

THE EXPANSE

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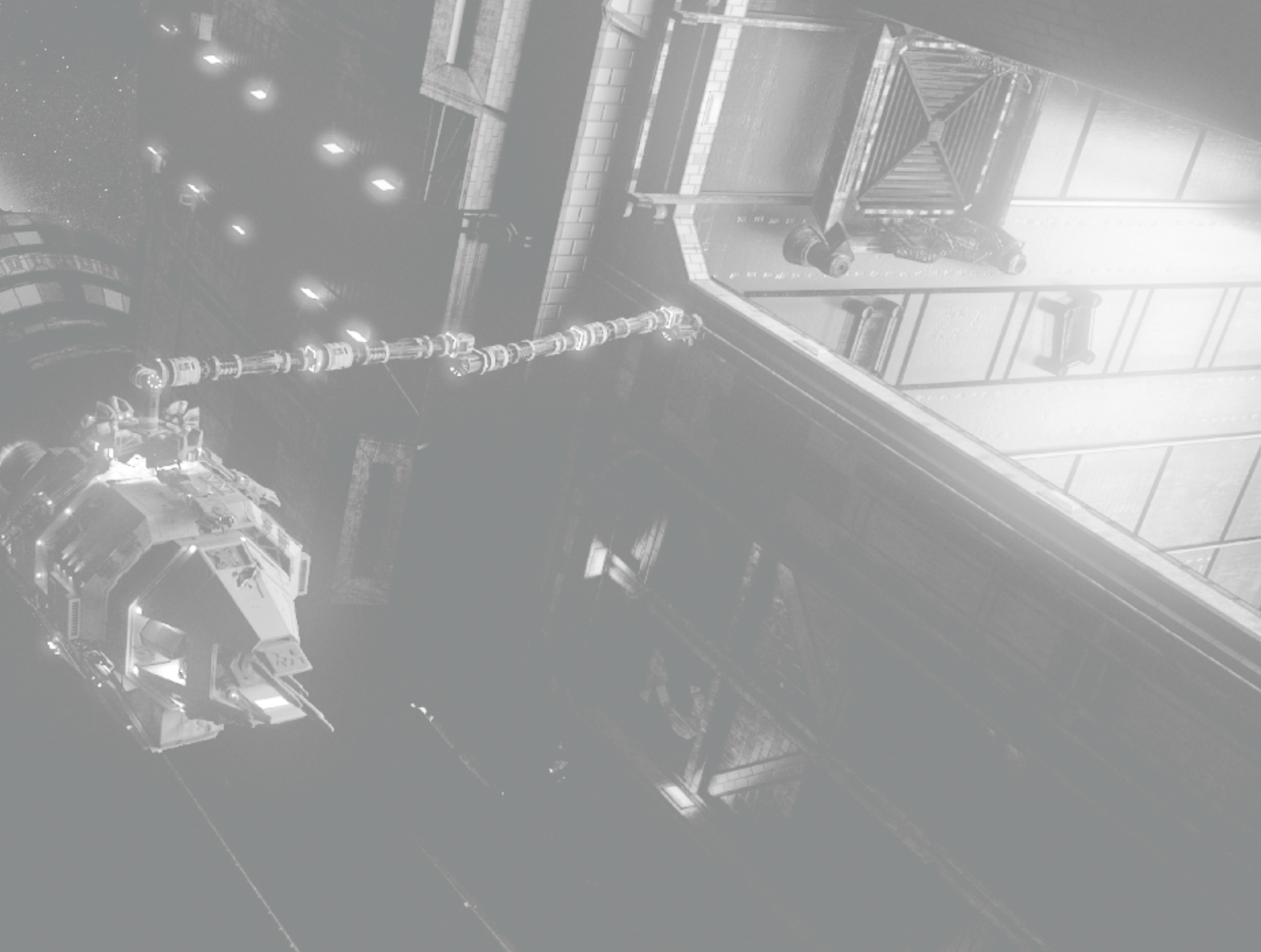
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WE'VE GONE TOO FAR

Two hundred years from now, mankind has colonized the solar system, taking the best and worst of humanity into space. For humans living on Earth and Mars (the superpowers of the solar system) as well as Belters (people born in the asteroid belt colonies), life remains a struggle for power and resources. Corporate greed, racism, and terrorism are as common to our descendants as they were in the twenty-first century.

We also haven't lost our habit of making war. As **The Expanse** begins, long-simmering tension between Earth and Mars approaches a boiling point. Meanwhile, the Outer Planets Alliance, who some call a terrorist organization, inspire the Belters against the privileged people who exploit their dangerous labor.

