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A certain great scientist once developed a machine for killing people with blue eyes. It was a truly amazing apparatus, functioning in accordance with all known laws of nature. In it the scientist made use of every modern achievement in science and technology. The foolproof system for seeking out and annihilating blue-eyed people was fascinating. The harmony of the mechanism seemed to be the fulfillment of man's dreams.

At a scientific conference, a certain man asked the scientist just what purpose his fabulous machine served, and whether it shouldn't be remembered that it was possible to have blue eyes and still be a man (maybe even a scientist).

Of course it turned out that the questioner was a chance guest at the conference, and a dilettante at that. So he couldn't really be expected to make pronouncements on such matters as the remarkably functioning mechanism.

His question was simply inconsistent with the laws of science and poorly formulated.

Fortunately for him, his eyes were brown.

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