

ROVER *Brief Synopsis*

It's August 21, 2017, American eclipse day. Millions in the path of the total eclipse of the sun anxiously await the rarest of events to pass over them. In the high desert of Wyoming, a TV tower reaches toward the clouds. The large antenna is a rather forlorn sight—darkened and alone. But when the eclipse passes overhead, the tower suddenly comes to life in an array of flashing and brilliant color.

In Houston, a few days following totality, Mission Control is on the edge of its collective seat as the engineers, scientists and astronauts gathered to observe a ROVER landing nervously watch the huge monitor on the front wall that displays the rugged Martian terrain. NASA's ROVER Curiosity 4 is scheduled to land on Mars in under three minutes and the countdown is on. Despite a few last minute hitches—including a brief blackout in the control room—Rover successfully plops down on Mars in a swirl of red dust. "Houston we have a landing!" echoes throughout a jubilant Mission Control.

There's the NASA understanding of the Mars landing and then... there's reality. NASA had lost contact with ROVER numerous times throughout its long journey to Mars. More than a few wires are obviously crossed when the landing feed from ROVER interrupts the broadcast of a morning show in a small studio in Casper, Wyoming, just when the controversial elderly hostess is conducting a yoga session for the viewership. Why on Earth—or on Mars—is the show's airing being big-footed by the ROVER landing on Mars?! But that's not the worst of things—the NASA commander demands to know why half their monitor is being taken up by an old woman standing on her head and wearing a T-shirt with "Yoga Bitch" emblazoned across it!

The story of the ROVER landing goes from crazy to chaos. And the true story of the NASA darling's strange journey is something that no one could have imagined!