

Jam Tarts in the Dark



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Pip and Sam were asleep.
Pip with Red Rat in the crook of
her arm, Sam with Ted and a book.



“Woof. Sigh. Woof!”

Alma was barking in her sleep.

“Hush, Alma. No harm,” said Dad.



Kim Cat was not asleep.
She stood up to arch her back.



“Is there jam left in the jar?”
said Nan.

Dad had a look. “Yes, a good
big blob.”



“Jam tarts?”

Nan started to cook.



Dad took a look at his star charts.
“Mars is bright tonight. Shall we go
and look?”



They sat in the dark garden, lit by the moon and stars.



In a bit, Nan stood up to check the tarts. “Oof! Stiff hip.”
“Bad luck, Mum,” said Dad.



“Let’s see, Mars ... There! Bright,
a bit red. Yes!”

Dad put a mark on his chart.



Nan stood blinking in the dark.
Dad took her arm.
“Can you see the bench?”
“Yes, thanks. Tart?”



“Up there, see? Right by the moon. Bright and a bit red. That’s Mars, the red planet,” said Dad. “And I like the tarts, Mum.”



“Jam tarts, stars, the garden, us.
This is a good night,” said Nan.
She patted his arm.

Questions

Can you answer these questions about the story?

1. Was Nan asleep at the start?
2. Did Dad spot a shooting star?
3. Was Nan glad to be with Dad in the garden?

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