

The sun and the moon's daughter

Did you know that the Sun and the Moon had a daughter? She was the prettiest girl in the world. And since both of her parents were so magical, she learned early on to perform all sorts of charms and magic tricks imaginable. This is the story of "The Sun and the Moon's Daughter".

Day after day the daughter of the Sun and the Moon begged her parents to take her with them on their travels around the world. But the Sun said to her:

"You can't come along, my dear. Don't you realize that we move very quickly and we can't stop for even a minute?"

But she just kept pressing them until, one day, the Moon finally said:

"I don't want to hear any more whining from you. Come along if you want to, but if you can't keep up with us, we'll have to leave you along the way. We just can't stop."

The daughter of the Sun and the Moon was thrilled, and that same night she joined her parents in their trip around the world. But, just as they had suspected, she couldn't keep up the pace. So the Moon said to her:

"Listen, my dear, you'll have to stay here and live on this beach. Your father will stop by to see you every day and I'll spend eight days with you every three weeks."

And so, for a very long time the daughter of the Sun and the Moon lived alone in a tiny little house on a deserted beach in an unknown country, without seeing a single soul.

Then one day a king, who had lost his way on a hunting trip, found himself on that abandoned beach.

The Sun and the Moon's daughter greeted him with great respect and said:

"Your Majesty, you must be very hungry. Sit down and have a little something to eat."

And then the Sun and the Moon's daughter said:

"Little fish, hop out of the sea and into the basket. Basket, go to the kitchen. Frying pan, set yourself on the stovetop. Little fish, flip yourself into the frying pan and fry yourself till your nice and crispy because His Majesty, the King, is very hungry."

Upon hearing her words, the objects began flying about on their own, doing exactly as the Sun and the Moon's daughter had ordered.

In no time at all, the King was holding a plate of the tastiest fish he had ever had eaten.

The King was so taken by this young girl's magic powers that he fell in love with her and he asked her to tell him her name, but she just answered with a riddle:

"I'm the daughter of fine parents who travel the world by night and by day. I'm sure if you met them you would call them by name and know precisely what to say."

The King had no idea who she was talking about and he left, feeling very sad, and without knowing who the young fisherwoman's parents were. When he reached the palace, he described to his wife the incredible feats accomplished by that young fisherwoman and, in a fit of jealousy, the Queen tried to do the same.

"Whatever a fisherwoman can do a queen and a lady can do just as well."

So she started shouting orders louder and louder and louder, and finally she shouted so loud that she fell to pieces.

The King became very sad and over the following months and years his advisors kept insisting that he needed to find another wife, because he had no heirs and that when he died the kingdom would be left without a king.

But the King only wanted to marry that mysterious fisherwoman who wouldn't reveal who her parents were. So one day he went to the beach, sneaked into the house, picked up the frying pan and hid behind a door. The Sun and the Moon's daughter came home and, as she did every evening, ordered the frying pan to fry up supper, but the pan groaned:

"I can't, my lady, someone has a hold on me."

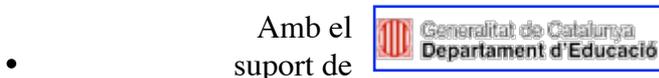
"Quiet, you upstart! Who could possibly have a hold on you, there is no one else here!

As the Sun and the Moon's daughter, I order you to do as I say, or you'll be sorry!"

When he heard that, the King leaped with joy out from behind the door. He apologized to the young girl and then asked her to marry him. There could be no better pretender to the throne than the daughter of such powerful monarchs as the Sun and the Moon. Since the young girl had been charmed by the King from the very first moment they had met, she agreed to marry him.

They were married in grand style and, on the afternoon of the wedding, the Sun and the Moon came out together in the sky.

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