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The Plank Wall

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A sleeping grandmother
travels through space between two clouds of the Milky Way,
her mind sails from a star to another whereas her body already arrived at its place
of destination and rests lying down in a bed.
She lives behind the big explosion which took place 13.8 billion years ago
and which our physicists will call the Big Bang.
In this immense unknown area live the Giants.
However just before the crossing she is undertaking,
she must cross the "Planck wall".
She often made this route;
alone or accompanied by other Giants who land in different eras
of the planet.
For all, the journey is short: it only takes two days.
At the very beginning, beyond the wall, lies the kingdom of the hereafter,
the one in which the soul of our ancestors float for eternity.
Behind her an immense safe wanders in the cosmos.
Inside files full of memories pile up.
It is the safe of memories of the Grandmother Giant.
The pile of files tells the past, the present and the future of Antwerp.
This Grandmother is a queen.

She simply comes, like any grandmother, to tell stories by the fire to the people of the town
as it used to be done in our countryside.
She knows so many things about life, like the ancients
who are today lost in our civilization, marred by their silence.
She comes with one of her children
for whom she had a little piece of galaxy build,
fallen into the ocean and brought back on a barge in the harbor to reassure him.

In Antwerp she will tell us in her own way the past stories of the city, often shaken,
rattled, tossed around like a ship carried along by human legends as terrifying
as they are magnificent, her throat resounding with shards of dreams, jostled
at times by a colourful laugh capable of breaking the mountains.
And then, she will go to her own funeral, leading an amazing funeral procession, to meet
with a large floating coffin and go through space once again to the Planck wall.
But she will return...

* All the current cosmology is based on the general relativity, theory conceived by Einstein. Einstein did not support the idea of an expanding universe, he considered it as stable. Georges Lemaître is the real originator of the Big Bang theory with the assistance of Einstein's equations, he is the founder of the modern cosmology. Max Planck, Nobel Prize of physics in 1918, is one of the founders of the quantum physics (particle physics). The story of the Big Bang begins after the era of Planck, the Planck wall being the boundary. The Planck wall is the limit of the knowledge of the universe.

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