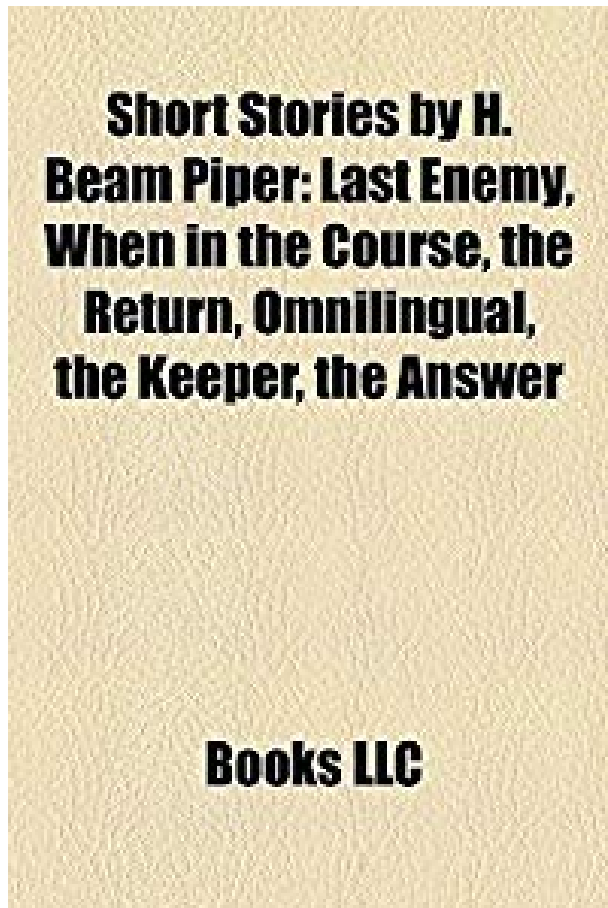


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statistically random event, and as such private property and wealth should be socialized to give everyone an equal opportunity. The Violationalist party, on the other hand, believes that everyone reincarnates as they please, so they favor the present system of private property and capitalism. Dallona's new discoveries have completely undermined the Statisticalists' position, and they are determined to suppress the studies, and do away with Dallona permanently. In reality, Dallona of Hadron is actually Hadron Dalla, a psychic-science researcher, from the ...More: <http://bookslc.net/?id=2641019>