

Stories about the Moon - Zgodbe o luni

Silver Moon (written by Nina Cankar, 7. A, translated by Filip Zevnik and Neža Trček)

In a forest, miles and miles away from our world, there have been strange things going on for quite some time. It all happened two weeks ago, on a full Moon. The troubles haven't stopped since the animals celebrated the holiday of a full Moon. The animals in the woods were all feeling exhausted that is why the wise beaver called the meeting of a forest council.

The forest covered a vast area, nevertheless all the animals joined the meeting. The beaver knocked on the wood with its strong front teeth, which meant the beginning of a meeting. All the animals started talking and discussing the matter, all of them had a lot to say, till finally the deer took the word: « Dear friends, I am aware that we all have troubles. The plants have gone mad, our neighbours are getting ill constantly, no one can sleep at night. But the worst thing is that the Moon has been full for two weeks.» The deer couldn't continue because the animals started chatting again. The beaver was trying desperately to have a word, then he turned towards the bushes and made a few steps. In a moment, everything went quiet.

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Then the oldest animal, the owl, took the word. There was the rumour that the owl was even smarter than the beaver, but the owl did not want to impose herself. The owl said wisely: » I might know the answer: when I still had the little feathers, my

Mum told a story to my sisters and to me. Many light years away, at the end of a Milky way, there is a tiny planet. We might call it an asteroid. But an old man who lives there calls it a planet. The old man is said to have been there from the beginning of times. He might have all possible things on his planet, from different time threads of different colours, different place and size threads, star scissors, needles, atom thumble and a seamstress' meter. He is knitting and sewing by a vacuum sewing machine and a nuclear power looms. You might get your dresses there, but we, the Earth creatures, we cannot travel there.« By saying this, the wise owl closed her eyes and remained silent.

That was the first time that day that the Moon smiled. She said:« Dear friends, you helped me immensely. I don't know how to thank you enough. The dawn is coming, so I'm hurrying to repair the damage as soon as possible. Goodbye!« she said and gently passed into the sky.

The animals were very nervous that day, but when the night came, they felt relieved. The Moon was in the sky again, it was her last quarter. But that was not the only change – on the clearing, the animals found a silver ribbon of the Moon's dress.

The animals in the forest lived happily everafter.

Magical Moon, Magical Forest (written by Nika Dolenc, 5. A, translated by Nika Kristan and Nikolina Vončina)

Once upon a time there lived a Moon. The Moon was looking at the Earth and more and more she wanted to visit it.

And one day she really went to the Earth. She flew above the forest where squirrels lived. The Moon noticed squirrel Milka who was looking for hazelnuts to feed her family. She was searching and searching but she couldn't find any. Her children were hungry and so was Milka. The Moon felt sorry for the squirrel family. Only squirrels lived in that forest, that is why the Moon decided to wait for some time and to change the leaves into hazelnuts. Firstly, she cast a magic spell on the trees and they became alive. The Moon said to the trees:« Trees, trees, pick up the leaves and put them into these bags«. The trees were moonwalking and obeyed the Moon.

There was a full Moon. The trees were restless and they couldn't sleep that night. They were picking the leaves, and in the morning all the bags were full. They put the remaining leaves into big piles. Squirrels were wondering why their homes were moving. Then the Moon told them a story. Milka was very happy although she had been quite worried before. The Moon waited a little and then all the tree leaves turned into hazelnuts. There were thousands of them. But hunger wasn't the only problem. The Moon was less and less visible and in the end the Moon was empty. Milka thought the Moon had died. Milka was sad.

The following day her youngest son fell off the tree. He was badly hurt. Milka was hoping the Moon would be able to cure her little son, but she couldn't see her anywhere. Suddenly Milka heard the words:« Don't worry, Milka, your son will be well quite soon, in a few days he will be climbing trees again.» Milka was relieved because she recognised the Moon's voice. Milka was happy to know the Moon was still in the forest. Milka's son was getting better and better and he was soon climbing the trees again. The Moon got its shape again, waved goodbye to the squirrels and left the Earth to join the stars.

The Moon promised squirrels to look at them with binoculars and to take care of them. The Moon also promised to cast another magic spell if necessary. Since then the Moon influences the living creatures on the Earth and one the Moon might come down to the Earth and visit us some day.

How the Moon reached the sky (written by. Filip Erznožnik, 6. C, translated by Neža Trček and Agnes Cankar)

Once upon a time in a dark forest there lived a scary bear. All the animals were afraid of him. He lived in a deep, dark cave, where he ate what he caught.

