

The background features several large, stylized, overlapping swirls in shades of purple, green, and blue. Interspersed among these swirls are numerous small, yellow, starburst-like shapes, some of which are larger and more prominent, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

A Very Special Goose

By Issac Asimov



Objectives

- To know the genre of this article.
- To understand how the goose could lay golden eggs.
- To analyze the intention that the author composes such a text.
- Reading skill: synonyms and antonyms.



About the author

- **Asimov was born January 2, 1920, in the town of Petrovichi, then in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic and now in Russia. When he was eleven years old he began writing, he composed hundreds of books in his whole life. The novel of fantasy and science fiction is one kind of his writing.**

- Isaac Asimov (1930-1992), he is Yes Russians Jews, he was born in Russia in 1920, three years old his family moved to the United States, five years to obtain citizenship of United States. Isaac Asimov, the most famous contemporary American science writers, science fiction novelist, the world's top-class science fiction writer and literary critic, he is also the U.S. representative figure of the golden age of science fiction. His life, high yield, published extensively, and his writings nearly 500, including more than 100 science fiction novels, had far more than a "prolific" level. In the 20th century, one of the top science fiction writer. He Won the highest honor on behalf of science-fiction circles Hugo and the Nebula, Achievement Award "Masters Award" in his lifetime. In his name is called for "Asimov's Science magazine," is one of the science fiction of today's United States city.

- **主要作品**

- 《[苍穹微石](#)》（1950）《[星空暗流](#)》（1952）《钢穴》（1953）《[终结](#)》（1955）《[赤裸的太阳](#)》（1956）《[基地三部曲](#)》（1964）《我，机器人》《[机器人的其他故事](#)》

- 《[基地](#)》系列：“[基地三部曲](#)”（《[基地](#)》、《[基地与帝国](#)》、《[第二基地](#)》），“[基地续集](#)”（《[基地边缘](#)》（1982）《[基地与地球](#)》（1986）），“[基地前传](#)”（《[基地序曲](#)》（1988）、《[基地在前进](#)》）

- 《[机器人](#)》系列《[黎明世界的机器人](#)》（1984）《[机器人与银河帝国](#)》（1985）（1988）《[赤裸的太阳](#)》《[我，机器人](#)》《[复仇女神](#)》（1988）

- 「[基地](#)」、「[机器人](#)」等系列是艾西莫夫最脍炙人口的代表作。这些看似各自独立的故事，相互贯串起来，竟是一部俯仰两万年的长篇史诗！艾西莫夫特意将科幻场景巨幅拉大，在全银河的背景下架构他独有的[科幻世界](#)、借由[银河帝国](#)的兴亡史来讨论人性与政治、经济、军事等文明要素产生的互动影响。这种宏观视野使他的作品处处闪动着关怀人类未来的笔触，超越一般科幻作品的局限。



Preview Questions

- **What makes the goose so special?**
- **Why does the goose possess such ability?**

Structure Analysis

Division	Paragraph	Main Idea
Part I	P1-P22	I was convinced that a special goose did exist on the farm, which could lay golden eggs.
Part II	P23-P26	I bought and took away one of the golden eggs for further study.
Part III	P27-P37	The study showed that the egg shell was pure gold, while the yolk contained something different.
Part IV	P38-P46	The first team found that the chloroaurate is passed into the bloodstream by the liver
Part V	P47-P57	The expert found the liver changed some of the hemoglobin to the gold-containing variety
Part VI	P58-P69	The iron-56, which should be abundant, was missing. A nuclear reaction goes on in the Goose.
Part VII	P70-P85	The energy transformation took place in the Goose.



Key Words

1. convention: conference
2. mutter: say in a low voice
3. short-tempered: easy to become angry
4. capacious: large
5. shatter: break into pieces
6. flake away: fall off
7. butt in : interfere
8. dog: follow



Key Words

9. inert to: not reacting with

10. conceivable: imaginable

11. promptly: without delay

12. crucial: very important



13. converted to: changed to

14. fallout: radioactive dust

15. disposing of: getting rid of



Topic for Discussion

- **This is a science-fiction story but the author has successfully made it more like a real story than a fictitious one. How did he achieve his purpose?**
 - **How will the whole the society be affected if we have many geese like this?**
 - **What is the real intention of this science-fiction?**
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Reading Skill

– Synonyms & Antonyms

Two methods to deal with synonyms & antonyms

- ◆ Check the dictionary for synonyms and antonyms of a word and their various shades of meaning. Choose the shade of meaning that best fits the context.
- ◆ Learn some often-used synonyms and antonyms by heart.