

While We Were Sleeping

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*The world doesn't stop just
because you close your eyes.*

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Panel 1

INT – BEDROOM – MORNING

TALI (39) is in bed, the sheets messy. She is alone; her husband was up hours ago. Light slowly creeps through the window as the sun rises, and as it reaches her eyes, she opens them.

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Panel 2

She sits up groggily, noticing her husband is not there next to her.

Panel 3

INT – STAIRS DOWN TO KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM – SAME

Tali walks down the stairs, calling out to her husband.

TALI
Matthew?

Panel 4

INT – KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM – SAME

She sees a note on the otherwise empty island countertop and walks toward it. The room is bright with morning sun.

Panel 5

She picks the letter up.

CAPTION
Dearest,

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Panel 1

Tali reads the note, but the reader cannot see it, just her reaction to it; confused, unsure.

CAPTION
I'm so sorry for leaving you like this, without saying goodbye. I hope you sleep through it all.

CAPTION
But if you're reading this, then you're awake.

Panel 2

Tali's reaction suddenly changes to terror.

CAPTION
You should know what happened while we were sleeping.

There is a hum around her that is growing.

Panel 3

Tali drops the note. Her eyes wide.

CAPTION
They say it started at midnight, in Australia, then moved North. It kept getting bigger and bigger.

CAPTION
It reached Japan in a few hours. Crossed Asia in just a few more.

