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Symbolism in *Night* by Elie Wiesel

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Symbol	Symbolic Meaning	Explanation and Textual Evidence
Fire & Flames	Death & Destruction Impending Doom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires eat and engulf what they consume; they destroy everything in their way; they are painful and hurt; they sting; hell is often seen as a fiery pit and the Holocaust was a hellish nightmare In chapter 2, Madame Schachter sees the flames and foreshadows the fate of the Jews "Night. No one was praying for the night to pass quickly. The stars were but sparks of the immense conflagration that was consuming us. Where this conflagration to be extinguished one day, nothing would be left in the sky but extinct stars and unseeing eyes" (p. 21).
Night	Elie's Suffering Man's inhumanity to man The effects of the Holocaust on Elie's faith	
The Angelic Pipel	The Jewish People God Elie's faith (and other prisoners like him)	
Silence	Indifference	
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