



ZOO OF ZERO TOLERANCE

Friends grow together. Friends grow apart. Friends try to break each other's hearts.

LOGLINE: Two teens enter a contest to go to Space Camp. When only one of them wins, the other one creates a computer game to show his friend how he really feels.



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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN **FRIENDS** OUTGROW THEIR **FRIENDSHIP**?

Tina Infantino and Ken Sako have been best friends since 1st grade, but they're growing apart as middle school comes to a close. Ken is obsessed with space and video games. Tina is focused on popular music and making a scene. When they enter a contest to go to Space Camp and Tina wins, Ken makes a computer game to show Tina how he really feels. When the video game travels across the internet and Tina discovers it, will their friendship fall apart?

ZOO OF ZERO TOLERANCE AUTHENTICLY 90S

INSPIRED BY TRUE STORIES.

ZOO OF ZERO TOLERANCE combines a couple personal memories.

I entered a contest to win a trip to Space Camp when I was 11. While I was out roaming the neighborhood, my mom hung up on the person calling to tell me I won, so the trip went to the runner-up.

When I was 13, I founded ULTRAWARE. I mostly made games using the Game Creation System ZZT from Epic MegaGames (now Epic Games). My ZZT games got me a paid gig creating screensavers for the University of Manchester. ZZT was my first foray into content creation and this story is a love letter.



THE FRIENDS



THE PREP

Tina Infantino is obsessed with the same thing most 14-year-old girls are obsessed with: Fitting in, N'Sync, and Doritos.



THE GEEK

Tina's lifelong best friend. Ken's a bit of a nerd, more concerned with space than Spice Girls.

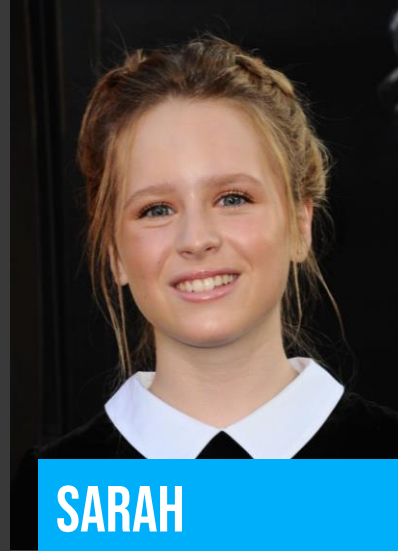


SUPPORTING CHARACTERS



THE MOM

Ken's overbearing, absent-minded mother. Kumiko's actions, or lack thereof, keep Ken from winning a spot at Space Camp.



THE PASTOR'S KID

Tina's roommate at Space Camp. Confident and chatty, this preacher's kid is hiding a dark secret.



THE NEW FRIEND

With Tina away, Evan swoops in and introduces Ken to ZZT.



THE DRILL SERGEANT

A hard-as-nails Space Camp employee who thinks she's still in the military. When one of the campers reveals a problem at home, the Space Camp Trainer reveals a softer side.

COMPARABLES



PEN15

THIS STORY BEGAN LIFE AS A SPEC SCRIPT FOR THE HULU SERIES PEN15. AFTER IT OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS, I REWROTE IT WITH ORIGINAL CHARACTERS AND ADAPTED MY SPACE CAMP/ZZT STORIES INTO AN ORIGINAL IP.



MY GIRL

KEN AND TINA'S DEEP PLATONIC FRIENDSHIP IS INSPIRED BY VADA AND THOMAS J.'S FRIENDSHIP IN THE CLASSIC 90S FILM MY GIRL.



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