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Dear Agent/Publisher:

I am seeking representation and/or publishing of *Keys to the Spaceship, A Short Story Collection* that is 282 pages (6x9 book) double-spaced. The five stories within are speculative or sci-fi.

Here's a taste of what's inside: Meet the Gren, invasive aliens who also happen to be walking fish. They might need to borrow one of Putin's nuclear subs to fulfill their mission in "Ripping Alien Waves." Or, there's Jasper Hungry, U.S. Special Forces and third baseman, who loves hunting robots with his Louisville slugger in "The Vaughns." Then we have "P.A.F.," short for Personal Assistant Friend—that would be Slick. He's a robot who does yoga, scores pot and drinks beer at Olive Garden. In "Child of Mars," we have everybody on the edge of their seat at the Skyway Diner in Florida, wondering if the ex-convict team is going to survive a mission to Mars. And, in "Chipped," after breaking out of a facility, Syd and Amir encounter the sewer people in a world that they had somehow forgotten. Piecing together the past becomes the subject of their inquiry as they rise up against a force they don't fully understand.

Short stories are a wonderful way to compete with the instant gratification of TV. These stories can be read on a subway ride, which is perfect for the harried life we lead. Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,

Todd Fiorentino

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