

Ellipsis

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She whispered the password and waited.
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The lights flickered once twice... then died.
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The train pulled away without us.

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We waited and waited.

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He remembered the warning far too late.

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The music stopped and the hall fell silent.

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Somewhere below deck something shifted.

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They searched every room and found nothing.

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