

The Star

This essay treats itself with the theme apocalypse. Therefore the short story "the star" was analyzed, the probable upcoming problems in Switzerland are shown and it's discussed whether our country, with it's political system, is strong enough to handle the forthcoming challenges.

The short story of "the star" tells about a young american musician, a star, which has won many musical awards. She lives in LA and suddently finds out that the whole world has turned upside down. The whole country is about to get attacked by other countries and is going to be destroyed by spreading radiation, diseases and poisonings.

Her Parents try to open her eyes and show her the fact that they might lose their money, their water, their electricity and their lives. In short term, they might lose everything. The atmosphere is described very dark and depressing, nobody knows what tomorrow brings and every day might be the last one. The fear of the father, that the electricity would soon go out, confirms itself soon. The star itself does not want to believe reality and hides herself in her room under the blankets from her parents, her assistant and the upcoming disaster. She's convinced that nobody and nothing could ever mess with LA and looks forward to a positive turn regarding the state and the country she lives in. Towards the end of the story, the parents of the star get very sick and it's assumed that the

father dies as she is hiding under the blankets in her room. In the end of the story, the star keeps it's optimistic way of thinking. She has hope in the future and believes that tomorrow is going to be a better day for herself, her parents and their country.

Switzerland is a very small country, which also stores more or less dangerous things like nuclear power stations. If one of those stations has a defect, we are confronted with spreading radiation aswell. Another upcoming problem is coming with climate change, as the temperatures rise every year and our glaciers are shrinking. This leads to the next problem regarding our drinking-water ressources. As Switzerland is called the water castle of europe, there will be other countries in europe running out of drinking-water before us. Like in nature, the stronger survives, and that might happen when Switzerland is the last drinking-water ressource in the area. The lack of drinking-water in Europe might lead to a war.

As Switzerland is a democratic country, the citizens can decide what is best for them. It is still time to bring change in our country and solve the possible upcoming problems written in the paragraph above. Therefore we can prepare and find solutions in advance, instead of ignoring the facts and having our country turned upside down from one day to the other, like in the short story "the star".

Every year there are more and more stories, movies and books about the apocalypse. That is no coincidence. How we live in our world nowadays, an apocalypse is going to happen sooner or later, if the whole world is not willing to change anything. We are poisoning our own waters, the ocean is filled with plastic and the climate change gets stronger and stronger. All these "little problems" will evolve to serious, big problems causing some kind of a mass extinction in our future.

Personally I think, that the whole world, not just whole countries, have to work together to achieve something big, and that is saving the planet we all live in. Stories about apocalypses are not exactly how it is going to go down, but it's going into this direction and we should all consider these stories as a warning. Therefore, as long as the whole world is not working as one, every country including Switzerland can do its part for living in a better world. Especially we in Switzerland, with our democratic political system, should open our eyes and make our own decisions to save this planet and avoid a possible mass extinction in the future.