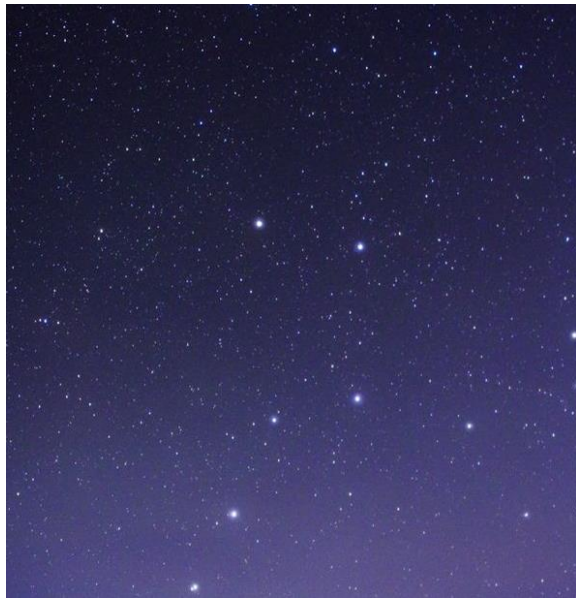


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The night sky is full of millions of stars until the sun rises on the eastern horizon.

Then the stars will fade away as they turn to the dark side of earth.



It is always dark on the part of earth when they twinkle and shine down.

One morning as all the stars turned away, one little star named Chaudello decided to stay behind; he wanted to see what earth looked like.



The other stars called him and warned him that the sun would burn him up if it shone its power on him. But he stayed behind and saw the blue oceans, mountains, deserts, and beautiful green landscape of Earth. He flew down to look in awe at this beauty.



As the sun rose Chaudello felt its heat so he hurled himself into a forest and found a cool, dark cave to roll into. He curled up and went to

sleep for a long time



Chaudello began to miss the other stars and his place in the sky. He wanted one more view of earth. He rolled himself out of the cave late one evening as the sun set.

There were people who saw his descent to their land nearby and they wondered at the sight.

They thought a long dead elder was returning to give them a message.

They pondered and decided an elder was telling them to respect the power of nature and live in harmony with all on earth. So, they did.



With a streak of bright light, he flew up and streaked over the planet he remembered as so shining pure with blue oceans and verdant lands. As he flew, he saw clouds of billowing black smoke from burning trees, smog from masses of ugly buildings, ribbons of concrete everywhere; bombs and missiles flying below him in every direction; the oceans were a dirty grey colour.

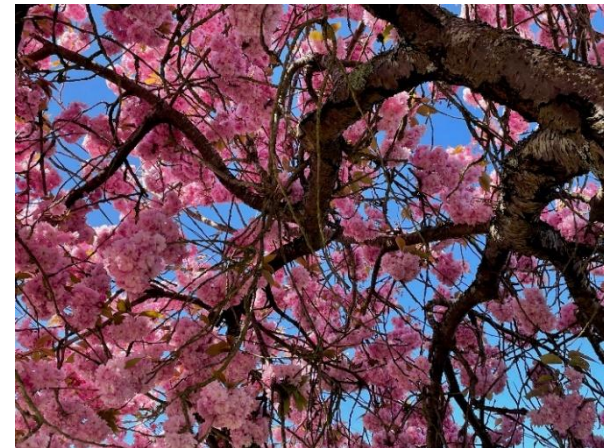


He went higher and higher as the sky darkened until he re-joined the other stars. They welcomed Chaudello.



Down below people marvelled at the sight of a brilliant star flying low around Earth and then disappearing into the dome of millions of stars. Elders and visionaries told other humans that this was a sign and a warning that humans were ruining this beautiful planet with their greed and violence. They said next time many stars would come down and destroy the planet with their heat and power.

People were to heed this warning and change our ways now. Preserve our beauty, live in harmony with each other and with all on earth. To do this now as little time is left



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This story came to me a few weeks ago when I was half asleep/half awake one afternoon/ This is almost exactly as it came with a bit of editing. A small surprise, including the name. It is one of my actions for Mothers' Day for Peace, as a gift to my activist-friends at our Women in Black vigil. Life is precious; never give up trying to make a better world for all.

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