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THE future is clear. It's just the details that are a little fuzzy.

In an attempt to fast forward the next few weeks of election campaign, we've embarked on the task of doing the equivalent of reading the last page of a book first.

Harry Potter lives. Bella and Edward both suck. And the election is going to be won by...

Well, it's anyone's guess really. And, fitting the description of anyone, we set out to make a guess of our own. Not an uneducated guess, naturally. And not one that's too explicit, lest we remove room for backing down if, as is at least half likely, we get it wrong.

Like all investigative journalists, we tried Google to get us over the line. And it helped.

We found a research paper titled "Predicting Future Random Events Based on Past Performance". As Kevin Rudd can testify, being the person in the PM's office is something of a random event

## Winners, losers and comebacks

BRISBANE psychic, intuitive profiler and, we suspect, political tragic Julianna Suranyi sees a turbulent time ahead in Australian politics.

Suranyi predicts Julia Gillard will win the election on August 21, although that is just the beginning.

"I feel that she'll get them into power but I don't believe it's going to be a landslide victory," Suranyi says. "I feel in the next two weeks there'll be a lot more stuff up."

Another paper called "Predicting Chaotic Time Series" seemed promising although we worried that it might be biased towards a change of government.

We got excited by "Predicting Future Emissions Based on Characteristics of Stocks" but only because we first misread the last word as

socks. The idea of picking a future leader based on intimate apparel seemed appealing.

And finally, we paused for a long time to consider "Empirical Evaluation of the Revised Technology Acceptance Model" and "Does the H Index Have Predictive Power?"

After the pause, we uttered a long

take over and that will be the mistake, because then it opens up the door for (Peter) Costello to come back. I feel that the next election is the interesting one because it will be Costello running for PM against Swan. And Swan will hand them the election."

Suranyi says the future is not looking rosy for Tony Abbott. But she does give him credit for putting up a good fight as Opposition Leader.

"uhhhhh" and gave up the quest. After a great deal of thought, our prediction is simple.

Gillard has a bright future if she does not fall at the end, while Abbott will be the last man standing.

It's word perfect but, when you get to the heart of it, it promises nothing. In short, it's very federal election.