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¿Es posible revertir el inevitable final del Universo, o el mundo debe acabar de todas formas? es la pregunta que desde un día del siglo xxi, hasta generaciones y generaciones posteriores en el tiempo, hacen los humanos a los ordenadores. En un relato aparentemente sencillo sobre un asunto sobrecogedor, el fin de los días, Asimov demuestra, una vez más, una mente preclara y una mano maestra para sobrecoger al lector y dejarlo en vilo, incluso después de la lectura.

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### Sindhuja says

A review of this tale will not make sense for three reasons:

- 1) The unfolding of a certain twist in this short story is done with the last few words of this ~4000 word long story.
- 2) A review of any form will sweeten the pill - the crux of what Asimov is trying to get at.
- 3) Two is a reason in the first place because, it's simply impossible to describe this tale without giving away spoilers.

So read this after you read 'The Last Question'.

That said, I can give you this: This tale leaves room for a lot of inferences (That's right. not just one, but many) and interpretations by the reader and chances are, all of them hold true. For starters certain Jewish theologies(obviously) that was imparted as life went by in the life of an Indian [This story has nothing to do with India. The reviewer happens to be an Indian.] and their Hindu counterpart that many Indians grew up with, the inflated sense of importance that one gives oneself over the greater cause, the three laws of robotics AND the zeroeth law, will be of relevance to the story. There are a few more topics that were just touched in the story. Like any other Asimov's work, the story does not splash in, any of these terms though. The story perse is a bunch of conversations between laymen across different times in the future.

The story also mocks the co-existence of creationism and evolution carving a possible future(That's right. For all the philosophical tone that this one has, it's a sci-fi) that will eventually make panentheists happy :)

And chances are, at the rate at which humans deplete resources and hunt newer ones down, this story will make total sense even after a 100 years or may be more, but not forever [hopefully].

There! That's one possible bunch of inferences that you can make from this sci-fi, all of them being equally scary and containing some bitter truths in varying forms. Go ahead and make your own. It's a tea-time read. If nothing else, it might serve as a warning bell to few pressing issues that are awaiting us[the Homo sapiens] in the future. It will leave you with intriguing questions as well.

P.S.: There is a huge possibility of expecting too much from this story, if you hear about this story through someone. Just go back in time, and pick this book up accidentally. Hypes do not serve the cause of this piece of fiction.

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### Stiven Salazar says

Me dejo realmente sorprendido, Asimov es un GENIOOOOO..... Ese final me dejo con la boca abierta, solo asimov podría considerar y crear algo de tal magnitud en tan pocas páginas..... me encanto

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### **Kels says**

Our Sun will support life for billions of years, but what happens when it burns out? Perhaps future technology will enable us to seek out the safety of distant stars and habitat new planets, but then eventually those stars will die too. So is life as we know it, and all of mankind, destined to be doomed? *Is it possible to reverse entropy?*

This short story starts off in the year 2061 (keep in mind this was written in 1956) and follows the evolution of man and the subsequent advancement of technology throughout the ages. Split into seven sections, each story features a different POV that takes you further into the depths of space and time, racing towards the end of humanity, and ends with the resounding question, *How exactly may entropy be reversed?* growing ever more important. This question, propelled by man's innate desire to live forever, is oft repeated, yet never is there enough data to give a "meaningful answer" by the pansophical Multivac, a self-learning machine capable of evolving and expanding itself into the universe, which humans have now found themselves increasingly dependent on.

The world Asimov creates is simply incredible, and downright ingenious. Even today, *The Last Question* rivals the ingenuity of science fiction novels, and transforms speculative fiction into something more thought provoking and profound. It is daring, and I found myself growing more and more transfixed as the story progressed, and the imposing, unanswered question became critically relevant.

So, has Man been doomed from the start? Can entropy ever be reversed? And will the answer come soon enough before life as we know it cease to exist?

The answer will surprise you.

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### **George says**

The only question worth asking.

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## **Wilier says**

Este cuento o relato corto me ha dejado perplejo, no solo por la cantidad de ciencia ficción y geekismo que posee si no también en un sentido filosófico...

¿En que momento dejaremos de existir como humanidad y que podemos hacer para evitarlo?

Bajo este premisa se desarrolla toda la historia con un final que te deja la boca abierta y la mente ocupada por varios días. Te preguntas si es posible que ese final sea factible y si no nosotros como raza estamos tan locos como para hacer eso y la verdad es que si... Si lo estamos.

Impresiona que el relato se haya escrito hace tanto tiempo y que siga tan vigente su premisa, es una genialidad por parte de Asimov.

Deben leerlo, no toma mas de 30 minutos.

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## **Pooja says**

" THERE IS YET INSUFFICIENT VOCABULARY TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL REVIEW OF THIS SHORT-STORY. "

Heck, what enormous stuffs people are capable of thinking!!

And only thing in my mind now is :

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## **Muneel Zaidi says**

What's the point in giving you a summery for a 4,000-word short story? So here's what I'll do instead: I'll give you a lesson in physics. Sound good? Cool. Ever hear of the second law of thermodynamics? Yes? But you have no clue what it means? Okay, well we can work with that. Here's what Wikipedia has on the subject:

*The second law of thermodynamics states that the entropy of an isolated system never decreases, because isolated systems spontaneously evolve towards thermodynamic equilibrium—the state of maximum entropy.*

Pretty simple, right? What do you mean you don't understand entropy? Of course you understand entropy, I assure you. Every time you see a sand castle crumble away in the wind, every time your car breaks down on the road, every time somebody you know dies and is gone forever... you are seeing entropy in motion.

