

Sunny & Moony

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Sun's son, sunrays-Sunny and Moon's son, moonlight-Moony were good friends. They came across each other every morning and evening. Sunny got his holiday when the sky is full of rain clouds while Moony got his during new moon day.

Both of them had a great desire roam around the earth. So they fixed upon a day and started preparing for it. Journey started one morning. Down they went hand-in-hand across the mountains & valleys, cities & villages, streets & alleys.

When the people on earth felt the beautiful early sunrays, they said, "How nice it is to feel the early rays of the sun."

Hearing this Sunny was delighted while Moony sulked. "Listen ... to what the people said about me. Without me, their lives aren't comfortable."



Would Moony bear this kind of boasting? He said, "But without me, how can people enjoy the night?! They cannot!"

"Hey my friend... you are wrong. Men like morning more than night. They get a living only through the money they earn by working in the morning. And without me, there is no morning!!!" prided Sunny

Moony scowled, "No No No... Men can't work continuously without any rest. They need to get rid off their tiredness by sleeping. And I cover them with my cool moon light."

Hearing their arguments, Windy the wind, mocked them and said, "Why do you argue?! Each one of you try to show your capabilities and then we'll see who is more important."

Sunny was the first to compete. He spread himself across the land. When night came, his father Sun told him, "Son, time for us to go, it's Moon's and his son's shift now." But Sunny stayed on.

Even unto the wee hours of night, seeing the sunrays, men started to grumble, "O Oh! This cursed sun and its rays! They won't even allow us to sleep peacefully."



Moony clapped his hands with joy. "Ok Moony, now it's your turn. Let's see your skill", told Sunny brokenheartedly.

When Sunny left, Moony spread itself across the earth. Men were happy. But even during morning, Moony continued to spread his shine, much to the annoyance of father Moon. Father Sun and father Moon decided their sons should learn their lessons. So the Sun decided not to rise in the morning.

"What kind of joke is this?! Why is the moon shining at 10 am in the morning?!" This time it was Sunny's turn to rejoice hearing men's grumbles.

By then, Windy came there. "Now what my dear friends...? Men down earth need both of you. But too much of anything is not acceptable to them." Hearing Windy, Sunny and Moony bowed their head in shame.

Confident their sons have learned a good lesson, father Sun and father Moon rejoiced.