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Be careful what you put in your ears...

In this humorous short story, a trip to the pawnshop sends Bob Hanks on an unexpected adventure.

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Redtooth Details

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Camilla says

Completely caught me off guard. A fun comedic, futuristic, thriller! A quick read with chuckle moments. Enjoyable. Looking forward to reading it to my family.

J. says

A funny, funny story about technology (and a few people) running amok. Be careful about upgrading your hardware; you never know what's going to bite you. This one's a well-written keeper.

Rubén Irigoyen says

Hilarious!

Short and unexpected. Had me guessing what was coming next and laughing like I haven't in a really long time.

Glinda Harrison says

Ha! The geek in me just loved this. Quirky and amusing fun short read.

Todd Russell says

This short story reminded me of the episode of the TV show Shark Tank where an odd businessman tries to get the sharks to invest in his company that makes a bluetooth device that is surgically embedded near the ear. I couldn't stop laughing when the shark's blasted this guy's invention as preposterous and implausible.

The only thing that TV show has in common is a bluetooth-like device being put *inside* a person's ear. I hate stuff in my ear. Water gets in there and it drives me nuts, so I wouldn't be a good candidate for anything requiring surgery to be implanted.

The writer of "Redtooth" avoids the trap that the businessman did on Shark Tank with an element of surprise that I liked.

"Redtooth" is about a sinister replacement for a bluetooth headset. Despite being a short story, it still felt a bit padded to me, like this same story would have had more punch if another 25%+ would have been excised. Still, I enjoyed it as a brief, fun distraction.

Rebecca Douglass says

An entertaining bit of science fiction. The writing style seemed a bit rough to me, and I admit I was taken by surprise--I missed the bit about it being a short story, and expected more. But overall I'd say it worked pretty well.

James says

This was a nice quick read. Quirky, fun, and a bit zany, it's the kind of story you want to read when you need to escape for a bit.

The premise of the book is interesting. A man is given a brand new Redtooth headset (it runs on blood!) and is led through a ridiculous set of circumstances. Why? That's the fun part, and I won't spoil it for you.

The best part of this book are the characters. I'm a sucker for good characterization, and this story has it. All of the characters are just slightly over the top--enough to make it crazy, but not so much as to make them unbelievable or unlikable.

All in all, it's just plain fun. Pick it up!

Lis Carey says

Bob Hanks likes the stuff he has, and doesn't want to switch to new stuff--even when his wife thinks his old stuff looks kind of dorky. This includes his battered, old bluetooth headset, held together with a bit of electrical tape. When his wife threatens him--from his point of view--with a shopping trip to get "stuff he needs," he seizes the chance to go out without while she's out with a friend. He'll get the new things, but without her guidance.

And for certain values of "new." His first stop is a pawn shop.

It's the beginning of a hair-raising adventure.

This is a short story, just half an hour of listening, that appeals to my admittedly sometimes twisted sense of humor. Well worth your time.

Recommended.

The author posted the link to the Soundcloud audio free on Twitter.

Josie says

Nice short piece of speculative fiction about headset device that cannot be removed. I look forward to reading more by this writer.

Thomas says

This was a fun story. Humorous in many ways. The author is a good writer and I'm looking forward to finishing his novel as well. I thought the idea was original and the writing clean.
