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10-Sentence Story: Escape the City During a Blackout



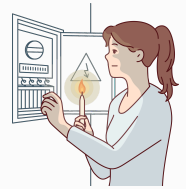
Write a short story about a character trying to escape a dark, powerless city during a sudden blackout. Follow the specific requirements for each sentence below.

Sentence 1: Start with an **action verb** and **introduce the character**.

Example: Sprinting down the empty street, Marcus clutched his phone, its screen the only light in the chaos.

Sentence 2: Describe a **sound heard** in the city during the blackout.

Example: Sirens wailed in the distance, their cries bouncing off the darkened buildings.



Sentence 3: Use a **simile** to describe the blackout.

Example: The city was like a swallowed star, silent and devouring every spark of light.

Sentence 4: Introduce a **man-made obstacle** the character must overcome.

Example: A pile of abandoned cars blocked the tunnel entrance, their windows shattered and doors flung open.

Sentence 5: Include a line of **dialogue**.

Example: "If I don't make it across the river, I'm stuck here," he whispered to himself.



Sentence 6: Use **one** of these words: **flickering, broken, choking, slippery**.

Example: A slippery patch of oil nearly sent him crashing into a fallen traffic light.

Sentence 7: Write a **question**.

Example: Was anyone else even trying to get out?



Sentence 8: Begin with a **transition word** like **Suddenly, Meanwhile, or Eventually**.

Example: Meanwhile, the wind picked up, scattering trash and debris across his path.

Sentence 9: Mention an **object the character finds or uses**.

Example: Near a cracked fire hydrant, he found a bicycle with one working pedal.



Sentence 10: End with a **dramatic twist**.

Example: As he reached the edge of the city, the lights flickered on—but they were red.

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