



EARTHVIEW



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**IN A SOLAR
SYSTEM BIGGER
THAN WE COULD
POSSIBLY
IMAGINE, THERE
LIVED A MOON,
NAMED MOON.**



**MOON COULD NOT SEE MUCH IN THIS
GALAXY, FOR SHE WAS QUITE SMALL
COMPARED TO SOME OF HER NEIGHBORS.**

**HOWEVER, FOR MOST OF HER
LIFE, MOON ENJOYED GAZING
UPON HER FRUITFUL
NEIGHBOR, EARTH.**



**SHE LOVED THE SERENITY OF
THE LAND AND THE HARMONY
OF THE ENVIRONMENT.**



**ONE DAY NEW LIFE ARRIVED
ON NEIGHBORING EARTH
AND MOON WATCHED IN
AWE.**

**SHE WATCHED AS ANIMALS
EVOLVED. SHE SAW THEM
INTERACT WITH THE LAND AND
BELIEVED THIS TO BE THE
FINAL PUZZLE PIECE TO THE
PLANET.**



**HOWEVER, THE STORY OF
EARTH WAS LONG FROM
FINISHED. MOON WATCHED AS
A NEW ANIMAL, CALLED
PEOPLE, APPEARED ON EARTH,
SEEMING FAR SUPERIOR THAN
THE OTHER CREATURES.**



**(AT LEAST THE MOON KNEW THATS HOW THEY
SAW THEMSELVES, SO IT MUST HAVE BEEN TRUE)**





AS SHE WATCHED PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES, THERE WERE TIMES THAT SHE WORRIED THIS ANIMAL'S AMBITION WOULD ONE DAY GET THE BEST OF THEM.

**HOWEVER, EACH TIME THIS
CROSSED HER MIND, MOON
WAS AMAZED BY THE ART,
DISCOVERIES, LOVE,
INTILLIGENCE, CONNECTIONS,
AND ALL THAT WAS CREATED
BY PEOPLE WHEN THEY
WORKED TOGETHER.**



**EVENTUALLY PEOPLE LOST
SIGHT OF WHAT REALLY
MATTERED IN LIFE: UNITY.
THEIR GREED AND
SELFISHNESS GOT THE BEST
OF THEM, AND THEY BEGAN
TO DESTROY THEIR OWN
HOME.**



**YET FAR AWAY AS SHE WAS, THE ONLY
THING MOON COULD DO WAS WATCH
AS HER ONLY COMPANION BEGAN TO
EXPIRE.**

**MOON CLOSED HER EYES AS
EARTH, THEIR NEIGHBOR,
WHOM SHE HAD WATCHED
GROW FOR AS LONG AS SHE
COULD REMEMBER, FADED
INTO NOTHINGNESS. MOON
WONDERED WHAT THEY
WOULD DO NOW.**



**JUST WHEN MOON HAD
FINALLY ACCEPTED THE LOSS
OF HER COMPANION, ONCE
SHE FINALLY OPENED HER
EYES, SHE WAS AWESTRUCK
BY WHAT SHE SAW.**



**IN EARTH'S PLACE LAY A NEW
NEIGHBOR, AND MOON COULDN'T HELP
BUT WONDER IF THIS ONE WOULD BE
ANY DIFFERENT THAN THE LAST.**

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