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The clock is relentlessly ticking! Our world teeters on a knife-edge between a peaceful and prosperous future for all, and a dark winter of death and destruction that threatens to smother the light of civilization. Within 30 years, in the 2030 decade, six powerful 'drivers' will converge with unprecedented force in a statistical spike that could tear humanity apart and plunge the world into a new Dark Age. Depleted fuel supplies, massive population growth, poverty, global climate change, famine, growing water shortages and international lawlessness are on a crash course with potentially catastr

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Naipaul, ou du transfert des mentalités au XVIIIe siècle. Au total, depuis le début jusqu'à la fin, un grand espace d'étude fut parcouru. Il ne reste plus maintenant au lecteur qu'à se laisser.....
