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Humanities

How The Moon Came To Be

Long ago in the jungle of Africa, it was very dark at night. The animals didn't have the moon to guide them. They were bumping into each other every night because they couldn't see. Fish Eagle kept flying into Giraffe's head. Giraffe kept bumping into trees and stepping on Zebra. It was a big problem.

One night, it was especially dark. The animals couldn't see two feet ahead of them. King Lion tripped over Rabbit. He felt a pain in his head and blacked out.

Elephant, the best healer in the jungle, found Lion lying on the ground and called a meeting. As all the animals were gathering around the center pavilion, Elephant said, "King Lion needs medicine before dawn to live. Can anyone get to the village in time to save King Lion?"

"I can," said Cheetah, "But I can't see. I won't be able to find the medicine."

Meanwhile, Eagle Owl was boasting about how great he was. He told Elephant about his travels to distant lands. "In the distant lands," said Eagle Owl, "There was unlimited grain and water wherever you turned. That wasn't it though. The best thing was the light at night that they called the moon. The moon was a round thing in the night sky that glows and gives off light."

"If we had the moon, we could save King Lion." said Elephant.

“I think I remember how to call up the moon.” said Eagle owl. “HOO HOO HOOOO HOOOOOOOO HOO” He called, but the moon didn’t come up. “HOOO HOOO HOOOO HOO HOOOOOOOOOOOOOO” he tried again, but the moon still didn’t come up. “HOO” he tried yet again, but the moon refused to come up.

“BOOO” said the other animals.

Suddenly, little Scops Owl poked his head out of the crowd. “I can call up the moon.” he said.

“BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA” laughed the other animals.

“You!” said Eagle Owl. “How could you call up the moon?”

“Yeah” said Giraffe. “You can’t even call loud enough for us to hear.”

“Come on.” said Scops Owl. “Give me a chance”

“I will have order! Scops Owl can try if we have a chance of saving King Lion.Go ahead Scops Owl,” said Elephant.

“Hoot.” tried Scops Owl. The moon didn’t come up.

“BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA” laughed the other animals.

“Hoooooot.” tried Scops Owl again, but the moon didn’t come up.

“BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA” laughed the other animals.

Scops owl let out his loudest hoot yet. “HOOOOOT” but the moon still wouldn’t come up.

“BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA” laughed the other animals.

Suddenly, Giraffe spotted a large white circle appearing above the trees. "Is that the moon?" he shouted.

"Yes!" exclaimed Eagle Owl.

"Go Cheetah go!" screamed Elephant. "Find the medicine for King Lion!" Cheetah raced toward the village.

While Cheetah was gone, millions of little lights popped out of the sky. Eagle owl said that they were called stars.

A few minutes later, Cheetah ran back. All the animals were waiting expectantly for Elephant to give the medicine to King Lion.

After an hour, Elephant announced the good news. "King Lion is saved!" he said.

"Scops Owl, you have saved me." said King Lion. "You are now appointed to my chief council."

"Thank you sir." said Scops Owl. "I would be honored to work with you."

From then on, the animals of the jungle could see at night. They never tripped over each other again thanks to the Scops Owl.