

FROM THE EDITORS:

Justin T. O’Conor Sloane, Editor-in-Chief	2
Jean-Paul L. Garnier, Deputy Editor-in-Chief	6

ART:

<i>Tau Zero</i> , Bob Eggleton	Front cover
<i>Aqua</i> , Rodney Matthews	5
<i>To Steal a Battleship</i> , Rodney Matthews	9
<i>The Duke to the Rescue</i> , Rodney Matthews	11
<i>Genesis Project</i> , Andrew Stewart	19
<i>Astronauta</i> , Paulo Sayeg	20
<i>The Spirits of Route 66, No. 27</i> , Dave Vescio	21
<i>'80s SF</i> , Richard Grieco	25
<i>Abdução</i> , Paulo Sayeg	26
<i>Omulu do Brasil</i> , Paulo Sayeg	28
<i>OVNIs-UFOs</i> , Paulo Sayeg	38
“The Migraine Monochromes” collection & introduction, Bruce Pennington	53
<i>Capricorn</i> , Nigel Suckling	75
<i>Outlands</i> , Andrew Stewart	Back cover

LITERATURE:

“Our Place on the Map of the Universe,” Dr. Daniel Pomarède	9
“The Pain Peddlers,” Robert Silverberg	13
“Concentrate 3,” Michael Butterworth	20
“Premium Resurrection Pack – \$99,” Renan Bernardo	21
“Like Peanut Butter and Jelly: Sports and Science Fiction,” Kwame Cavil	24
“Contact,” Akua Lezli Hope	26
“The Horn,” Zdravka Evtimova	27
“I Hope I Call You Back,” Tara Campbell	33
“Ship in a Bottle, Anchored,” Ai Jiang	36
“Time Junkies,” Pedro Iniguez	36
“Chrysalis,” David Brin	37
“Soulless,” “Simulant,” “Celestial Sound and Light Show,” “The Worm,” A J Dalton	51
“With a Biochecker, You’ll Never Be Ill Again,” A J Dalton	61
“The Gnrut Test,” Charles Platt	71

BOOK FEATURE: courtesy of Leslie Kean (*Leslie Kean photo by Tatiana Daubek*)
UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record, Leslie Kean 31

Editor-in-Chief Justin T. O’Conor Sloane
Deputy Editor-in-Chief Jean-Paul L. Garnier
Science Editor Dr. Daniel Pomarède

Contributing Editor Robert Silverberg
Design & Layout by F. J. Bergmann
<https://worldsofifmagazine.com/>

Worlds of IF (ISSN 2995-3952 for webzine, ebook, and PDF formats and ISSN 2996-0916 for print format) is published periodically by Starship Sloane Publishing Company, Inc., Justin T. O’Conor Sloane, President. Main offices: Austin-Round Rock, Texas. Issue #177 PDF is free for a limited time; thereafter price per copy is TBD. Annual subscription and issue count are TBD: Price is TBD in the United States, elsewhere TBD. Periodical Class Mail postage paid at point of publication. Copyright 2024 by Starship Sloane Publishing Company, Inc. under International, Universal and Pan-American Copyright Conventions. All rights reserved. The publisher assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material. All stories published in this magazine are works of fiction and any similarity between characters and events depicted therein, and actual persons and events, is coincidental. Title registered United States Patent and Trademark Office. Printed in the United States of America. Starship Sloane publishes a variety of books and magazines. Visit starshipsloane.com for more information. All text © the respective authors.

Opinions herein are not necessarily those of the *Worlds of IF* staff or Starship Sloane Publishing Company, Inc.
 For fan mail please email worldsofifsciencefiction@gmail.com