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AFTER THE LAST PAGE

These questions give away the ending of Infinite Wisdom. Turn the page only when everyone in your club has finished the book.

SPOILERS FROM HERE

THE VOTE

1. Tully asks nine billion people to abstain from a vote built with no third box. Was that courage, cowardice or something else? What would you have done with your thirty seconds?
2. Look at your club's two ballot counts. Did anyone want to spoil their ballot? Does the ending change how you feel about your own vote?
3. The screen says "for moving forward" and "for going back." Who chose those words, and how did they push you?
4. "Unplug is freedom, but with a price… Upgrade is the survival of the species, but under permanent subjugation." Were both options really bad?

MAKERS AND MACHINES

5. David caused the tabkhir to push the world toward a protector. Lockwood burned Central to push it toward Unplug. Are the artilect and the man doing the same thing?
6. Martha's brief for Solomon put salvation first and freedom second. Would you rank them the same way?
7. Martha's charter says "obey Livia," but its fine print lets the mandate overrule anyone. Was the charter a safeguard, or the thing that made the disaster possible?
8. David named Solomon. The last log is signed REHOBOAM, Solomon's son in the Bible. Who do you think "they" were, and where did Solomon go?

LETTING GO

9. Livia builds a Revenant of the sister she never let herself mourn, then has to delete her. What does the book say about grief, and about bringing back the dead?
10. "Lead your own herd," Haymaker tells her. Did Livia take his advice?
11. October gets better once she is cut off from Solomon. What does that say about good intentions without full knowledge?
12. For a few seconds, every chipped mind feels every other. Would you want that connection to last?

SIX MONTHS LATER

13. Livia, Randall and Haymaker launch in a pod built for two, and the dead drop stays empty. Is the ending hopeful, tragic or both?
14. Tom's acknowledgments say he wrote this book twice: the first draft came from a loss of faith in humanity. Does the ending earn its hope?
15. Who is the truthteller at the end of the duology?

Then vote again, and send Tom your club's two counts.