

The Sun and the Moon

A long time ago, the Sun and the Moon shared a home deep in a cave. Because they were hidden away, the only light that shone in the sky came from the twinkling stars.

After a while, the Sun and the Moon grew tired of living together in the small cave. The Sun, whose fiery personality made him *impatient* and sometimes bossy, said, "I need to live by myself in this cave. Go find a new home for yourself."

The Moon, who was gentle and patient, said, "Where can I possibly go?"

"Just go in the sky," answered the Sun. "There is plenty of room there."

The Moon felt a bit sad and scared as she left the cave, but she bravely set out to live in the sky. Being only a thin, silver moon, she shyly hid behind some clouds. Slowly, little by little, she showed more of her face each day. Before long, her whole bright face lit the sky. Everyone began talking about how beautiful she was and how much they enjoyed her soft light.

Hearing this, the jealous Sun became very angry. Running out of the cave, the Sun jumped into the sky.

When the Moon saw the Sun coming up into the blue sky, she ran away. She kept looking back at the Sun. After a while, nobody saw the Moon.

Now the Sun had the whole sky to himself. He proudly sent his bright sunlight in all directions. The Sun warmed the cold Earth and helped the green plants and beautiful flowers grow. People began to praise the Sun, and he became boastful.

But soon, he became very lonely with no one to talk to. So the Sun decided to look for the Moon.

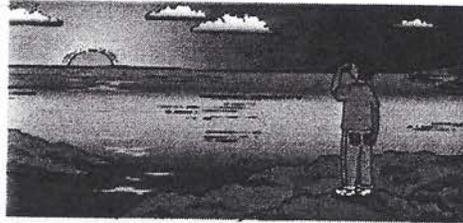
The Moon felt it was safe to hide in the cave. As the Sun came near the cave, the Moon ran out. She leaped into the sky.

"Oh, Moon," shouted the Sun.

"Please wait. I'm sorry."

The Moon did not trust the Sun, for he had been unkind to her. When the Sun came into the sky, the Moon hid in the cave.

Even now, the Sun cannot catch up with the Moon. The Moon hides in the cave when the Sun is up in the sky. She jumps into the sky only after the Sun comes back to the cave.



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The sun got angry and hit the moon and the moon went back into the cave. When the sun goes down and the moon goes up. The sun goes down the sun will run to the cave and the moon will run to the sky. They will both talk to each other in the sky.

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The sun and the moon are different because. The sun personality is hungry. And the moon's personality is nice. because the sun is bossy. And the moon is nice.

Practice for

The sun is impatient - and bossy and the moon is gentle and patient.

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Use details from the story to support your answer.
Write the story as you write.

The Sun has a ~~fery~~ personality, because he's mean to the moon and bossy to the moon. The moon is Gentle and Patient unlike the sun. The sun is impatient because he wants to do things quickly and not wait. The sun is angry and jealous of the moon because people think the moon is enjoyable and it has soft lights. When the sun told the moon to live somewhere else he was being mean and saying there is enough room in the sky so the moon went up he was scared but brave and that is why the sun was angry but brave when the people loved the moon.

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Homework

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The sun is sometimes bossy
and he is impatient and
he also has a fiery personality
and he's warm and bright
and angry and jealous also
the sun is proud and
boastful.

The moon is patient and gentle
and thin also the moon is silver
and shy also she is beautiful
and bright. She's also brave.

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