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TAGLINE:

Love stretches farther than the stars ever could.

ABOUT THE BOOK:

Cole Mercer was trained to follow orders, not to trust alien minds or feel seen by a ship that thinks. But after a near-disastrous mission grounds him, he's reassigned to Project Atlas—an off-books initiative where thought interfaces replace cockpits, and beings called Noryths teach humans how to fly their ships not with hands, but with empathy.

As Cole is paired with Echo, a silent Noryth with unknowable depth, the lines between pilot and ship, man and mission, begin to dissolve. Memories surface. Desires shift. And what began as duty becomes something more intimate—and dangerous.

For fans of the cerebral awe of *Arrival*, the emotional armor of *The Locked Tomb*, the character intimacy of *Murderbot*, and the queer tension of *Gideon the Ninth* or *This Is How You Lose the Time War*, *Project Starward* is a sci-fi story about flight, connection, and the terrifying beauty of being known.

HEAT LEVEL:

♥ Tier One – *Slow Burn / Closed Door*

All longing, no thrusting. High emotional intimacy. No on-page sex.



KEY THEMES & VIBES:

- Ache of Unspoken Love
 - Queerness in Uniform
 - Found Intimacy Beyond Language
 - Trauma and the Fear of Being Seen
 - Resonance Over Romance
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ryder Tombs is a bold and unapologetic voice in queer fiction, weaving emotional depth, sensuality, and gothic atmosphere with a literary bite. His debut collection, *Monsters in the Closet: A Queer Horror Poetry Collection*, debuted at #4 on Amazon's Queer Poetry charts and continues to haunt and heal readers with its blend of desire, dread, and defiance. When not writing, Ryder hoards vintage pulp paperbacks, sips espresso like it's a blood rite, and drifts through queer nightlife like a ghost in glitter.

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