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RUTH  
It's the violation, man. The stuff,  
that's replaceable--I mean, the  
silver's not but what really hurts  
is the fucking violation. They were  
*inside my house*, you know?

She's talking to JANA, who is six, in bed, in her pajamas.

JANA  
Can we...finish the story?

RUTH  
Sorry.

Ruth, sitting at Jana's bedside, re-opens the PICTURE BOOK  
she's holding, "**Our Universe**", and begins to read...

RUTH (CONT'D)  
*Rays from the sun are thousands of  
years old before they reach your  
eyes. Human bodies are made of dust  
and gasses from inside of stars.  
The universe is fourteen billion  
years old. No one knows what came  
before. No one knows how big the  
universe actually is. It...it could  
be infinite--*

And she starts SOBBING, just totally dissolves.

RUTH (CONT'D)  
*Jesus...*

And *that* in turn terrifies Jana--

JANA  
W-why are you crying?

--and now they're BOTH CRYING, a perfect storm of CRYING.

RUTH  
*The fuck kinda book is this?*

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