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One world one family

There was once a world, with the sky and oceans as blue as sapphire, and the air, as pleasant and breezy as you could imagine. This was what scientists think our nearest neighbour planet Venus was like, early in the history of the solar system. Earth and Venus are of similar size, and despite being a bit closer to the sun, Venus had a perfectly normal (for us!) surface temperature.

Somewhere down the line though, it all went horribly wrong for Venus. It will surprise you to know that the common element in both the planets' tale is Carbon.