack velocity, straight for the empty space and the planet beyond. Archer hesitated an instant too long, and Bills ship was no longer pinned, could no longer be dissected between the ships and skewered. They arced out at him, missiles and giant space bullets, those tiny rockets, burning like the sun on their deadly trajectories. His nimble ship avoided them as easily as playing hopscotch. Fighters emptied from the bowels of ships. Stop it, Bill. Come on, surrender! Archer yelled. I dont want to shoot you down! Hell, yo

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