ASTRONOMY

It dies. And a gazillion years in the future the sight of its dying reaches Earth.

—Computed in dinosaur years, that's three days from the brain's death to its being recognized as dead in the far frontiers of the tail.

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Night. A party. "Come out here for a minute." Dina told me: she'd miscarried. But her body hadn't registered that yet, it kept preparing for a birth. And so we sat on the porch in silence for a while, in the light of that star.