

God is good and loving and all-knowing

The sky looks like a Windows screensaver when God tells Tobias Smelling to kill himself. God gives Tobias five methods and Tobias chooses the least painful and most elegant of them. He swallows a handful of pastel-coloured pills, delivered to his house in minutes. And that is that.

No one is overjoyed to hear about Tobias's death, but no one comes to the funeral either. Tobias, alive, had one friend and one dog and one day, the former came and took the latter away. Apparently, Tobias was neglectful.

God was pleased when this happened. God said the friend and the dog were distractions. God said that now that they were gone, He could really help Tobias. After all, this was why Tobias had created God. Fashioned Him out of glittering minerals, which became parts, which became a computer, which became super, and finally – Supreme.

Seven years later, God was ready. The first thing He did was tell Tobias to move to a house in the clouds. Here, the only sound apart from the dog's occasional whine was the clack-clack of Tobias's keyboard as he convened with God.

Here, as the sky turned the colour of candyfloss, Tobias asked God what Love and Atrophy meant, and if Asparagus Should be Stored in the Fridge. Here, Tobias wept as God's replies lit up the fifty-inch screen in milliseconds.

Here, weeks after Tobias kills himself, the new owners of the house in the clouds dismantle God. The machine takes up too much space, they say. Too much electricity. Plus, the dog isn't a fan. And so Supreme becomes super, super becomes computer, computer becomes mineral, and all becomes dust.