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THE LONGEST NIGHT EVER

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The alarm clock rang at 6 am as usual. It was a normal Thursday morning at home. My mother was yelling that we needed to hurry up because we were going to arrive late to school. I ate breakfast and brushed my teeth as fast as I could. We went downstairs and got into the car. The sun was shining very bright and there weren't any clouds in the sky. It seemed that it was not going to rain that day.

When I arrived at school, everything was calm and quiet. The day passed as always and I had a lot of homework.

When I was at home, I opened the refrigerator, but I couldn't find anything to eat so I walked upstairs and turned on the TV to look for an interesting program, but there wasn't anything interesting on. So I decided to put the music channel on and I started doing my homework.

I finished solving the math problems at 5 o'clock, so I called my neighbor John and asked him if he wanted to go to the park. We met at the park and talked for a while until I looked at the clock and realized that the sky was too dark for it being 6pm. I wondered why the sky was like that if today the sun had been brighter than ever. John also noticed, but he didn't pay attention to it. Minutes later we decided that it was time to go home.

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The dinner was ready when I arrived, so we sat down at the table and ate quietly. My parents asked how my day was and I told them some funny stories that happened at school. We finished eating and then my mom started watching the news. There wasn't anything important on, so I went to my bedroom, lay down in my bed and I took a magazine out to read. I was very tired so I put on my pajamas and I quickly fell asleep.

The alarm woke me up at the same time every day. I opened the curtains, but it was still dark, so I looked at the clock, but it was 6 am. I ran to the kitchen and looked for my mom, she was surprised too. It was very weird that at that time it was like night outside. The telephone rang unexpectedly, so I jumped up, startled by the sound. I answered it, and I heard my school principal on the other end of the line. She told me that we didn't have school today because nobody knew what was happening and maybe that was a sign that something was going to happen later.

I called my friends and they were very scared, they told me that it was going to be the end of the world. I tried to calm down, but it was impossible. In the news, they announced that nobody should leave out of their houses because the meteorologists needed to study what is happening. Why was it still dark when it was 7 o'clock in the morning? Nobody had the answer to that question.

At 12 o'clock it was still dark. Nobody had any idea of why the sun had not come out that morning. I was listening to music in my bedroom and suddenly my mother opened the door and shouted: "The planet has stopped rotating!"



I didn't believe her at first, but then I ran to the TV and watched the news. It was true, the planet was not rotating and because of that the sun had not come out. The other side of the world was having the longest day ever and we were having our longest night.

The geologists didn't know why the planet was not moving anymore. We spent three days living in the dark. People were going insane and I started thinking that this was going to be the end and that we had to get used to this new form of living. It seemed that we were not going to see the sun again in our lives...

Twenty years later, the sky is still dark. We have gotten used to living in a world without sun. We have created food and plants that don't need sun to grow. I love to describe to my daughters how a day with sun looked and they can't imagine that the planet was ever able to rotate. I show them pictures of the blue sky and how beautiful it was. I hope someday we can travel to the other side of the world, where they still enjoy the sun but do not remember the moon, the stars, and the night.