

## DreaganStar

### Synopsis

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Set in the subterranean colonies of our moon, DreaganStar gives the feel of a brave and dangerous new world surrounding the first experimental faster-than-light (FTL) space ship. Dr. Jonathan Dreagan, corporate head, prolific inventor, genius, and multimillionaire, is the focal point in a business takeover that questions his sanity and competency. His opposing Board of Directors bring in Dr. Samantha Alexander, director of lunar mental health facilities, who gets to know the man behind the legend, during a three-hour trip to Jupiter and back in the secret FTL vessel, the DreaganStar. At Dreagan's request, she quietly fine-tunes the space ship's computer personality while observing Dreagan around the ship's flight bay and compound. On her second ride in the prototype ship, several explosions disrupt the guidance system and communications, not the first "accident" to occur. After days of hard work and getting to know each other, they complete repairs, engage the FLT engine, and return to their lunar home. Samantha finds her apartments gutted by fire, and stays at Dreagan's palatial home for the night. The following day, Dreagan's competency hearing begins with three of Samantha's professional peers presiding. During the hearing several situations occur: the prosecuting attorney, a friend from college days, Abe Pardo, makes blatant sexual advances on Samantha; she is sequestered at the court complex. Dreagan transmits an hour-long program about his space adventure with Samantha to all Earth as well as the moon. Sam dines with the hearing judges in Dreagan's home; and the ship's engineer kills a director of the board to prevent him from smashing the project's operations room. Believing this death settles the matter of conspiracy against Jon Dreagan, the judges release Samantha, who returns to complete her work fine tuning the vessel's computer personality. Later that night, she receives an almost obscene phone call from Abe Pardo which is overheard by Dreagan, who has come onboard to talk to her.

During their subsequent conversation, Samantha and Jon get into a tickling match which ends in love play. She wakes to the sound of the ship's computer reporting an intruder planting a bomb on the vessel's tripod base. Dreagan is gone. Alerting Dreagan at his home, she is trapped in the ship until he and his men arrive and discover that the real man behind all the sabotage has been the most senior member of the corporate board. The trial reconvenes the following morning for final arguments, but the prosecution has none because all the complainants are dead. Samantha is called to the stand and questioned about her time with Dreagan, but only states that he is sane. When asked if the two have been intimate, she says no. At the celebration after the trial, Dreagan asks her how she managed to lie to the "lie detector" built into the witness stand, and she explains her loophole.

Jon Dreagan tells Samantha that she has been promised to him as his life mate by her superiors.