

Junior Division Short Fiction (15 years & under)

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The Waterfall (an excerpt)

"Oh. Can you keep going?"

"Can you tell me where I was?"

"The mermaids pulled the ocean over and Queen Star put a spell on the place."

"Oh, right. We're almost at the end."

"Really?"

"Yes, now let me finish."

"Alright, Gramma."

"Very soon, the waterfall at the end of the world will end, and the last of that great ocean will be pulled over the edge, and even the faintest memory of all that happened will be lost."

"Is that the end?"

"Yes."

"That *was* a sad story."

"I warned you. Now go up to bed. It's late, and you should be asleep."

The little girl goes back into the house, and the old woman looks up at the now dark sky for a moment before following her.