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## SYNOPSIS

The novel *Oryx and Crake* is told through two different axes, those are the present time after the apocalypse, and the past before the apocalypse. Each chapter moves back and forth from the present time and the past. *Oryx and Crake* starts sets in the near future when a pandemic wiped out the whole population of the earth but left only one survivor. The only survivor of the pandemic is Snowman (whose former name is Jimmy, the protagonist of the novel). Snowman survived the pandemic and lived in the near coastal area with Crakers, a group of genetically modified creatures that look like human but have rich genes.

As Snowman is the only survivor, throughout the novel he tries to maintain his sanity by recalling memories from the Pre-Apocalyptic world. Those memories come to Snowman as voices from the self-help books he read back then in school. Whenever he tries to keep up with the lives of the Crakers, a flashback from the voices occurs.

Jimmy/Snowman memories from the past framed the story as the novel moves along. In the past, Jimmy lives with his parents that work for OrganInc Farms, one of the big corporations that hold the power to control the world and decide class division. Jimmy lives peacefully in the Compounds, places where rich scientists live and they are protected from the danger of the outside world. They called the place outside the Compounds as the Pleeblands. The pleeblands are filled with chaos, be it environmental and political. There are riots and resistance movements here and there in Global Scale.

Along the way, Crake was introduced to the story. Crake is Jimmy's friend who helped him go through his years in school. He was undeniably clever and different from the rest of the people. He knows how the world works and how dirty is the agenda of the Corporations. Crake then invented the Paradise project that created the pills that supposed to heal people but results in a pandemic that wiped out the whole population. The novel then ends with the present time Jimmy or the Crakers call him Snowman as he discover another human survivor from the pandemic.