

ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE CHILDREN'S STORIES





Once upon a time, in a busy town called Chernobyl, there was a very powerful machine that made electricity for everyone.

It was called Reactor Number 4.



One night, some grown-ups decided to test the machine to see how strong it was.

They thought they were in control — but they did not fully understand how dangerous the machine could become.



Suddenly, something went very wrong.

The reactor overheated, alarms rang, and a burst of invisible energy escaped into the night sky.



Brave firefighters rushed in to stop the flames.

They did not know the smoke carried radiation — something you cannot see, smell, or taste, but that can still hurt you.



Scientists gathered to understand what had happened.

They slowly realized the explosion had released radioactive material far beyond the power plant.



The nearby town of Pripyat looked normal the next morning.

But the air was not safe, and families were told they had to leave their homes — thinking they would return in a few days.

They never did.



Thousands of workers came together to contain the damage. They built a massive concrete structure around the reactor to trap the radiation inside, so it could not spread further.

The town stayed empty.

Nature slowly returned — trees grew, animals wandered, and the buildings stood still, like a paused moment in time.