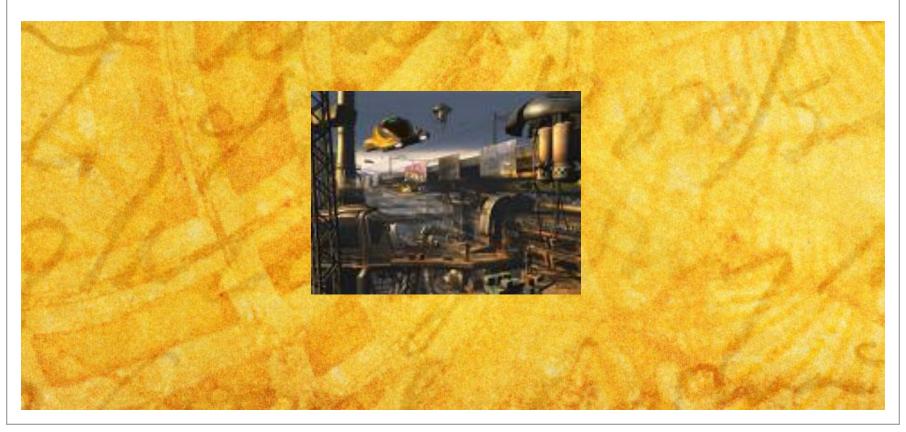# Elements of Science Fiction

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- Realistic and fantastic details

- Grounded in science

- Usually set in the future

- Unknown inventions

- Makes a serious comment about the world

- Often contains a warning for humankind

# Science Fiction Settings

- Another planet

- Under the oceans

- Another dimension of existence

- May be a utopia or dystopia

- May be in the future

- May time travel to the past (or future)

- May take place in present, but alternate reality

# Science Fiction Characters



- Protagonist (Hero)

- Antagonist (Villian)

- These characters may be a being (human or other) or may be a force

- Protagonist or Antagonist may be a society's laws, a disease or other problem, technology, etc.

- Creatures, robots, aliens, etc.

# Science is Important to the Story

- Advanced technology

- Genetics

- Disease

- Exploration

- Special powers or senses as a result of science

- Science can be the savior or the root of the problem

# Message or Warning for Humans

- Science Fiction stories often contain a message or warning

- Think of the message Isaac Asimov was trying to send in *Key Item*