

CONTRABAND PITCHING DOCUMENT

Working Title

Contraband

Genre(s)

Sci-fi thriller

Length / Format

Multi-series. 10 episodes per season. 60 minutes per episode in length.

Target Audience

Audiences aged 13+ who love sci-fi. There will be familiarity to *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, but will be a new world of space, and new ways of looking at it and navigating through it.

Log Line

After receiving contact from an alien species about a threat headed to Earth, a scientist must make a leap of faith for all of humanity.

Tag Line(s)

Will a coward find his bravery to save the world?
You can't run from your past when you are the future of humanity.

Moral / Message

Can the future forgive the past?
Can failures make you stronger?

Series Synopsis

Samuel Martin, a scientist, running his past failures receives a communication from an alien species about a devastating event headed to Earth. Will he take up the challenge or will he think this is just a smart ploy from his successful scientist colleagues? At first, the scientist thinks it is just a ploy, but after receiving a video of an event that happens 24 hours later, and it's the exact same event that happens, the scientist listens.

The events of the series unfold as he receives commands and requests from the aliens that put the scientist in more and more danger. He's tested as to whether he can complete the mission. He will be requested to go to the alien's home planet to finalise his mission to save humanity.

Episode One Overview

After receiving a strange watery-based package with no address, Samuel Martin thinks he is being pranked and ridiculed by his fellow scientists.

He continues his normal life, working at a bio-tech company, Casper Inc. However, he can no longer ignore or think that the package is a prank as he receives a video showing an event that happens 24-hours later.

Meanwhile, across town, a private scientist believes that contact has been from an alien species after receiving an alert on his detector. He seeks to find out who received the contact.

On the Moon, hundreds of Moon Pods occupying hundreds of astronauts, are catastrophically destroyed, killing all the astronauts. An investigation is opened into the manufactures of the Pods, Ingenious.

By the end of the episode, Samuel Martin will meet with Agent Bag, posing as a human, and explain what he has seen - a mass alien invasion is coming to Earth to enslave humans as 'Humanbots' (Robots with humans trapped inside).

Visual Realisation / Important Images

Dark tone with a comical twist. It will be fast paced with lots of twists and turns. There will be storylines on Earth and the Moon as well as other planets and in space.

Statement of Intent

The past does not have to mean the future will be a failure. There's still time and opportunities to make amendments.

Audience Appeal

Audiences looking for a fresh take on the Sci-fi genre will want to experience Contraband while there will be familiar elements that sci-fi lovers will enjoy.

Character Bios

SAMUEL MARTIN (50s) - A failed, witty, cowardly, and paranoid scientist who receives communications in the form a strange package from an alien species.

AGENT BAG - An alien who contacts Samuel Martin, and happens to Samuel Martin's 'Parallel' (Agent Bag is a failed agent like Samuel Martin is failed scientist) but on Planet Z. They share a mutual empathy.