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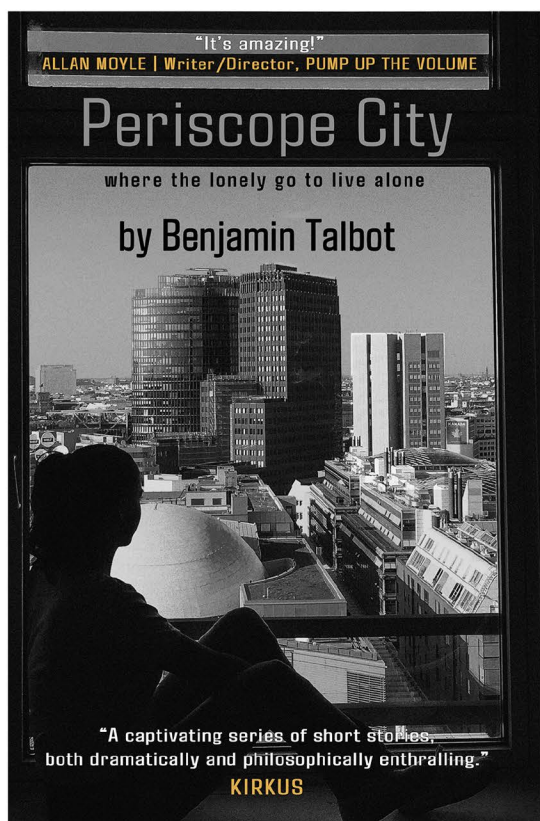
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# Are you lonely tonight? Book a quiet room for one in Periscope City.



## Periscope City: Where the lonely go to live alone

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Welcome to Periscope City, a place where nothing is quite as it seems. Its citizens are those with no one to love, caught in a paradox of escaping loneliness while clinging to it. Here, human emotion is fleeting, and love is nothing more than a transaction.

Each story in this collection delves into the heights and depths of solitude through its characters: a writer torn between seeking validation from fleeting romances and finding comfort in the safety of isolation; a former college football star lost in nostalgia, unable to connect with the present; a young runaway scarred by her past, drawn to this desolate town inhabited by loners and serviced by robots.

Prepare for an emotional gut-punch as you enter a strange, unsettling place where the broken-hearted choose to stay broken and prefer to live in solitude. Talbot's haunting, satirical, and often absurd interconnected tales explore themes of self-destruction and elusive redemption.

**Periscope City** will immerse you in a world where the boundary between reality and fantasy is constantly shifting.

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"Talbot excels at depicting a world both alien and familiar at the same time."

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## About the Author

**Benjamin Talbot** is an American author who writes mainly satire, slice-of-life, and a little speculative fiction. *Periscope City*, his debut collection of short stories, explores the different shades of loneliness, from tranquil solitude to opaque desolation.

When he's not writing, Benjamin is reading mostly literary fiction, listening to 90s rock and hip-hop, going for nightly walks through downtown Palm Springs, California, and eating tacos.

