

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STARS?

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A mother and child sit atop a hill, a sea of black looms above them. They stare into the only glimpse of light being emitted from the Sun's dying flames.

CHILD

Mommy, why does the Sun look
so sad?

The mother looks into her child's curious eyes, thinking, as to be careful of what to say.

MOM

Remember when you got lost
in the store, and I had to
look for you?

CHILD

Oh, yeah, I was so scared
I wouldn't see you again.

MOM

I was also scared my dear, when
I didn't know where you were, and
I felt very sad.

CHILD

Did you cry?

MOM

Yes, I did, I felt
so lost without my baby, and that's
how the Sun is feeling right now
without her stars.

CHILD

So the stars are like
her babies? Why are they lost?

MOM

I'm afraid our world had
grown too bright for her

and her babies, so bright that
she couldn't see them.
The child looks into the black abyss, squinting, trying to look for
the stars.

CHILD
Mommy, why did you
bring us up here?

The Mom has a saddened look wash over her face.

MOM
You will see soon, my love.

CHILD
(pouts)
I don't like waiting.

MOM
I know you don't, but I promise
it will come soon.

CHILD
It better be cool.

The Mother wraps her hand around her child's arm, scooting her closer
to her. The child leans her small head into her mother's side. They
sit in silence for a while.

CHILD
I hope her babies can find
their mommy. I would be sad if
I wasn't able to find you.

MOM
Maybe one day they
will find each other, but I'm
not sure if-

The mother hesitates from speaking any more.

CHILD
If what?

(pause)

MOM
I think
it might be time...

There is a rumbling sound that is heard coming from the Sun. The Sun has a very dim glow being emitted from it.

CHILD
What's going to happen now?

The mother squeezes her child's hand tightly.

CHILD
Mommy?

MOM
(shaky)
It is a surprise, can you
do something for mommy?

CHILD
What is it?

MOM
I'm going to need you to close
your eyes, and whatever happens
do not open them, it won't be for
long I promise...

CHILD
Yeah, I can do that!

The child closes her eyes, excited for what's about to come. The ground shakes and rumbles below them, and the temperature gets colder each passing second. The Mother hollers over the noise.

MOM
Before it comes, just know that
Mommy will always love you! Please know
that you mean the world to me my sweet
baby.

CHILD

I love you too mommy!
I will love you forever and ever!

The world stops moving, and the Sun's flames die out. Everything is nothing and the world has faded into a black endless void.