Yet, even with mankind on the brink of interplanetary civil war, a greater threat looms. When a hardened detective and a rogue ship's captain join in the search for a missing girl, they uncover a conspiracy that threatens human civilization. Together, with a relentless United Nations leader, they must save humanity from a fate we never saw coming.



AN UNLIKELY HERO

Jim Holden (Steven Strait, *Magic City*) would never call himself a hero. In fact, some aboard the ice freighter *Canterbury*—like resourceful engineer Naomi Nagata (Dominique Tipper)—secretly say their executive officer is shiftless and lazy. While Holden, Nagata, and other shipmates investigate a mysterious distress signal, a vessel that appears to be from Mars destroys the *Canterbury*. The tragedy compels Holden to pursue justice for his lost crew. With a common purpose, the survivors of the *Canterbury* unite behind their new captain. And Holden becomes more than a hero to Nagata—in fact, she'd follow him to the furthest reaches of space.



Holden unknowingly leads his ragtag shipmates into a brewing war between Earth, Mars, and the asteroid belt. And, in responding to the fateful distress call, Holden also stumbles upon a strange, powerful substance that could be mankind's salvation—or a weapon to destroy human civilization.





CREW

Manning an ice hauler is the perfect job for restless souls. Belter Naomi Nagata can tell you anything about the *Canterbury*, but she'll never discuss her past. Alex Kamal (Cas Anvar) is a Navy pilot from Mars who only feels at home aboard a ship. Beneath his good-ol'-boy attitude is a keen mind that more than once saved his shipmates from danger. Born on Earth, Amos Burton (Wes Chatham) is Nagata's right-hand man. His calm demeanor hides a survivor's fierce determination—he's not the kind of man you want to cross.





IT'S A DANGEROUS JOB, BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO DO IT.



For billions, survival depends on ice that Belters strip-mine from asteroids. This ice is a crucial source of water, oxygen and fuel for humans throughout the system—and it's essential for the Martian terraforming project. Hauling ice is a way of life for roughnecks like Jim Holden and the crew of the *Canterbury*.





AN UNEXPECTED SECOND CHANCE

Being a second-class citizen is the least of Josephus Miller's problems. Yes, he's a Belter, and Miller (Thomas Jane, *Hung*) knows that men from Earth and Mars see him as an expendable, low-class laborer, even though he's actually a damn good cop. But being a detective on the outskirts of civilization takes its toll. Miller's seen the worst of mankind. That's why most of his nights end at the bottom of a bottle.





