

**Retro Future 80's**

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## **Story Premise:**

Welcome to New Corp! No more are the days where filth litters every street, or buildings tainted with graffiti, or high crime rates. New York has become the most technologically advanced state in the country thanks to M.A.R.S Tech and its many and brilliant inventions and innovations such as androids and out-of-this-world A.I. There's even flying cars too!

But what happens when you strip New York of all the life and color that gave the city its unforgettable personality? How far would you go to understand why New York changed into a corporate Hell? Or...how far back would you go?

## **Historical Background Information**

During the 80's, New York had gone through a tremendous amount of change between the culture, the crime, and everything else it had going on. But one thing that New York had always suffered from between high crime rates, fights for gay rights, and even egregious amounts of pollution, was the risk of going completely underwater due to global warming.

What could be done, was the question many people had asked as time went on. But everyone knew New York was on a deadline, a deadline that couldn't be extended or ignored for too long. A boy who found out this information dedicated the rest of his living life to save New York from what seemed like an inevitable disaster. Fast-forward to the year 2080, where life has never been better for the city, and the state, have never been better.

The streets are clean, buildings look brand new, and so many more wonderful things have happened. But most importantly, the risk of going underwater has been subsided, all thanks to one man who dedicated his life to save New York: Billy Mars, and his outstanding team spent timeless hours giving New York the remodel it desperately needed, New Corp.

### **The Main Character:**

Billy Mars III or B.B (Protagonist, 10 yrs. old) - Billy is the character will follow throughout the series. He is a 10-year-old boy hailing from Manhattan, New York, sporting black hair and brown eyes instead of the blonde hair blue eyes the rest of his family has. Son of the Vice President of M.A.R.S Tech, Billy Mars II, and grandson of the founder, and current head of the same company, Billy Mars Sr. Billy is the most rebellious family member in the family despite his older sisters being much more mature in nature.

Billy absolutely hates New Corp and wants nothing to do with taking over M.A.R.S Tech. New Corp is a world that feels as lifeless and colorless as a corporate office, and he wants to see New York for what it used to be, he spends hours with his best friend Hayle, reading all types of old magazines, articles and art pieces depicting New York when it still had a sense of identity, culture, life, and he'd give anything to see that in person all at face value. Growing up so far, Billy has been subjected to learn everything about M.A.R.S Tech, from blueprints to 2080 architecture, and even knowing how to build machinery from scratch, making him well-rounded in basic science and advanced technology for a 10-year-old.

Despite being too young to know what he wants to be when he grows up, Billy knows he doesn't want to run the family company. He would rather rebel New Corp and change it back into what it was before his grandfather ruined everything, even if it meant somehow going back in time to rectify the actions made. Unsure of its upbringing, Billy wants to do everything in his power to prevent the founding of M.A.R.S Tech, by any means necessary to “save” New York.

## Supporting Characters

Billy Mars II (Mr. Mars, 60 years old) - Billy Mars II is the current Vice President of M.A.R.S Tech, putting up a front as being the head of head of the company. He tries hard to set a good corporate example to all his kids, especially his only son, B.B, whom he argues with a lot because they are never on the same page at any given time regarding New Corp and M.A.R.S Tech. Mr. Mars is secretly afraid of his own father because of who he really is, and doesn't want his family to know the dark truth about the family company, even if it kills him.

Billy Mars Sr. (Main Antagonist, 110 years old) - The founder of M.A.R.S Tech and the leading cause of New Corp's development. As a kid all he's ever wanted was to see his home thrive in success and he did so by dedicating his whole life to making the technology New York desperately needed to survive the ongoing state of decline. His secret is that he preserved his brain inside an android body to continue running the company the way he wants it to be ran, not trusting his own son, the only person aware of him still being alive, due to his constant showcasing of mental inferiority. So, he secretly operates M.A.R.S Tech under a hidden agenda as he looks to expand across the world. One of his best creations that graces the world of New Corp every single day, and who would also become the precipice of his worst nightmare, Billy Mars III

Hayle Morales (Billy's Best Friend, 10) - Billy's childhood friend who originates from Brooklyn. A girl stemming from Afro-Latina decent, she is one of the more diverse characters on the roster. She also embraces the idea that New York should be the place of life and culture that it was known for by many people generation after generation, but she stays behind while Billy travels back in time to 1980. She loves and trusts him enough that he will do what he thinks is best to ensure New Corp never

comes to be. Her witty behavior alongside her well managed temper makes her a good sidekick to have

Christian Red (Member of the Guardian Angels, 25) - A member of the Guardian Angels, who help fend off crime on the streets of New York. Charismatic and ambitious, Christian isn't the type of guy to be pushed around by any street thug or anybody looking to get at him because of his skin color, lifestyle choices, or anything worth picking on him for. He is a proud black man who helps get B.B out of trouble more than once and can also be depended on for guidance and knowledge when everyone else is being close-minded. Selfless and strong-willed as he leads other people in his circle to keep innocent people safe.

The Mars Family 2080 - The most recognizable faces in New Corp, with much of the family sporting the blonde hair and blue eyes. Judith, the overprotective yet nurturing mother always making sure her family is okay. Bill Mars II, the "man of the house" always encouraging his kids to strive for greatness through the family company. Krystal and Erin who both full of energy and spunk with trendy clothing and massive followings on social media. they make the Mars household have life, and even a sense of family from time to time. At the end of the day, they all have a reputation to uphold due to the legacy that is solidified in history by their very own family founded company, M.A.R.S Tech.

