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  if #stars < 4 then
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    if star.nextDelay > 0 then
                                                                         if star.nextDelay > 0 then
      star.nextDelay = star.nextDelay - dt
                                                                           star.nextDelay = star.nextDelay - dt
    else
                                                                        else
      newStar = {
                                                                           newStar = {
        x = math.random(0, love.graphics.getWidth() -
                                                                             x = math.random(0, love.graphics.getWidth() -
                                                                                                                  star.height),
                                             star.height),
        y = 0 - star.height,
                                                                             y = 0 - star.height,
      speed = math.random(star.speed.min, star.speed.max),
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                                                                                     char = star.char
            }
                                                                                 }
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                                                                                 star.nextDelay = math.random(star.delay.min,
                                           star.delay.max)
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        end
                                                                             end
    end
                                                                         end
    for i, star in ipairs(stars) do
                                                                         for i, star in ipairs(stars) do
        star.y = star.y + (star.speed * dt)
                                                                             star.y = star.y + (star.speed * dt)
        if star.y > love.graphics.getHeight() then
                                                                             if star.y > love.graphics.getHeight() then
            table.remove(stars, i)
                                                                                 table.remove(stars, i)
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                                                                             end
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