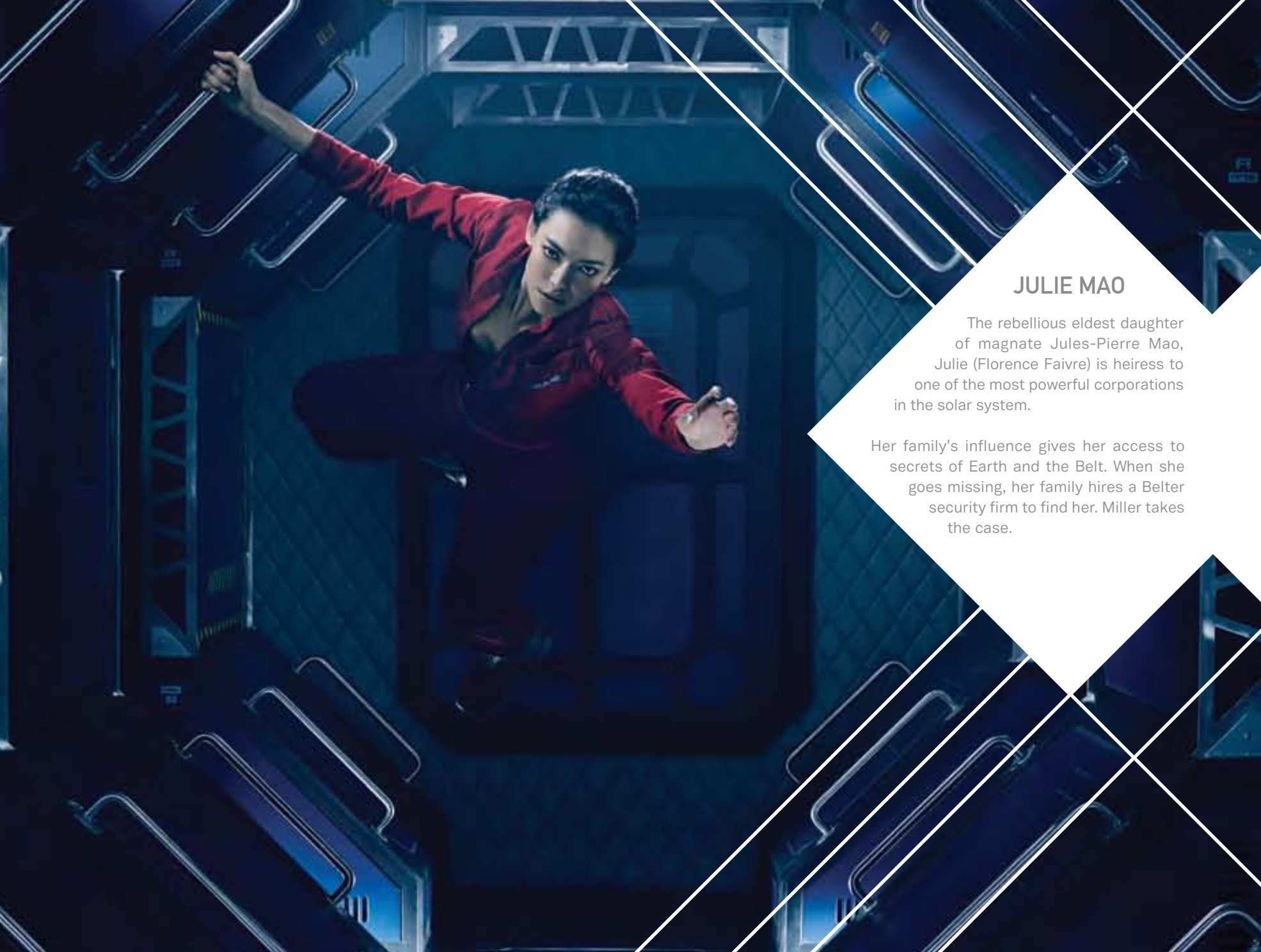
When Miller is named to a high-profile assignment, he doesn't know he's been given a case that he's expected to botch. But Miller's eager to repair his reputation. To do so means finding rich-kid-turned-revolutionary Julie Mao before she embarrasses her wealthy father. Miller's determination to find the missing heiress becomes an obsession. The more he learns about Mao, the more he admires her, and the further he'll go to bring her home.



CERES

Located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, Ceres Station is the Belt's main port city and a frequent stop for visiting Earthers and Martians. Most of the Belt's wealth flows through the city's docks, but not much of it sticks around. Ceres is a hotbed of political unrest. Technically controlled by Earth, a revolutionary group called the Outer Planets Alliance has been building its influence over the station.





JULIE MAO

The rebellious eldest daughter of magnate Jules-Pierre Mao, Julie (Florence Faivre) is heiress to one of the most powerful corporations in the solar system.

