

***"THE LAST man on EARTH sat in a room. suddenly
There was a KNOCK at the DOOR..."***

I OPENED THE DOOR. THE FIGURE ON THE OTHER SIDE SMILED UNPLEASANTLY. **THIS STORY IS ACTUALLY HORROR**, IT INTONED. **I KNOW THAT YOU WERE TAUGHT THAT IT WAS SCIENCE FICTION, BUT YOU WERE TAUGHT WRONG...**

THE FIGURE TRAILED OFF, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE I WASN'T REACTING THE WAY IT EXPECTED. IN FACT, I WAS *GRINNING*.

"YOU KNOW WHAT," I SAID, "THE THING IS ABOUT THE 'LAST man on EARTH' SHORTEST-EVER FICTION THING? *IT'S FICTION!*"

AND THEN THE FIGURE HEARD THE SHOTGUN BEING COCKED BEHIND HIM.