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A central image of the Earth, showing continents and oceans, is completely encircled by intense, bright orange and yellow flames. The background is a dark, starry space. The overall effect is one of destruction and fire.

A Noveramatry

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List of Correctors and Corrupters:

Captain

Co-pilot

Allan Carter

Alex Hewson

Barron Whiteman

Loudspeaker

Alice Walton

Doctor

Someone; Later Kim Atwood

Andy Weir

Somebody

Philip Windsor

Emma McCain

Wilhelm Miller

NASA

Captain Jr.

Setting

Area: T.here

Era: Then

Orbit 10

P.ass.engers

Captain

This is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight 111, non-stop to Kepler-438b. The distance between the departure point and destination is 640 light years. Fortunately, the atmospheric condition is calm, and let's hope for a smooth and uneventful flight. The temperature in the destination is now 27 °C, which is equal to the temperature of the good olden times of the earth. Please sit back, fasten your seatbelt, relax and do not forget to take your nutrition capsules on time. I provide you with more information during this non-return journey. On behalf of myself and the Co-pilot, I wish you a pleasant flight.

Allan Carter cast a sidelong glance at pass.engers around himself to see how they feel. The spacesuit and equipment attached to his body had made it inconvenient for him to move his head. Stress was k.illing him.

Allan Carter

What would happen to us? It's a non-return journey! Will we die? Will we survive? No one knew!

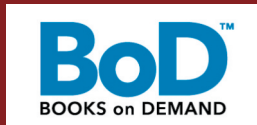
After a month of intensive courses and exercises, the passengers on board had been prepared for this one-way journey to Kepler-438b. The 100 passengers on this particular spaceship were all famous affluent tycoons, athletes, scientists or politicians who had found the earth no longer habitable and heritable, and as the last

resort, they left all their fame and name, companies and properties behind just to save their own lives.

According to NASA, among all other celestial planets, Kepler-438b owned some similar features to the earth. Both had roughly the same amount of land surface area as well as sustained polar caps, and both owned a similar tilt in their rotational axes, affording strong seasonal variability. Like the earth, Kepler-438b had undergone some levels of climate change in the past; however, since it orbited in a habitable zone, its temperature believed to be neither too hot nor too cold for man. NASA though discovered that the radiation emitted from Kepler-438b was more than the earth, and this would make life for man improbable.

Allan quickly reviewed what had happened during the last ten years, which had put the earth in such a desolate state. Deforestation set off a series of changes in climate patterns and negatively affected life globally. Global warming made some parts of the world inhabitable, and thus, residents of those areas moved toward some parts in the US and Canada. Water crisis, drought and famine in some parts of Africa, Asia and South America killed some people, caused some local conflicts and wars and enhanced forced migration. Flood and earthquakes jeopardized the lives of many people and left some people homeless. Political crises between countries, their inability to solve their concerns through negotiations and their resort to revenge and sanction in lieu of dialogue opened the gate for further violent confrontations. Religious supe-

This dystopian novel offers a different vision of the earth's near future. It depicts the cataclysmic decline, sociopolitical dysfunction and environmental ruin of the earth, worse than it has ever been in human history. In this climate, some influential wealthy persons and families decide to escape the earth and move to Kepler-438b. This fiction challenges world leaders, politicians, tycoons and readers and makes them ponder on the current status of our planet. It also warns them of the serious consequences of their decisions and actions.



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