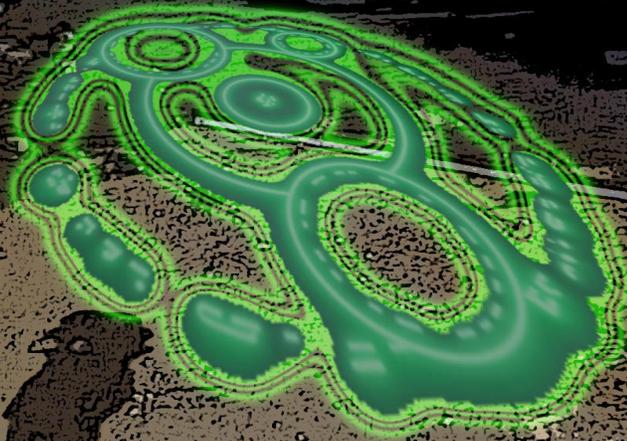


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Best Collection

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Best Anthology

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Best Independent, Chris Dent Press

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Best Non-Fiction

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Best Artist

Kelly Chong

Best Audio

Breaking the Glass Slipper

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Frances White

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The World Fantasy Awards 2025

Best Novel

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Hugo Awards 2023 – Awards Still Not Shipped

Understandably, author Chris Barkley would like to have his Hugo award, and since it was never shipped to him, he's had to take legal action. Barkley was originally notified that due to damage done to the awards and displays boxes during their shipment from China that he could either have it as was or wait for it to be repaired. David McCarty, the Hugo Administrator, received the awards and let Barkley know that there was a chip in the paint on the award, damaged to the display box to the point that it couldn't be used, and the base had come loose. The promised shipment after repairs has never happened. Chris Barkley is the co-author with Jason Sanford of the article "The 2023 Hugo Awards: a Report on Censorship and Exclusion". In the present, The Development Center for Chengdu Worldcon, Inc. reached out David McCarty about the issue and put out a press release that indicated that McCarty committed to ship the first round of awards by 11/2/25 and the rest by 11/9/25. Finally, on 11/3 the DCFCW revoked the authority of Hugo Award Administrator David McCarty and will reach out to the winners to determine the status of their awards and their addresses to allow the committee to take over shipping the awards to the remaining participants. The DCFCW indicated that they had shipped replacement awards to McCarty in August, but he did not distribute them. McCarty had already been censured for remarks he made which were counterproductive to the mission of the Hugo Administration Committee of the Chengdu Worldcon and then resigned as the Director of the Worldcon Intellectual Property non-profit.



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TILLYER'S NEWS OF THE HIGH FRONTIER

31/ATLAS is an interstellar comet, or is it? There are a ton of theories online about the object just as there were when Oumuamua visited the solar system. In fact, 31/ATLAS is actually the third extrasolar object we have identified. Number two was 21/Borisov. All of these follow a hyperbolic orbit indicating they are not bound to the Sun by gravity. An eccentricity in the object's path of greater than 1 proves that it will not loop back around the sun. 31/ATLAS has an eccentricity of 6.2, 21/Borisov – 3.6, and 1 I/Oumuamua – 1.2. 31/ATLAS is also much larger than its contemporaries, as large as 9 miles in diameter. Our visitor passed through its closest pass by the Sun, Perihelion, on October 29th at a speed of 42 miles per second. Astronomers are interested in 31/ATLAS because spectra from the light emitted by the comet may indicate differences in its chemical composition compared to familiar bodies in the Solar System. Right now, we can only observe the comet, but the European Space agency is making plans that they hope to have ready as soon as 2029 for a Comet Interceptor project aimed at investigating comets of interest. There may be other visitors that we simply haven't identified yet. Scientists are estimating that there may be as many as 7 interstellar comets that pass near enough for us to investigate. There was a livestream event of the comet's passage outward on 11/16/25 starting at 11:15pm sharing the observations obtained by the Virtual Telescope Projects devices in Manciano, Italy. There have been and will be other observatories dedicating time to studying the object as well as some places that might not have been immediately obvious. In fact, 31/ATLAS came much closer to Mars than Earth, passing the Red Planet by only 18.6 million miles (compared to the 168 million miles it will be from Earth). The ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter was used for observations capturing images. Even the rover Perseverance captured an unusual moving object at the same time as 31/ATLAS passed by. Hubble and James Webb telescopes have also contributed images and data as well. As it exits the solar system other space probes will have the opportunity to view the interstellar object including: the Psyche Mission headed to the asteroid of the same name and the Lucy mission by the European Space Agency sent to the Trojan asteroids of Jupiter. Perhaps most interesting is the JUICE or Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer Probe which will come closest as it comes of its gravitational assist from Venus to head outward. Unfortunately, the primary antenna of the probe is currently in use as a sunshield and JUICE will not be able to transmit its observations until next February. Astronomers also believe that 31/ATLAS is older than any other comet, predating our solar system by as much as 3 billion years with a lower-than-average content of CO₂ and higher amounts of nickel.

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