TITLE: **ROGUE WAVE**

WRITER: Joseph Rhea

FORMAT: Feature | Sci-Fi Thriller

COMPS: DUNE meets UNDERWATER.

LOGLINE: *In the uncharted depths of an alien ocean, a resourceful young submarine mechanic must battle ruthless pirates to salvage an ancient relic that could be the key to humanity's future.*

TAGLINE: **In the depths of an alien ocean…**

SUMMARY: Rogue Wave opens with a mesmerizing underwater panorama, revealing a massive undersea drilling platform deep below the ocean's surface, where two-legged robotic "Jumpers" glide across the sea floor, conducting repairs on the platform's structure. When a delay in returning to the base is announced, a daring and rebellious Jumper pilot named Jake Stone decides to take matters into his own hands by challenging his fellow pilots to an unauthorized race through the dark, foreboding depths. A flashback reveals a young Jake escaping the confines of a domed city, dreaming of freedom beyond its borders, only to face the tragic disappearance of his parents. Now, 15 years later, Jake's past and present collide as he seeks a job on the cargo submarine Messenger, captained by the stern yet caring Marcus Coal.

As Jake joins the Messenger's crew, including Coal's daughter, Stacy, he must prove his worth amidst a series of tense encounters and unexpected challenges, including the revelation that Jake's former boss labeled him a dangerous and unpredictable "rogue wave," but also praised his uncanny engineering skills. Coal accepts this incongruity, marking the beginning of Jake's journey towards a more integral role on the ship. Jake meets the crew, composed of diverse personalities like the enigmatic security officer, Roe Moss, the charismatic pilot, Arjun Nadee, and the always-calm first mate, Gemma Lin. He also develops a growing bond with Stacy, revealing layers of vulnerability beneath his rebellious exterior. When they face threats from a local black market kingpin, Nick "the Butcher," a deadly brawl ensues, but Jake arrives just in time with a made-up warning of approaching guards, again showcasing his unique and problem-solving skills.

During a high-stakes salvage mission, Jake discovers a hidden vault beneath the ocean floor, only to encounter a rival group led by the Butcher, intent on taking their prize. Using his ingenuity and the support of his new crew, Jake devises a daring plan to outmaneuver the pirates. Amidst a climactic showdown with the Butcher and his henchmen, Jake navigates through the collapsing seafloor, evades deadly torpedoes, and uses every trick he knows to save the ship and his fellow crew members. The crew's unity and Jake's leadership are tested, but they emerge victorious, uncovering ancient artifacts that hint at the ocean's deeper mysteries. Gemma privately asks the captain if having a "rogue wave" on the ship is worth the risks, but Coal, seeing how his daughter is looking at Jake, declares that maybe it's exactly what they need. In a final twist, as the Messenger departs, a group of colossal, enigmatic entities emerge undetected from the depths behind them, silently and efficiently retrieving and carrying away all of the buried artifacts. This final scene leaves unanswered questions about the ocean's mysteries, setting the stage for future adventures.

Rogue Wave is an epic adventure that explores enduring themes of redemption, the quest for belonging, and the importance of *learning from our past to face our future*. It is set in an immersive, post-apocalyptic, undersea world of the future, a setting that has yet to be fully explored in literature or film —until now!