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Eclipse

Chapter 1

The Moon is a well-known planet, though people do not pay enough attention to it. High up in the sky at night, the Moon is a guide through the darkness. White and glowing, footprints never fade. Astronauts have visited the moon many times but have not discovered the hidden cities along the surface. No man, no woman, no scientist, no astronaut has discovered living species on the Moon. They do not pay enough attention to what is on the Moon, they have not discovered a certain species that are only found on this planet. These species are called Selenes. Why are they called Selenes? Well, the Moon's Greek name is Selene. So, Selenes are named after that Greek name to honour the Moon.

Selenes are graceful, and calm creatures. They are very human-like except for their appearance. Because Selenes live far away from Earth and further away from the Sun (gladly, though we will get to that later), they have little light. Over the years Selenes developed their appearance. Their skin turned a pale blue or lavender and gave off a radiant glow. This helped them move around the moon smoother considering they had little light. They have blue hair that looks like it is made of a mist and peaceful blue eyes. Selenes make their clothes of a material made from the Moon's dust. This species is very smart and speaks human language. Selenes deliberately hide and stay secret from humans so that they stay safe from any capture of some sort. So, if you ever go on the Moon look carefully and you might see Selenes, but like I said, they are cautious creatures so approach them with respectfulness.

Chapter 2

Everybody knows the Sun. It is Earth's main source of light. It is the world's biggest star, and no-one has ever landed on it. Probably good considering you would die being set on fire. Because no-one has been on the Sun, they have not discovered the species; Solises. They are called this because the Sun's Latin name is Solis. In honour of the Sun. Solises have extraordinarily strong features because they live on a burning hot star. Pale red or pink hair and reddish-brown skin. Something remarkably interesting is that Solises make their clothes out of the Sun's flames. Solises are very tough but only when needed to be. They are not a calm species but are kind-hearted. Solises are also able to control the Sun's flames. Even though you cannot, approach Solises carefully.

Chapter 3

You know how I said that I was glad that the Selenes lived away from the Sun? Here is why. Years and years ago, the oldest leader of the Selenes had the most powerful magic (powered from the Moon's dust). She was able to protect herself from any harm and she was using her magic to help others, including Solises. Selenes and

Solises were great at working together and running a peaceful community. But everyone knew that Selenes and their powerful leader had the advanced magic. Solises had always felt threatened by it. No-one knew why because Selenes would never use their Moonlight magic to harm any living species.

One day, one very jealous Solise, named Fire, tried to steal Selene's leader's magic (the leader is called Harmony; hence her peaceful personality). Harmony was fast asleep when Fire intruded into her Moon Hut and used a special potion, summoned from Earth to suck her power away and take it for his own. Fire escaped the hut unnoticed and travelled back to the Sun using a single flame to keep him afloat through the universe. The next day Harmony woke up withered and weak and was taken to the Moon Doctor immediately.

"Your Moonlight Magic has been sucked and taken away. Without your powers you will wither, crumple, and die," the doctor said with his head down.

Harmony's daughter, Beam had accompanied her to the doctor to see what was happening with her poor mother.

"But there has to be a way to save Harmony. Without her, the Selenes will go havoc! She is the only thing keeping us together!' Beam said, blue sparkling tears streaming down her face.

"There is a way to save your mother, but it is very difficult, and it was the reason she is like this," the doctor said. Beam looked up hopefully.

"Don't risk it Beam. I don't want you to risk anything for me," Harmony said. She was lying in a silky looking hospital bed. Talking even looked hard for the Selene' leader. "Everyone else would," Beam said. Harmony lowered her eyes. They all knew that this was true. Selenes were willing to risk anything for her.

"How do we save my mother?" Beam asked, breaking the silence.

"Your magic did not drift away Miss. Someone took it from you."

Beam and her mother exchanged glances.

"You need to find the person who took your magic or who has it presently and drink the magic. Then, your body will be filled with your powerful magic once again," said the doctor. Harmony's once shiny hair that was normally in a braid was now grey and tangled. Her bright blue skin that had once been filled with magic was bare, dark, and grey. Her eyes no longer had their usual glimmer in them but was now sunken and bloodshot.

"I will do it," Beam said, determined. Beam was bright and bubbly and was a friend of everyone's. She had lilac-blue short hair and sparkly bright blue eyes, the colour of the ocean (not that any Selene had seen the ocean).

"You don't even know who it could possibly be," Harmony croaked.

"I do know that it couldn't have been any Selene. I know where to start," Beam said.

"You can't go to the Sun!" the doctor said, butting into the conversation.

"Why not? Solises come to the Moon many times!" Beam said, frowning.

"Yes, but do you know any Selene that has travelled to the Sun?" the doctor said, raising his eyebrows.