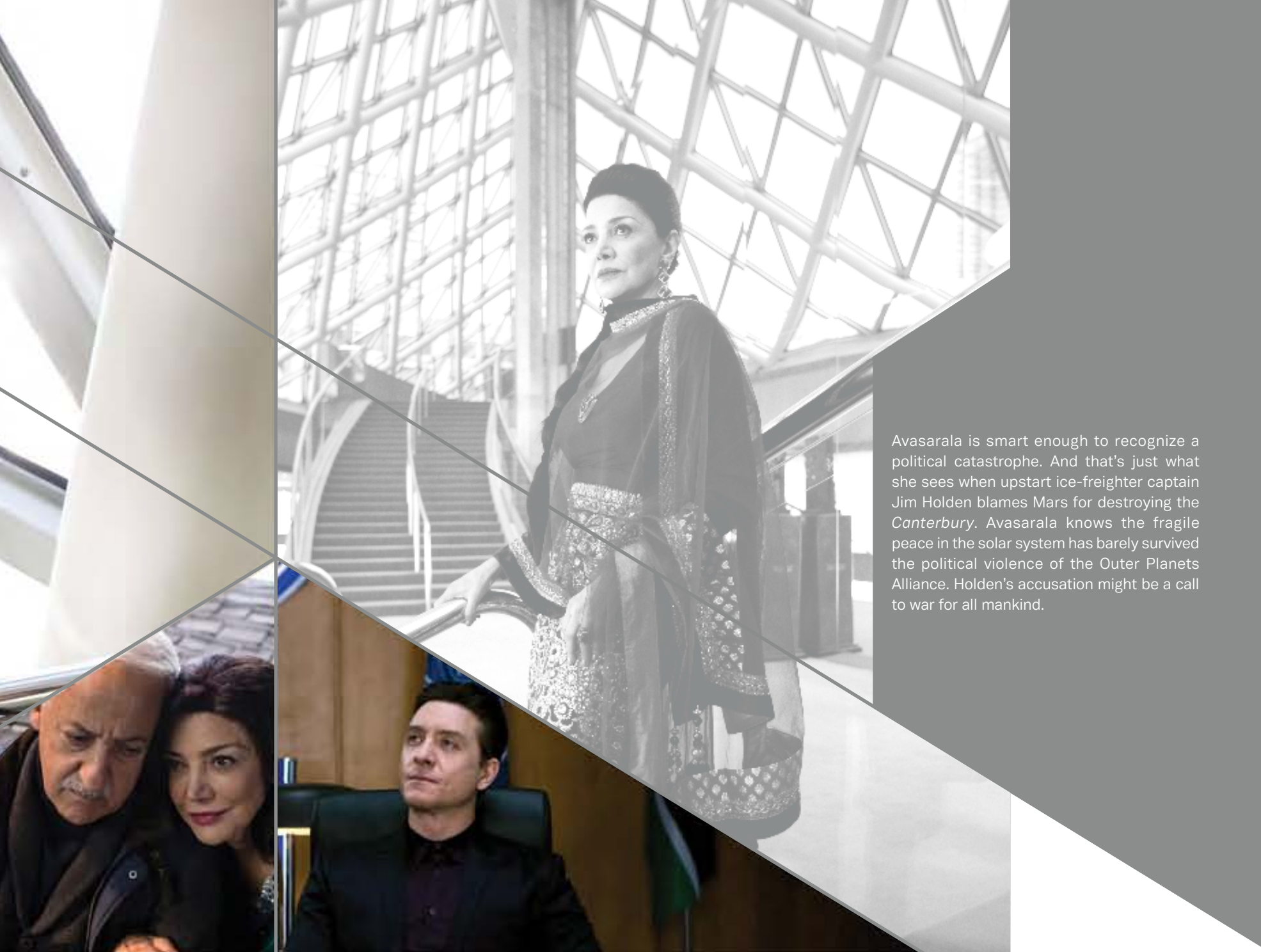
Her family's influence gives her access to secrets of Earth and the Belt. When she goes missing, her family hires a Belter security firm to find her. Miller takes the case.



MARCHING THE HALLS OF POWER

In politics, who you know means everything. And Chrisjen Avasarala (Shohreh Aghdashloo, 24, *House of Sand and Fog*) knows everybody. Born into a political dynasty, Avasarala learned early on how to garner power and influence. She knows when to give favors, and she knows when to use her notoriously foul mouth to intimidate her opposition. By any means necessary, she'll advance Earth's interests and protect her position as Deputy Undersecretary of the United Nations—even if that means ignoring human rights to pry secrets from a captured dissident.





Avasarala is smart enough to recognize a political catastrophe. And that's just what she sees when upstart ice-freighter captain Jim Holden blames Mars for destroying the *Canterbury*. Avasarala knows the fragile peace in the solar system has barely survived the political violence of the Outer Planets Alliance. Holden's accusation might be a call to war for all mankind.



EARTH

The cradle of humanity, Earth is still the only place in the universe that a person can walk outside without a space suit. The planet relies on resources from the Belt, like a colonial power. Governed by the United Nations, Earth is overcrowded, with far more citizens than jobs, leaving billions living on basic assistance. Those who live here are called Earthers.





MARS

The people of Mars are defined by their mission to transform the surface of the planet into a livable environment. Yet for now, Martians, as the population is called, live in domed and underground cities while undertaking their still-unfinished generations-long terraforming project. Mars is a mecca for scientists and engineers, so its technology is tops in the solar system. After more than a century of colonial rule, Earth officially recognized the Martian Congressional Republic, but tensions have driven the rival states into an ongoing cold war.







WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN KILL YOU

In their search for Julie Mao, Miller and Holden discover more questions than answers. How is the missing heiress linked to both the Outer Planets Alliance and a powerful Earth corporation? How did Mao come across the mysterious substance aboard the ship whose distress signal lured the *Canterbury*? Can Avasarala advance her political power by uncovering corruption at the United Nations? None of them know they've stumbled into a conspiracy that could make them unwitting heroes—or bring the end of human civilization.

