

The Sun and the Moon

One day, the Sun and the Moon had a quarrel as to who was the stronger of the two.

The two argued with each other for ages and finally the Sun declared that the Moon could not shine if the Sun's light did not fall on it and illuminate it. To prove his might and utility, the Moon proudly replied, "You burn the earth with your heat and give light, but when I shine at night women come outdoors to spin in the moonlight."

On hearing this, the Sun became so angry that he picked up some mud and flung it at the Moon's face. The Moon tried to get out of the way but couldn't and the mud got stuck to him.

It is believed that since then the Moon has dark spots on its face, where the Sun threw mud at it.

The Sun and the Wind

The Sun and the Wind had an argument as to who was stronger. They kept arguing with each other and couldn't make a decision.

Meanwhile, a traveller was passing by. On seeing him, the Wind said, "The one who is able to make the traveller remove his coat is the winner." The Wind decided to try first, and huffed and puffed and blew as hard as it could, but the traveller just drew his coat tightly around him and kept walking on. Finally, the Wind gave up and it was the turn of the Sun to show its might. The sun shone brightly. Gradually, it grew hotter and hotter and the heat was so unbearable that the traveller finally removed his coat.

The Sun proved his strength and was delighted at winning the argument.

The Mouse and the Sun

A small boy, who lived on the snow-covered hills, came down to the plains to spend a day.

It was very hot in the plains and the feather coat that he was wearing shrank due to the heat of the sun. Not used to the heat, the boy was very angry and decided to punish the sun. He went back home and asked his sister to make a net with her hair.

The next morning he went to the top of the hill and just as the sun came up, he caught it in the net. That day the sun did not rise and the animals could not go out to look for food. They saw that the sun was trapped in a net and sent the mouse, which used to be very big in size at that time, to cut the net.

The mouse cut the net with his sharp teeth and freed the sun. All the animals were happy now and rejoiced. But due to the heat of the sun, the mouse had shrunk and become very small. That is why a mouse is so small in size.