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GRIEF HAS A LONG TAIL

“Grief has a long tail” is an expression Briana remembers her dad saying after her grandmother dies.

If grief were an animal, how would you describe it? How about other emotions? Joy? Fear? Write a paragraph that describes an emotion as an animal.

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HURRICANE

After her father's death, Briana thinks about other catastrophes—crumbling buildings, highways caving in, trees toppling, hurricanes and tornados.

Write about a disaster, imagined or real, as if you were in the middle of it. Or write about it as if it happened a long time ago.

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SAY GOODBYE

Briana's imagined second heart speaks to her in the voice of her dad. The first thing it says is "Say Goodbye."

Write a paragraph or a page on the theme of saying goodbye to someone or something you love—a parent, a friend, a pet, a place.

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