The Moon heard about this beast. The Moon's job was to protect the animals, so she came up with a plan. She called up the forest wisest creatures and explained the plan to them. All the animals helped. They needed a brave member who wouldn't be afraid to go near the bear cave. The animals chose the wolf who was the only one to be brave enough. So the wolf ran to the cave.

The giant bear appeared in front of the cave. The wolf was a bit scared of the bear. The wolf said:« Big bear, big bear, I have some terrible news: every night a horrible ghost comes into the forest. This ghost is even more horrifying than you:« »Really, come, come, we all know there is no such thing as a ghost«, answered the bear. »Oh, yes,« says the wolf:« People say this ghost can lift the Moon and it can beat the strongest beast in the forest.« »All right, then, tomorrow night I'll come to the hill and I'll fight the ghost.«

Quickly the horrid evening was there: the bear was waiting on the hill. Then the Moon appeared. But it was not the ordinary Moon. It was all red. After that, a scary creature with eagle's wings, red eyes, a wolf's head and a rabbit's body appeared. The bats were flying all around this creature. The bear got scared, it ran away and nobody has seen it since then.

All the animals said thank you to the Moon and to show their gratitude they put the Moon in the sky to give us light at night.

Magical Moon, Magical Forest (written by Mija Pirnat, 6.c, translated by Kristian Mazzini and Miha Tratnik)

Once upon a time, boy scouts Nace and Aleks and girl scouts Tina and Nika went to sleep over in a forest together with their leader Valter.

They put up a tent and cooked dinner. Nace was a bit on a moody side. He didn't follow the rules and he was a real troublemaker. After they had eaten their dinner they went to sleep. The Moon, called Mica, was looking at them from the sky. Mica decided to help the boys and the girls. Since it was the new moon, Mica came to the forest, pointed with her stick at Nace and at Valter, helped also some animals and some plants and then returned back to the sky. When the boy scouts and the girl scouts woke up the following morning, Nace was kind and Valter didn't suffer from headache anymore. Why? Because that night was empty moon which influences people, animals and plants.

The boy scouts and girl scouts went camping in the forest again, it was the first quarter that time. They put up a tent and made dinner. That day they had a piece of bread with butter and jam, which was more than enough to feel fine. Nace was playful again and he ran into the forest. Aleks and Valter chased him, Aleks suffered from asthma so he took a little pump with him. That day this pump was very efficient. Why? Because it was the first quarter which has a strong impact on all substances that people take into their bodies.

And guess what? The boy scouts went camping on a full moon again. When putting up a tent, Nika stumbled over the string and hurt her knee. She accidentally stamped on some plants. During the night Mica did not help her and did not heal her injury. But Mica helped the plants which Nika damaged. It was full moon which has an impact on injuries and plants. The boy scouts went camping for the last time at a last quarter. Valter couldn't control his group of boy scouts and Tina started with a weird diet.

The food Tina ate did not have any effect on her body. Why? Because it was the last quarter of the moon, which has an impact on diets and business is not good at that time.

Let's all believe in magical power of the moon, because one day the moon will help us.

The Moon's fairy (written by Jerneja Trček, 6.a, translated by Matic Likar and Lovro Erznožnik)

Once upon a time in a forest there lived different animals. They helped each other and no species hunted or ate one another because they were all plant eaters at that time.

But lately, great many things went wrong in that forest: a fox got a thorn in her paws, squirrels hadn't found their winter provisions yet and the full moon was approaching.

Things weren't any different in space either. There were preparations for a new star to be born, but there wasn't any room for her in the entire space. The Sun has found out that even its shortest beams hurt people on the Earth in winter. The old Moon was looking at the Earth and it was wondering, finally, the old Moon got an idea:« I've got it, I'll send my daughter Moonlight Lili to the Earth to help people.» The Moon had two daughters: Moonlight Lili and Nina the Black. Moonlight Lili sat in her mother's lap at full moon, so it seemed as the Moon was brighter and Nina the Black covered the Moon at the new moon. Mother called Moonlight Lili and sent her to Earth to help the animals. Lili left the sky and went down to the Earth. In the forest Lili hid in an old abandoned log, she got up at night, put on a white dress and went to a magic meadow. The meadow lit up soon afterwards: the animals came there to seek Lili's help. Lili took a thorn out of the fox's paw, filled the squirrels' stock with heaven nuts and gave the wolf a throat medicine. Then Lili said the following words to the animals:« If you ever need me again, just say these words: **Moonlight and New Moon, send us the Moon's fairy**, and I'll be back.» Then she waved goodbye to them and went back to space.

In the space Lili had other duties to attend to: who else could help the new born star if not Moonlight Lili, the Moon's fairy?