

THE ORIGIN OF
DAY, NIGHT
AND THE STARS



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Once upon a time, Sun and Moon lived as husband and wife and they have three children. They lived a happy and peaceful life.



One day, Moon had to get a supply of food from the fields. She asked the Sun, her husband, to watch over their children as they lay asleep in their room. But the Moon warned the Sun that he should simply watch them because they might get burned from the great heat that came from his body. And so, the Moon went to the fields.



The Sun and the kids played all day and when the kids got tired, the Sun put them to sleep. On seeing his children, and in great delight, he kissed them.

But alas! When the Sun looked, he only saw the burned bodies of their children.





He wept so hard and fled to the mountains in great fear of his wife, the Moon.



When the Moon arrived, she saw the burned bodies of her children that she cried out loud to the heavens.



She called out to the Sun but there was no answer. In her anger, the Moon took her children's bodies and cast them into the sky. Finally, unable to ignore his wife's cries anymore, the Sun came back to the house. As soon as the Moon saw her husband, she started wailing, crying louder, and started throwing angry words at him.

The Sun, not knowing what to do to appease his wife, fled back to the mountains. On his return, the Sun could no longer find his wife the Moon.



And so to this day, the Sun follows the Moon, with our days changing into nights, with their children scattered and changed into Stars to accompany the Moon in the night sky. Once in a while, the Sun sends a shooting star across the Moon's path, a messenger sent by him to call her back.