



Broken Sky

by David R. Beshears



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Book Review

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David R. Beshears' *Broken Sky* is a survival story about a group of people living in the middle of nowhere on a barren planet. Mannie Alvarez used to be a third-grade teacher when he was inexplicably snatched and brought to this world with an alien sky. Now, Mannie tries to survive one day at a time alongside other members of this small community. This colony lives on the meager supplies that "materialize" out of nowhere at random times near their small town. But now, the supplies have dwindled, and the group has no choice but to travel to the mountain range that had appeared recently. Along the way, they come across a mysterious stranger who introduces himself as Lucas. Lucas has a vendetta against his brother that might prove too costly for the survivors.

If you love survival stories set in dystopian worlds, do not miss out on *Broken Sky*. Full of suspense, mystery, and intrigue, this sci-fi tale hooks you in from the very first page and keeps you engaged until the last. David R. Beshears' worldbuilding is captivating. There is a sense of tension and dread to the environment, which sets the narrative tone from the get-go, and makes the story so much more compelling. The plot is completely engrossing, featuring shocking reveals that make you wonder what's going to happen in the next chapter. It's a short story but thoroughly immersive. The cast of characters is diverse yet relatable. Mannie, Carla, and Yolanda were my favorites from the bunch. Something about the book reminded me of the television series *Lost*. Overall, I enjoyed it very much and will definitely recommend it to sci-fi fans.