

THE MOUTH OF THE BEAST



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Irene is a mining robot with human characteristics, sent to a distant planet to collect soil samples which could determine the suitability of transforming this planet to Earth-like conditions. There Irene encounters a titanic beast of immense proportions that engulfs the hapless robot into its mouth. Emerging after spending almost three centuries in the hollowed-out tooth of this enormous animal, Irene finds a world that has been drastically altered. Now deemed obsolete by the new colonists, she is forced to fight for her right to exist.

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