

The Day the World Stopped Spinning

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It was a normal Tuesday morning. People were getting ready for school and work. Birds were singing, cars were driving, and everything seemed fine. Then, at exactly 8:30 a.m., the Earth stopped spinning. At first, nobody noticed. But a few minutes later, strange things started happening.

The wind became stronger than anyone had ever seen. Trees were pulled out of the ground, houses shook, and giant waves crashed onto beaches. Everyone was scared. Scientists rushed to find out what had happened. They looked at computers, satellites, and space telescopes, but nobody knew why the Earth had stopped.

They only knew that life would never be the same. As the days went by, one side of the Earth stayed in daylight all the time. It became hotter and hotter until the rivers dried up and plants began to die. The other side was always dark. It became freezing cold, and everything was covered in snow and ice. People had to move to the middle of the Earth, where it was not too hot or too cold. They called it the goldilocks. They built new towns and worked together to grow food and find clean water. Even though people came from different countries, they helped each other because everyone wanted to survive.

One day, a 12-year-old girl named Mia noticed something unusual. She was watching the sunset when she realised it had moved just a tiny bit. She told her science teacher, but at first no one believed her. The scientists decided to check their equipment. After many tests, they discovered that the Earth had started spinning again—but very slowly. Everyone celebrated. They knew it would take an extraordinarily long time for the Earth to return to normal, but they finally had hope. Years later, the world was greener again. Animals returned, rivers flowed, and people never forgot the day the Earth stopped spinning. They learned that our planet is precious and that people are strongest when they work together. It took a while to restart communities, but everyone helped everyone and everything was soon back to normal.