

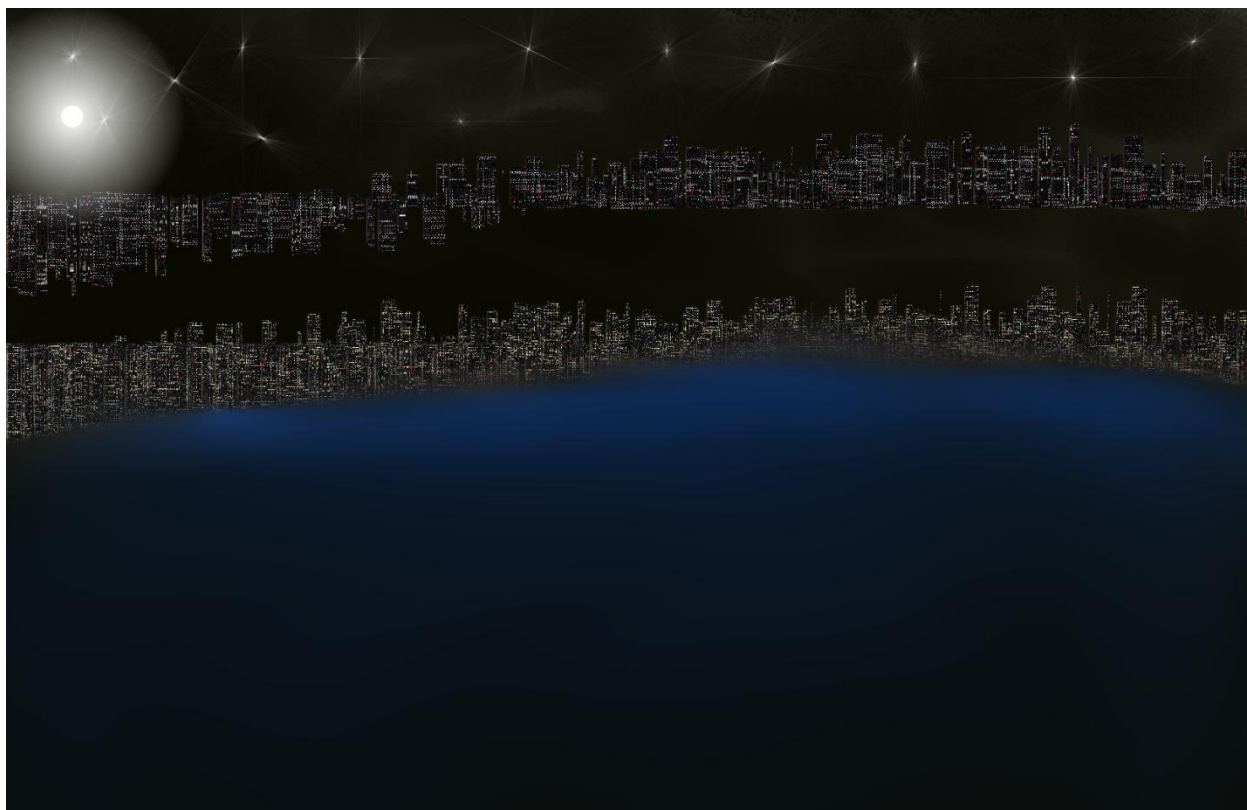
Lest it should happen

Yresk was having a walk with his father as usual and his eyes again caught hold of that scorched planet who ever attracted his attention since beginning. Bsalt ever evaded his questions but that day Yresk was determined to get answers to all his queries. Bsalt knew one day he had to ,so there was no use . He disliked discussing anything about that planet as it was considered ominous to utter or mention its name. He took pity on that wretched planet that had been ruined.



No one else ruined it except the selfish dwellers on it. Bsalt remembered his childhood days when his elders told him about the unhappy past times of this planet "Earth". Bsalt started narrating the story of that planet.

It was said that there were all favourable conditions to survive there unlike their own planet Uraska where only sand is spread and water is scarce. The temperature is so high that they can't wear any clothes. Besides oxygen is less and minerals are rare. Bsalt often thought how foolish are people often to take for granted gifts of God. Those earthlings were very ungrateful and ever exploited their natural resources to fullest and towards the end of their lives they had literally left nothing for their future generations. Throughout their existence on Earth they ran after sordid pleasures of life and ignored important aspects. They fought over petty issues and divided the whole planet into numerous parts; still they were not contented and tried to snatch others' belongings. That greed was the deadliest cause of their untimely ruin. God didn't divide them into regions, creeds, castes and religions but they themselves did. It would have been ok if they respected others' views and religions. Everybody thought himself to be superior to his fellows and that led to clashes further. They couldn't learn to live in harmony. They were far advanced in technology compared to denizens of other planets of Universe. But alas, they misused their all powers and knowledge. Seeing the consequences of such progress, Uraskians have decided to be simple in ways and they think Peace and Harmony are the foremost things to survive on any planet or Universe.



There were skyscrapers, Space Research Institutes, all amenities of life on Earth but they lacked the vision of essential Unity of all creatures in Universe. They thought they were the only one of their kind in whole Universe but they were foolish to presume that. Due to that arrogance their space explorations couldn't go further than moon and Mars. Their all energies were consumed in petty things. Bsalt told Yresk how Yraskians have explored the vast Universe in past few years. All Yraskians work like a single entity and there are no boundaries, discriminations among them. Bsalt told Yresk about the end of Earth. Earthlings ignored all warnings of God. Natural disasters were taking place; they ignored that and clashed with others over small, insignificant issues. They would have survived if they had confronted all grim situations united, forgetting their differences. It was too late, once two powerful countries started fighting over a small issue and no interference from other countries could stop them. They used the

deadliest of their weapon, the nuclear power and that was the end of that beautiful planet.

Yresk was moved to pity hearing that story of Earth. He determined to follow the rules set by his forefathers as it ensured their safe existence in this beautiful Universe. How can they lose this beautiful gift of Life from God due to small follies? If only the earthlings could know this beforehand, they would have been living happily and perhaps might be the most omnipotent ones in this whole Universe due to their exemplary intelligence.

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