"Why can't we?" Beam said with her usual curiosity.

"The Sun's flames are hot for Selenes sensitive skin," the doctor said matter-of-factly.

"Do you have protective gear?" Beam asked. It was a genius idea.

"In fact, we do. Let us start gearing you up."

The doctor and Beam walked out of the room leaving Harmony behind.

"I shouldn't have let my daughter get herself into this. I know she will die trying to find my magic," Harmony whispered. And from that day Harmony's death was too hard to take but Beam is still looking for her mother's magic on the moon.

Chapter 4

Back in present day the Selenes accused the Solises of stealing their precious past leader's magic. No-one has ever seen Beam come back. She should be alive to this day if she were to die of old age. Luna, the current leader tries to travel to the sun but the Selenes stop her because they do not want a lost leader. One day, at the dead of night Luna sneaked out of her hut and walked to the hospital. She stole (well, not stole. She is the leader, she owns everything) a fire protective gear and put it on. She then used the Moonlight dust to travel to the sun. As soon as she set foot on the sun, she felt the heat warm her a little too much. She started walking towards the centre of the sun where the Solises lived. Her feet started burning.

"OW!" Luna whispered. She looked down at her feet and said, "Darn! I wore normal shoes and not protective shoes!" She kept on walking thinking, this is for the loss of Harmony. Luna kept on walking until she saw a large red hut made of flames. The leader's hut. She started walking faster and knocked on the door.

"Arrgh!" Luna had no protective gloves on. She looked at her knuckles. "Only a slight burn," she whispered at her pink burn. Just as she thought no-one was there, the door opened. Luna did not know the Solise in front of her, but we did. Fire. Fire no longer had pink skin or red hair. He had a mix, he had red hair with large streaks of blue, his skin was now blue with red freckles all over his skin. Luna knew something was up. She frowned and stared.

"What?" Fire asked rudely.

"Oh!" said Luna snapping back to reality. "I came here looking for this . . . this is going to sound crazy, but I am looking for magic."

Fire's eyes turned from annoyed to angry. Luna could tell this difference and stepped back.

"I am Fire the leader of the Solises and you are not welcome here," Fire said sternly. "You wouldn't know any other Selene that travelled here?" Luna asked, ignoring that gesture. Fire's eyebrows relaxed and said, "Come inside."

"She came here asking to interview all Solises to find Harmony's magic and I said I had it," Fire said, lowering his head. Luna and Fire were sitting in the middle of the hut as Fire was explaining what happened 2 years ago.

"How old are you?" Luna asked, she was a little surprised that he had admitted to stealing the magic.

"I am fourteen."

"So, is Beam still here?" Luna asked.

"Yes, I gave her the magic back, but it didn't give me my appearance back," Fire answered.

"Why hasn't Beam come back?" she asked.

"She was Harmony's daughter, she wanted peace. She felt that our community was a little . . . off, so she decided to help us with our . . . not so peaceful nature," Fire said.

"One last thing, why did you steal Harmony's magic?" Luna asked.

"Just remember I was 12 when I did that, I did it for pure mischief. I didn't know that it would harm anyone."

Luna stood and started to walk out.

"Where are you going?" Fire asked, getting up from his own seat.

"I am going to get Beam and use the magic that is rightfully mine and bring peace back to both of our worlds."

Fire grinned and said, "That's what we all want."

Luna left the hut and found Beam sitting on a flame playing with moon dust. Beam did not need protective gear because she had the most powerful magic. Beam looked up and jumped up from her flame.

"Oh! Hi! It is Luna, right? You are Selene's leader."

"You know what I am here for so give it to me now," Luna wanted to get her plan done and dusted. Beam nodded understandably and grabbed a little jar from her pocket. As she put the jar up to her mouth Luna could see the magic pouring into the jar. Once she had finished, she passed it to Luna, before Luna drank the magic, she took her protective gear off. She had a simple dress made of moon dust underneath. She passed the gear to Beam and drank the magic. The magic warmed her body comfortably and she had so much energy.

"Let's bring peace like your Mother would," Luna said smiling.

Chapter 5

Once Luna and Beam landed on the moon, she broke down the barrier blocking out the Solises and sent a message to the Sun.

"I didn't even know this magic was capable of this, though it comes to me naturally!" Luna said smiling. As soon as the message was sent out, she could see Solises travelling from the Sun to the Moon. Luna was happy to see old friends unite and be happy once again. Fire walked up to Luna and held her hand.

"You did it Luna," Fire said, looking at her straight in the eyes.

"I did just what Harmony would have done, and I couldn't have done it without you Fire, now let's go have some fun!"

Ever since that day the Selenes and Solises have had peace and harmony.

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