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The sky is full of stars — all of them just waiting to fly down to earth and become a human child.

One little star has been waiting a very long time, though - a million years! At long last, he finds the right mummy and the right daddy. But then the two of them simply don't get any closer. Luckily, Star's best friend Owl has a brilliant idea.

Did you know? Every one of us was once a little star.



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Thomas Meyer, born in Zurich in 1974, quit his legal studies to work as a journalist and as a copywriter in the advertising industry. In 2007, he went freelance as an author and copywriter. His novel *Volkenbruch's Weird and Wonderful Journey into the Arms of a Shiksa* became a bestseller and its movie adaptation was a big hit in Swiss cinemas in 2018. Thomas Meyer lives in Zurich.



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Mehrdad Zaeri, born in Isfahan/Iran in 1970, left for Turkey and later Germany with his parents and three siblings at the age of 14. When he finished school in 1992, he decided to become an artist. The first few years were very hard. Later it got really good. Mehrdad Zaeri now lives in Mannheim with his wife.