PROTAGONIST

A chemist, who is sometimes rude.

SECONDARY CHARACTER

A space marine, who has become jaded.

PLOT

It's a cyberpunk story about the ethical limits of technology. It kicks off on a distant star with someone trying lightspeed travel for the first time.

(Note that: someone in the story still has to atone for a past misdeed.)

And there's a twist! It's a dystopia.