

# BOUNDARY PROBLEMS

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## Conversation Starters:

In "Mindreader," is Jimmy a static character, or is he altered by his experience?

Why is "The Smut Story" in three sections spread throughout the book instead of one long section? And why are the numbers of the sections counting down instead of up?

The main character of "The Concept of a Photon" describes Bruce as an outsider. Between the main character and Bruce, who would you consider more of an outsider and why?

What is Cora's motivation in the story "The Blackbird Shuffle"?

Why is "The Everett-Wheeler Hypothesis" a fitting title for this story of the same name?

"The hiss of static reminds him of running humidifiers, a hum of childhood colds, warm blankets, bedtime stories, and tuckings-in."  
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## Fever

A cocktail with a faint blush to match your own while reading "The Smut Story."

### *Ingredients:*

3 oz (6 tablespoons) gin  
1 oz (2 tablespoons) dry vermouth  
1 teaspoon Dubonnet Rouge  
1/2 teaspoon anisette or other anise-flavoured liqueur  
Garnish: lemon twists

### *Preparation:*

Fill a cocktail shaker halfway with ice, then add all ingredients and shake or stir well. Strain into chilled martini glasses.

## Crab-and-Avocado Toasts

A rich, creamy topping for toast rounds with the an extra zesty kick from lime, mint and cayenne pepper.

Find the full recipe here.