

# A Beauty and the Beast Tidbit (100 words)

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## Darkness

*“If ... my sleep was ... heavy ... I lost all sense of the place ... and ... I awoke ... not knowing where I was, I could not be sure at first who I was ... everything would be moving round me through the darkness: things, places, years.” \**

Vincent understood Proust’s disorientation well.

*“Then memory ... would come like a rope let down from heaven to draw me up out of the abyss of not-being.”*

Yes! Vincent found the words strangely comforting. They made him feel more human.

*“Darkness ... without a cause, a matter dark indeed.”*

But only the absence of light, understanding. Vincent lit a candle.

*\* All quotations extracted from “Swann’s Way - Remembrance of Things Past, Volume One”, by Marcel Proust. (1922)*