

The Journey of **Clementine**

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Clementine didn't know
what kind of animal she was.
She only knew that she gave off light,
just like the stars and the moon.

This is the story of Clementine's
journey to find someone like her.



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*To Francesco, Laura, and Giordano:
be a light for one another.*

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A glowing firefly with a bright red head and a white, glowing abdomen is perched on a large, light-colored leaf. The background is a dark, blue-tinted forest with various plants and trees. The firefly's glow illuminates the leaf it is on and casts a soft light on the surrounding foliage.

Clementine was born on a warm summer night.
A blue-tinged light shone all around her.

In a clearing in the woods,
nestled among bushes and grasses,
Clementine was a mere speck
of glowing light.

Clementine yawned, opened her eyes nervously,
and glanced around.



She was looking for other glowing specks of light like herself,
but she couldn't find any. The forest was thick with plants,
and it was so big, it seemed to go on forever.



At that very same moment, a little girl
was gazing out of her bedroom window.





The hill beyond her house was covered with tiny lights.
“Perhaps they’re stars,” the young girl thought to herself.




She took a lantern, stepped outside and headed towards those mysterious twinkling lights.



Meanwhile, two insects had made their way over to Clementine to make her acquaintance.

“Hello! I’ve never seen you around here. Are you lost?” asked Moth.

“I’m Grasshopper. Where do you come from? What kind of insect are you?”

An illustration of three insects at night. A large, glowing yellow full moon is in the upper left. A red-headed insect with a glowing green abdomen is perched on a dark rock in the center. Two other insects, one brown and one blue, are on a branch in the lower left. Yellow flowers are in the bottom right. The background is dark blue with some foliage.

“I don’t know what kind of insect I am.
I think I was just born,” said Clementine.
“Maybe I come from up there?”
“From the moon?” asked Grasshopper.

“Well, I give off light, too... Or maybe
I’m one of those dots shining in the sky.”



Clementine took a big leap and started flying upwards...