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The Family Without Hope

Early morning was rising, and the sun was being it's bright self.No birds were in sight, and the air was drifting through the leftover fragments of melted glaciers.Not much was ice was left,every bit of ice was gliding away.The sun was now every animal's worst enemy.No more predator nor prey, the only predator was the sun.There was no hiding from climate change.

Animals without homes, animals without hope, animals without their family members. The sun made everything that was left it's prey.Out in the distance,along the mountain side there was a den and a cave.Two Polar Bears and a White Tailed Fox resided there.These were the only two shelters still known to be standing.The two Polar Bears,Noah and Simon,found shelter from the sun in their cave.Noah was the father of his young one,Simon.All they had was each other.Noah's soulmate and Simon's mother was no longer in their presence; she had died three years prior while giving birth to Simon.

Simon never understood why she had to die, everyday he questioned why these things happen.But there was someone who was always there to answer his questions,Jenni.Jenni was a great and clever fox who was always around in a time of need.She was there when Simon was born. She also stood in the distance and witnessed the loss of Simon's mother.Silently she stood watching and shed her tears.

Before Noah and Simon knew any foxes, they kept their distance from foxes--for they know they were competitors--fighting to get any food that survived the sun's violent rays. But with the loss of his wife, Noah was in disbelief and began to become angry. Despite the competition and bumpy past, Jenni went to Noah to provide him and Simon love and care as they grieved. Noah had to calm himself down to first accept her presence. . Jenni offered a motherhood to Simon that she had never been given herself.

Jenni's parents had abandoned her at birth because she didn't open her eyes for five long days. Yet, winter storms, predators and her loss of some eyesight didn't stop her. She became a strong, independent, yet caring. So there she was standing by Simon and his father in times of need.

As a young boy, Simon was full of energy, and watching him grow meant everything to Jenni. One day, Jenni introduced Simon to a family of Sea Lions, with a son who was the same age as him. The sea lions and Jenni became his second family and his best friends. The Sea Lion mother of the family, a good friend of Jenni's would always go to the cave to talk to Noah and Jenni. She would tell them how Simon was scared of the ice melting and losing his home soon. Nobody knew just how soon the ice would melt and their cave homes would disappear. They were all very cautious of what the future would bring. When they were all young they were all taught that the sun was supposed to provide hope, not take hope away.

In these times of fear and sadness, Simon would tell his father and all of their friends, not to worry. Through his friendships he had come to realize that together they would survive. He also knew that his mother, who was watching over them all, would make sure everything was alright.

