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Subterranean Press is proud to present an election-oriented short story by John Scalzi on Whatever.

When his city council representative is hit by a bus, David Sawyer decides to run for the newly-vacated seat. One problem: He's a human in an alien-majority district that hasn't voted in a human in half a century. Can Sawyer pull it off in a race that includes a politically smooth, physically gelatinous front runner, a carnivore whose entire platform is on the right to consume pets, and two literally bile-spewing sisters? A tale of aliens, politics and humor from the author of "Old Man's War" and "The Android's Dream".

An Election Details

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From Reader Review An Election for online ebook

G33z3r says

John Scalzi can certainly bring on the humor when he wants to. In this short story, the human Dave decides to run for city Council in the most xeno-diverse district in the city. It seems most of his neighbors are of half a dozen alien species, and a human hasn't represented the district in almost five decades. As he launches his door to door campaign, both his less than supportive husband and his campaign manager (whose only in it for the college credit) ladle on large scoops of sarcasm. It's all good, mindless fun, with some witty dialogue that's often laugh out loud funny.

Daniel says

Yay! More queer main characters!

seak says

I always know that when I read Scalzi I'll be entertained. Whether it's his science fiction, his blog (whatever), and now his short fiction.

An Election is a humorous story of a guy, David, who decides to run for city counsel. It just so happens no human has been a representative for the third district in 44 years, not to mention no human has even run for the position in 36.

David's husband, James, attempts to talk him out of it, but to no avail.

Most of the fun is found in the different aliens Scalzi's created, from a gelatinous blob who speaks in bubbles, to, well, let's just say there's suckers. David goes door-to-door meeting them and runs against them.

The running-mates, of course, are all aliens (if you can call them that at this point in the future), one of whom's only platform is that people should be able to eat each other's pets. Yep, the only stance.

I had fun, but I think I was expecting it to be funnier really. Still good, but not my favorite from Scalzi. It was still worth the \$0.99 I paid, even though it was only about 15 or so pages (I think, my kindle skipped about 3-5% each page turn).

3 out of 5 Stars

Eric Mesa says

A fun little short story about an election in a very diverse district. I kind of want to see more of this world which I think is the mark of a good short story.

Shelly says

Hehe, "I want to eat your pets!"

Dragana says

Another great short story from John Scalzi, master of wacky humor and weird aliens. Loved it.

Ruby Tombstone [With A Vengeance] says

It's a cute short story. It's a sci-fi political satire. You should probably go read it now.

Jim says

A fun & funny election in the future. Short, free & well worth the read. It's available on his web site here:
<http://whatever.scalzi.com/2010/11/01...>

Ron says

Not one of Scalzi's best efforts.

Natalie says

this little primer should be required reading for the spouse or partner of anyone who contemplates running for office or taking a role in a campaign & it's hilarious too - great combo !

Chris says

Funny little sci-fi story that I could knock out because I was too lazy to get up from the computer but wanted to read something. It took a few productive minutes away my internet surfing time, but one can only look at so many pictures of Candice Swanepoel, right?

See what I mean? Stop ~~drooling~~ surfing and start reading the story!

Read it for free online: <http://whatever.scalzi.com/2010/11/01...>

Laurel says

There is something wonderful about sitting down in a comfy chair, cup of coffee in hand, and reading a great story during a single sitting. The moment becomes even greater if the story makes you snort coffee in the process, due to moments of laugh out loud funny! My two beloved pups also adored the pet protection undertones of the piece. Thanks for making my Sunday a little brighter, Mr. Scalzi!

Jim says

Another enjoyable short read by an author who has fast become a favorite. I've yet to read anything by him that I didn't enjoy. This humorous take on grassroots politics (headlined by a gay couple no less) was a funny read with some silly moments but still managed to have a few mature moments.

Chip says

Eh. Mildly humorous short story.

Jaka Tomc says

This was my first Scalzi's book and I started with a short story just to get the feeling of his flow. He can write. I wasn't blown away by the story but it was a fun read. I'm looking forward to reading some of his other books.
