

December 16th, 2020 - Julia's story

Snow At Last!!

It was the 24th of December 2079. Lucy and George did not want to go to bed. "It's much too early!", George said again and again. But it was useless. It was bedtime.

Suddenly grandma Sue said, "I could tell them a story upstairs..."

"Okay, mom," said dad. "But don't let them stay up to late!"

As they went up, Lucy asked, "What story are you going to tell us, grandma?"

"A story from my time", she answered.

Grandma Sue had a twinkle in her eye. "A long, long time ago, when I was as old as you are now," she started, "there was a thing called *snow*."

"Oh, that thing that's in Frozen 15? That white stuff?", George said.

"Yes" grandma Sue said. "Well, when I was young there was snow in the winter. Here, in Vienna! We could build a snowman, ride our sleigh down the hill and even have snow-ball fights! Oh, those were good times."

Lucy interrupted her. "What happened to it? The ... snow?" Grandma Sue's eyes suddenly looked very sad. "People didn't stop using their cars; they didn't do anything! Some of my friends and I tried to make them stop, but, well, nothing happened. Nobody listens to children!" she said without any joy. "But one day, they will realize that, and then maybe it will snow again. One day..."

"Do you think we will we ever see snow, grandma?", Lucy asked. Tears gathered in her eyes.

"I hope so," grandma said. "But now you need to go to bed. Or else Santa won't come. Good night!"

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"Good night grandma!", the children said.

When they woke up, the children saw something they had never seen before. Everything was covered in a thick white sparkling blanket of.... SNOW! They ran outside. It was the most beautiful thing they had ever seen. They promised to do everything possible to make sure they would see snow again the next year, and every Christmas after that!

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