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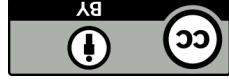
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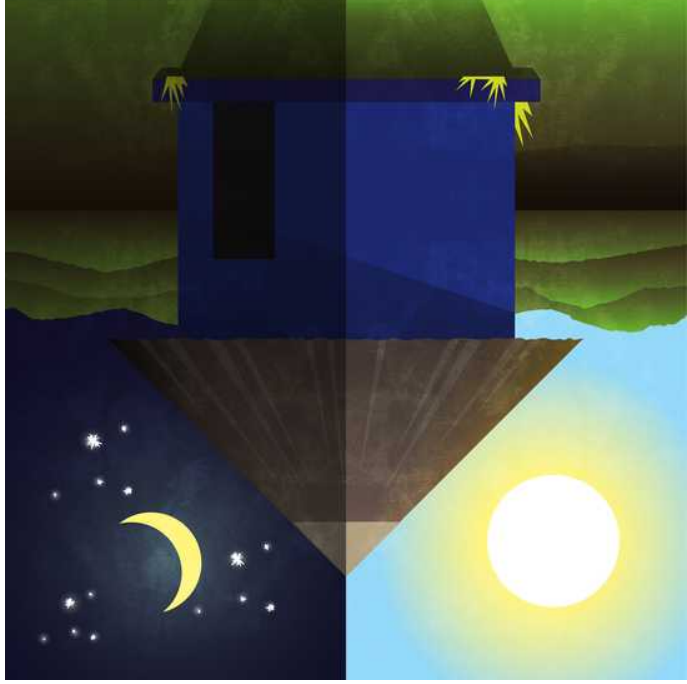
Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

They never fought with each other. They helped their parents at home and in the fields.





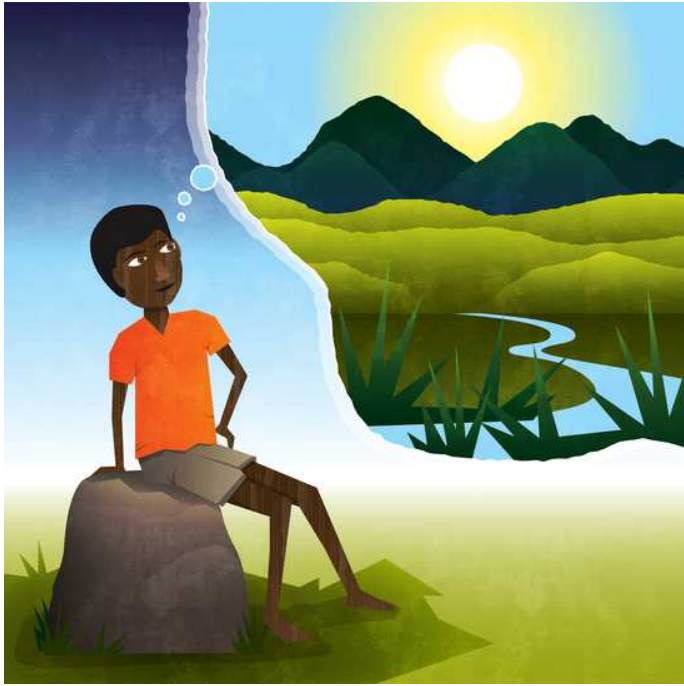
But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



And as the sun rose, he flew away singing into the morning light.



But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.



They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.



One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him...



But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.





But it was too late! He melted  
in the hot sun.



The wax children were so sad  
to see their brother melting  
away.