

"Gone Too Long"

I had two dogs named Aries & Thor. Their mother was half Pitbull & half Chow Chow. Their father was a coyote. Their mother wasn't very picky, was she? Thor was my favorite. I loved them both dearly, but Thor got special treatment. The boys slept in bed with me & my boyfriend, & Thor was always the one wrapped up in my arms. Aries usually just slept on my legs. When I was sent to prison for 10 to 15 years, I knew I was probably never going to see them again. Trust me, that killed me! When I got out ten years later, my ex-boyfriends' niece told me what happened to my dogs. She said the day after I was sentenced to prison, they got rid of all my spiders, scorpions, & snakes, but kept Aries & Thor. After about a week, Thor started laying on my spot on the bed all the time, sometimes whining. This kept going for about a month. One day when Jenn (niece) came home from school, she heard barking coming from my bedroom. So she

went to see what was wrong. When she got there, she saw Thor laying in my spot like always. Aries was bouncing around Thor while barking at him. When Aries noticed Jenn, he barked at her a couple of times then sat down next to Thor & whined. When Jenn checked on Thor, she found he was dead. Aries stopped eating & died about a week later.

I was just gone too long.

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M'Tal (ma-tahl)

Hi,

I'm M'Tal. I come from a star system close to you. My planets' name is Home. You know it as the moon of Kepler 186 F. Me & those like me are going around our galaxy to spread the words of K'Boc. K'Boc was a great sage who taught us how to live in harmony with our planet. We stopped poisoning the soil & air. We saw that by doing so we weren't just killing Home, we were killing ourselves & our future generations. Once we stopped, Home started to slowly heal itself. Our lives were better, & our people & animals began to flourish. We want other races to take up the words of K'Boc & love their planets.