

DreaganGrey Synopsis

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The romance, suspense, and adventure continue in the second installment of the DreaganStar saga. Set in the subterranean colonies of our moon, DreaganGrey presents the possibility that some lunar material has infected the DreaganStar spaceship's sophisticated computer systems to create a conscious, sentient being. Samantha Alexander applies some of the same material to her personal supercomputer, which also begins to show signs of unearthly self-awareness, so she names it *Ezra*. The computer on the starship begins conversing with Ezra and the two machines form a friendship. Star suddenly reports that she can smell Dreagan's body odor and the coffee he makes in her galley. Jon Dreagan and Samantha Alexander continue to pursue each other, while working to stabilize their worlds of high level corporate politics and psychological troubleshooting of the overcrowded lunar population. After their return from Earth and the funeral of Samantha's father, her investigations include the probability that her father was really just her stepfather, a murder in the ice mines by oxygen smugglers, and a probable assassination attempt on either her or Dreagan.

As the population of the cast-off Japanese colony, *Genni*, rebels against their planetside government, Samantha assists with their negotiations to merge with the Dreagan Corporation's five colonies. While the Japanese politicians begin to play really dirty, Jon Dreagan wants to get romantic, taking her to Tranquility Colony, the moon's equivalent of Las Vegas, for a weekend get-away. While there, their hotel room is fire-bombed while they're in the casino, and the next day, Samantha is kidnapped by a former colleague who just won't take *NO* for an answer. Escaping his first sadistic abduction with severe lacerations and nasty facial contusions, Samantha seeks the help of JourneyGrey saloon owner Manny Oliver who provides her with a bodyguard. She returns to her new cubbie in Proteus and her bodyguard is murdered in her living room. Caught there by her abductor, who terrorizes Sammie by sadistically slicing her out of her pressure suit, and he happily begins to carve into her flesh with a silver knife. Aware of Samantha's situation, Star and Ira broadcast Samantha's danger to all of Proteus, and immediately many of her neighbors break into her home, drag her captive out, and beat him to death. After receiving medical attention, Samantha goes home with Dreagan, staying there several days to recuperate under his watchful eye. As cabin fever begins to set in, she joins Dreagan for a little lunar excursion on his lunar-scooter. While he rock climbs and she sits enjoy the open spaces, several strategic explosions erupt in Proteus, inflicting much damage to the main air plant and several

commercial and residential areas, leaving many dead, hundreds more injured and homeless. Dreagan's son, Todd Abrams is killed attempting to assist in the rescues.

Still hurting both emotionally and physically from her injuries, Samantha must put aside her personal grief over her father, to assist Dreagan and all of Luna with their deep anguish. Her Trade's most senior leader, referred to as the *HazeGrey*, Thomas Penock, arrives to assist and to monitor Samantha's personal life. While discussing how to handle all the injured and homeless lunans, Samantha suggest they shuttle many of the able-bodied to Genni Colony, where housing is abundant and work plentiful. That evening, in front of Samantha's boss, Jon Dreagan asks Samantha to marry him.