

## Night and Day- By Ava Williams

Night: Sofia Day: Gracen

Day is as chipper and optimistic as you'd expect! Even her critiques are kind. Think Leslie Knope

Night: She's chill, observant, goes with the flow, likes to gossip a little!

Day: We did it you guys! February 17th, your time is up! Sun, you killed it today, go ahead and clock out for me. Clouds, y'all need to pull it together a little bit- make some definitive decisions.. Being "overcast" for over a week is starting to look lazy.. Wind, I love the effort you've put into Western Europe lately, France has me \*blown\* away. Snow? (*deep breath*) Easy there buddy. We normally don't hit the South part of the US so hard, they only really know how to react to college football. \*checking off a list\* Okay... and there were no major natural disasters today, so unless you count covid and all this social and political unrest.....we're doing pretty good! Ok, Night! Your turn!

Night: Hey, day. How are you? How has your "you" been? (*Give a hardly trying little "ha" of a laugh*)

Day: Not too shabby! My team killed! Um, where's the moon? \*checks watch\* My sun's been set for awhile.

Night: Taking some time off. She took an early eclipse. We gave her the children's book "Goodnight, Moon" for her birthday, and she really took it to heart. She said "maybe I too, should go out and have a *good night!*"

Day: So she's out partying? During a pandemic?

Night: No, I heard she matched with one of Saturn's moons on Bumble and they were just gonna watch Bridgerton or something.

Day: Ok, well are the stars warmed up and ready to go?

Night: (*laughs*) Oh, you're not gonna believe this. The Big Dipper and Orion's belt are fighting, because Orion told everyone The Big Dipper wanted to be known as "The Big D." But it turns out the North Star is now interested in "The Big D!" And her ex, The Little Dipper, is pissed, because she previously claimed that "size didn't matter."

Day: Is anyone on your team coming? Or am I gonna have to ask God for some heat lightning and clouds to cover up your lack of effort?

Night: We do have a comet waiting on deck, but...she is the understudy and hasn't had her put-in rehearsal, soooooo... (*"weighs the options" with her hands*)

Day: Good Night! (*like the exclamation*) What am I going to do with you. You'd think I'd have gotten used to this by now. We've been friends for what, 13 billion years?

Night: I guess it depends on who you ask.

Day: So true.

Night: (*after a beat*). Day? I've got to be honest with you. I'm a bit jealous of your job. When you're awake, all the people admire you, they're more productive, they find the most pleasure and purpose in the daylight. When I'm awake, most people are asleep, or are too hidden by my darkness to make big happy memories. I just worry for people who have bad times at night, whether it's insomnia, or worry, or crime, or missing someone. Sometimes I blame myself for the bad times they have.

Day: But what about the good times at night? I used to be jealous of you, because you get the party crowd, the folks who are up till dawn! Darkness isn't just the absence of light. There is so much more to be found within it! Sleepovers, bonfires, camping, deep talks, babies being born, first kisses, fireworks, star gazing- well on nights when there isn't constellation drama, reading a book you just can't put down, good dreams, online shopping, bowling???

Night: Bowling? Yea I guess that is more fun at night. Well, wow, thank you for that. It makes me feel a lot better.

Day: I'm glad. Ok, I'm gonna go ahead and start setting up for tomorrow, let me know if you need anything! (*exits*)

Night: Ok, thanks- oh my gosh I just got a text that Little Dipper and The North Star are back together! And here they are on a double date with The Moon and her bumble guy!! It's okay though, on Saturn they have outdoor seating!!