

"THE OTHER WORLD" EXCERPT BY ASHA NOEL IYER

EXT. A GREEN FOREST - AFTERNOON

The year is 3017. A group of Holish people in rough clothing are climbing out of the ground. They are terrified. The last time they were above land was twenty years ago, right before The Great Nuclear Bombing, or as they call it, "The Smokes". FELICITY, a young 25 year old woman, is the first out. She is bright, vivacious, and thrilled to taste air above ground for the first time in her life. She gazes at the overgrown, charred forestry around her. She is mesmerized.

FELICITY

Oh wow..

HARRY

Felicity what's happening up there?! I'm coming up!!

FELICITY

Harry it's... spectacular.

HARRY, a brave, rugged, and over-concerned brother in his late thirties comes bouldering up. He is terrified that FELICITY got up first.

HARRY

You know you really shouldn't have pushed your way up first. We have no idea what's-

HARRY crawls out.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Oh... Oh.

HARRY is equally bewildered. He climbs out. Next a young, unruly woman shoves her way past HARRY. She is pixie-like with fiery wit and sass.

PIPER

Are you kidding me? THIS is it?

FELICITY

(Still gazing) I know!

PIPER

No dumb ass, this is ridiculous. Twenty years of hiding to find an earth that looks like the smokes never even hit?

FELICITY

Exactly! Aren't you at least a
little bit curious?