

SYNOPSIS

Philip K. Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* is a science fiction novel with apocalyptic theme. The novel has twenty two chapters and the narration revolves around two major points of view: Rick Deckard the bounty hunter (the ones that hunt and kill androids) and John R. Isidore the chickenhead (the ones that have mental deficiency from the effect of radioactive dust). It explores the complex relationship between humans and androids in a futuristic-dystopian world. The novel sets in the Earth had been heavily polluted by the impact of World War Terminus and animals are nearly extinct. Most people emigrated and settled a new colony on Mars. Each of them is provided with one android as their servant. However, as the technology advanced, the androids became smarter. They have their own will and escaped from Mars to Earth in order to get freedom from humans' authority. The escaped androids are seen as violation against law, so they must be eliminated.

The story followed the story of Rick Deckard pursued a group of six Nexus-6 type androids who escaped to Earth. His job is to "retire" or kill them because they violate the law. Rick's purpose is to earn money from the killing, thus he can buy a living animal. In his journey to this retirement of these androids, Rick had many emotional experiences that ultimately changed his view toward androids and machines.

On the other side of the story, the readers are introduced to John R. Isidore, the subsidiary main character. Isidore is a man with mental deficiency

from the pollution of the nuclear war. Because of this deficiency, he is put in the lower class of society and doing menial work such as driver or trash collector. He lived alone in a ruined apartment on the suburban area. However, unlike Rick who opposes androids, he is befriended with three of them. Through the view of John R. Isidore, the readers are expected to see the other side of the story of the novel in order to understand the whole, complex story.

The story ends with the retirement of all of the androids. Rick has retired from his job and started a peaceful life and Isidore left his old apartment, looking for a new place which has more people to live.