The Mars Family 1980 - Just another family living in New York. Living their everyday lives and doing what they need to do to get by as the world goes to shit. Rob and Diana are always working to support the three kids they probably shouldn't have had since they can barely afford themselves. Crystal and Erica were party girls who enjoyed spending time with boys and doing drugs when their parents weren't around. And then the youngest in the family was Billy Mars, the only person who spent their time studying science and looking into all the things that made New York increasingly harder to live in, with the intent to one day singlehandedly change it for the better, starting from the day that he would create M.A.R.S Tech.

### **Important Locations:**

Times Square - One of New York's many different burrows. Sporting massive architect and high-scaled buildings from street to street, with seemingly no end in sight. Also, home to the many billboards where all the lights and color especially pop at nighttime, making the atmosphere feel very welcoming and cinematic like you're in a movie. The views are breath-taking on the skyscrapers, and the streets are lively with people of all backgrounds and upbringings. Never a dull moment between all the bodegas, tourist shops, entertainment places and of course the view of the Statue of Liberty, Times Square is truly a landmark.

The New Corp Science Museum - A science museum that showcases some of the many "of-of-this-world" inventions that Billy Mars Sr. made while founding the company that would transform New York for the better: M.A.R.S Tech. The hallways are lined with white reflective floors that really show off the clean shiny interior. This building also houses the infamous time-machine that was built by Mars himself. Known to ever be used once, but nothing in history has ever documented what it was used for. But this location will always be a place for science to grow and for inspiration to expand science to flourish for many more generations to come.

Central Park - The largest public part in New York/Corp, where there is a lot of forestry and water. A very popular location for people to frequent for any number of reasons. Also sporting beautiful architecture with the nicely large landscapes to boot. Plenty of space for trails, fishing, get-togethers, Central Park is highly ideal for events such as marathons, firework displays, and more. One of the number one popular place for tourists and New York/Corp residents alike. Also, a nice break from the streets and the traffic and instead you can enjoy pure nature at its absolute finest in NYC.

## **Story Synopsis**

Billy Mars lives in New York in the year 2080, where it is now known as "New Corp" due to Billy's family founding a company that would change the city and the state forever, M.A.R.S Tech. The entire city of New York has converted into a world where color doesn't exist outside black and white, and Billy loathes this world he lives in and wants to get to know New York as the "Big Apple" that it was known for such a long time ago.

To escape this, Billy goes to the science museum which houses the only known time-machine to have ever been built by his own grandfather, Billy Mars Sr. With the time-machine, Billy goes 100 years back in time to the year 1980, where his grandfather was also 10 in a version of New York that is colorful and full of life and culture. He is found by his family that is two generations before him and taken is assumed to be a child gone missing. Despite the beauty in the city, New York was riddled with all sorts of problems such as drugs, pollution, violence, and the risk of going underwater. Billy's grandfather swears to fix New York and make it a place that is safe.

This causes conflict between the two Billy's, which our protagonist ends by drowning his grandfather, erasing his entire family going forward in time. 2080 New York is literal Hell without M.A.R.S Tech, and Billy learns this after losing everything.



## Story Excerpt

Me and Hayle stood in front of the time-machine that my grandfather built when he was young. Just putting my hand on it, it was very cold to the touch, but no dust. Everything on display at the museum is cleaned regularly to maintain a sharp and pristine look.

"I wonder if it even works, after not being in use for so many years," said Hayle.

"It has to, we need it to see the New York we want to see. And maybe even find a way to prevent M.A.R.S Tech from developing New Corp," I responded.

I hopped up on the display podium, scanning the machine with my eyes as i analyzed it with my hands, letting the coldness of the metal pierce my hands. "This is my way of saving New York."

"Hey, our classmates and the tour guide are going to see we aren't with them anymore soon, so we should probably hurry up,"

"Yeah, you're right, got to make this count." I started feeling for a button or some type of lever and noticed that what did look like a lever was completely gone. "Damn it all, I can't open the door."

"Maybe we can pry the door open?" Hayle suggested.

"Hmm, maybe that could work yeah."

I helped her up to the podium. we both stood on opposite sides from where the door opens vertically and wedged our fingers into the crease of the door, and with all our strength, we pulled as hard as we could until we tired out and collapsed.

"Ugh no luck, this getting annoying," I exclaimed.

"Come on Mars boy, I know you can figure it out."

"Mars boy? What does me being part of the Mars family have anything to do with..."

Before I could finish, the time-machine powered on, whirring quietly and the lights started pulsating.

"Welcome back Mr. Mars, I am ready for time travel," said the time-machine.

"Wow, now that is awesome," I said, getting up and standing in front of the time-machine.

"We should make this quick, I'm sure other people heard that," Hayle said.

I nodded at her, and slowly crept into the time-machine and spun around to face the panel of numbers and symbols.

"Wait," she said as she rushed inside to hug me. "Promise me you'll be back before the New Year."

It took me a second to process her request, no part of me didn't think about how long this would even take, but I hugged her back. "I promise, stay safe for me in the meantime."

"You too B," she said as she let go and stepped out.

"Alright time-machine, I'm ready to do this."

The doors shut, cutting off the vision between me and Hayle. I don't really know when or even if I'll be here again, but all I know is that I have a city to save, and that mission starts right now.

"Next stop, 1980."



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A blast to the past