Entropy is the measure of disorder in a system... a measure of chaos. The second law of thermodynamics tells us that entropy in a closed system, be it your sand castle, car, or life... never decreases, it will only ever increase to maximum.

But here's the thing, it's not really a law by any means. Nothing in all of actual physics states that this must be, physics actually says it's perfectly possible for random sand molecules to be blown in a way where they

land and form a perfect sandcastle (instead of making one crumble away). So why not? Why don't we see things like this happen? Statistics. Yes, the second law of thermodynamics is actually a statistical principle; entropy could indeed decrease in a system (any system like this would be considered a perpetual motion machine), but it's just not statistically likely.

Meaning a sand castle could coincidentally form by the winds blowing dust randomly..., but it won't. It won't because the statistical likelihood of the wind and molecules to just happen to be in the right position and velocity for this sand castle to just appear is so slim, I do not have enough memory in my computer to type out all the zeros I need to put behind the odds of it happening (1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000,...).

This statistical principle is so powerful and universal, we call it a law. It explains a lot of things in our universe. Before we knew about the second law of thermodynamics, it used to bother physicist that we could move in any direction in space (up, down, forward, backward) but we could only move in one direction in time. Space and time being so closely linked, why was it we could only move forward in time? It's because entropy always increases that we move forward in time (and never back in time), in a way time is just a measure of increasing entropy. We only go from one moment to another as entropy increases.

Ahhh, I see what you are thinking. Yes, our universe is a closed system, and yes that does mean it will die. . You think it's a little sad that in the end chaos will always win? I don't think so, after all life is beautiful don't you think? Life is amazing in that it can bring a little bit of order in this chaotic world, but funny enough, without entropy there would be no life. So I don't think it's sad, it's just the natural state of affairs that we will grow old, live our lives fighting entropy, and we will die. it's really quite beautiful.

If you want to read a book that asks the questions: what if we could defeat entropy? What if we could win? What would happen? Read this book.

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### **Belén says**

Estaba segura que odiaba la ciencia ficción... hasta hoy.

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### **Ben says**

<http://www.physics.princeton.edu/ph11...>

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great read.

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### **Komal says**

Mind blown in 5 pages.

I've never wondered so deeply about the walks of our universe in 22 years of my life as much as I have in the

span of barely fifteen minutes, which began with me opening this story and ended with me finishing it.

There is no proper review for me to provide to do justice to a book this short-lived and astounding. Read it and you'll know it.

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## Tyler Bair says

**JUST GOOGLE IT AND READ IT!!!** A very quick 15 minute read and easily one of the best sci-fi short stories I've ever read. Whatever their literary tastes, anyone is capable of thoroughly enjoying this great work by one of the greatest sci-fi authors of all time! The last two sentences will leave your mind more blown than a ~~Chippendales stripper~~

~~anything in or remotely involved with a film directed by Michael Bay~~

~~Lindsey Lohan's stockpile of cocaine~~

~~the proportions of human stupidity~~

~~the candles on a Centenarian's birthday cake~~

~~your prior, generally optimistic, outlook on life after witnessing (spoiler alert to all living under a rock)~~  
~~TWD's Hershel dying~~

~~the jet stream bringing this colossal Arctic Vortex~~

~~a bipolar withdrawing methhead's gasket after having no paying "customers" behind the local Denny's due to said Arctic Vortex~~

~~the federal government's revenue~~

~~SpongeBob's bubble wand~~

~~that time you was kidnapped by that cult (you remember what you did)~~

~~Dorothy and her little dog too in that tornado~~

~~your nose while suffering through bird flu~~

my hopes of finding a proper metaphor for the rather succinct point I'm trying to make

~~Louis Armstrong's trumpet~~

~~the opportunities of your poor miserable life~~

~~Princess Leia's home planet after its minor encounter with the first Death Star~~

~~your tear ducts after a commercial involving Sarah McLachlan~~

~~water through Chris Christie's secret blowhole (You doubt this infallible review?! We'll get back to your punishment later but rest assured that hidden blowhole is there)~~

~~a suicide bomber~~

~~the innards of one dying from Ebola~~

~~the socks off a just former virgin~~

~~that rat tag bastard James (the one on my list (you know who you are (eh probably (if not the list just happens to coincidentally be posted behind (where else?) Denny's (to the left of the backdoor but to the right~~

~~of that oddly colored blood stain (if you enjoy parentheses though you don't have to worry about being on my horror inducing atrocity proximate list though))))~~

**Obama's reputation**

~~all your meager, pathetic hopes and fragile psyche after the Red Wedding~~  
when you hear the wedding ring explanation for Inception's ending! (Finally nailed it!)

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**Franco Santos says**

Interesante explicación del origen del universo. No puedo decir mucho más de lo que pienso porque sería *spoiler*, pero muy interesante historia.

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**Adrian says**

It's Asimov, it's a classic golden age SF short story, it's original with so much packed into so few pages and just maybe it's prophetic.

I don't often split out a particular story from a "best of" or other compendium of short stories, but this is just so iconic that I've rated it as a separate entity

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**Denisse says**

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