

The Monkeys Who Tried to Catch the Moon

It was a chilly night. The moon was hanging brightly in the night sky. There were some monkeys playing in the forest. Some were hopping here and there, and some were just resting.

And there was one monkey who was playing on a branch of a tree just by the river. Suddenly he saw something shining in the river. He went closer to see and was shocked to find a full moon in the river. So he anxiously called his friends and said, “Oh no...oh no! The moon has fallen into the river!”

An old monkey who heard him cry quickly ran to the river and was also surprised to see the moon inside. The old monkey cried, “Oh no! The moon has fallen into the river! All monkeys must rush to the river now.”

When the monkeys saw the moon in the river, they were shocked, “Oh no! The moon really has fallen into the river!” They started to talk about it and decided they wanted to catch the moon and bring it back home.

First, the old monkey climbed on a branch and put his head down towards the river. The rest of the monkeys then tried to make a chain to reach the face of the water by holding on to each other’s heads and legs. The monkey hanging closest to the water tried to reach for the moon.

Everyone was so excited to think that they could catch the moon and bring it back. The little monkey quickly put his hands into the water trying to get the bright moon. Sadly he got nothing but drops of water. He tried to catch the moon all night long but still couldn’t get the moon out of the river.

By then, the old monkey hanging at the top of the chain started to feel tired, and his hands almost slipped. One monkey started to complain and said, “Why can’t we get the moon yet?” Another one cried, “I can’t hold on anymore, we’re all too tired now.”

Splash! All of the monkeys lost their grips and fell into the river. Suddenly the old monkey saw the moon still hanging in the sky. He said in a surprised voice, “The moon is back in the sky!” Then all the monkeys cheerfully looked up. They were all satisfied to see that the moon was still safely sitting up there, high in the sky.