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THE DAY THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

POWER CUT HITS MILLIONS, NO LIGHT, NO HEAT, NO TRAIN

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New York City in darkness

A POWER CUT HIT NEW YORK STATE YESTERDAY.
Millions of people—from New York to Canada—had no light, no heating and no food. Thirty **million** people had no electricity for 13 hours.

The power cut **hit** at 7 pm while pupils at Thomas Jefferson School were **rehearsing** for school concert. 'I was singing when suddenly all the lights went out, ' said 11-year-old Loretta Green.

Across New York City, people were making dinner. 'I was cooking soup when the **power** went off,' said Martha Miller, in Manhattan. 'It was dark everywhere. There was no **electricity** at all. My **cooker** is electric, so it stopped working– we had to eat biscuits for dinner! And it was really cold because there was no **heating**'.

12 year old Natasha Spendak was travelling home. 'My train was leaving the station when the lights went out,' she said. 'The train went dark, a woman screamed, and then it stopped–in the dark! It was really scary.'

Ambulances and hospitals were busy through the night. 'The traffic lights stopped working so there were some bad traffic accidents,' said James Fenner of the New York Ambulance Service. 'There were a lot of problems at home and in the streets. Some people broke an arm or a leg.'

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There was no moon last night, so travelling by car was very difficult. 'It was really dark in Times Square,' said Mario Bolatelli, a police officer. 'A lot of people left their cars in the streets and walk home.'

At New York Zoo, an elephant escaped. 'The lights went out while we were feeding the animals,' said Marni Sherlock of the zoo. 'Someone forgot to close the gate, so the elephant escaped and walked down the road to the supermarket. It's OK now though, and is safely back in the zoo.'

Why was there a power cut across a large part of North America? The answer is — a squirrel. 'We're very **embarrassed**,' said John Matlock of New York Power. 'A squirrel jumped on the power lines and they stopped working. It was an accident. We're very sorry.'

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