

NARRATOR

When the world was young, and all creatures were new, the first moth came out of his cocoon. He opened his eyes and the first thing he saw was the moon.

*<As he opens his eyes, the scene fills in. He tries to fly to her, but the moon stays in place>*

Filled with love, he stretched out his small wings for the first time, and tried to fly to her.

*<He tries to fly up, but fails>*

MOTH

Oh moon...how can I reach you?

*<The Spirit of Air Appears. He is bird-like.>*

AIR

Little Moth, I am the Spirit of Air and I have heard your plea. As you are a creature of the air, I would gladly help you, but my brothers, the spirits of Earth, Water, and Fire would surely disapprove. If you can get their blessing, I will take you.

MOTH

Thank you Air! Where may I find them?

AIR

To the North you will find Brutal Earth. Fickle Water resides to the West. To the South is Fire. Be wary of Fire, little Moth, for he is untrustworthy.

*<Air vanishes. Moth exits>*

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And so the Moth began his journey. First to the Valley of Savage Earth.

*<Earth appears when Moth enters. He is like a bear of rock>*

EARTH

I am the Earth Spirit! Who dares enter my domain?

MOTH

N-noble Earth! I am Moth! I wish to go the Moon, for I love her!

EARTH

HA! Stay grounded and stop dreaming of the Moon! You should go home and be a simple Moth! I should teach you a lesson!

*<Earth lunges at Moth several times. Each time, Moth's erratic flight causes Earth to miss. Eventually, Earth lunges so hard he sends himself off the edge of a cliff, where he hangs>*

EARTH

Moth! You have my blessing! Just help me!

*<Moth tries to help>*

MOTH

But I am so weak!

*<Moth can't help, Earth falls>*

EARTH

Whoooooooooooooooooaa...\*SMACK\*.....ow!

MOTH

Well...I guess you can keep strength. I think I'll stick to flying

*<Moth flies down the cliff>*

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Moth then made his way to the Lake of Capricious Water

*<Water appears from the waves, an octopus>*

WATER

Behold! I am the Spirit of Water! Why does such a rigid insect come to my domain?

Moth

Kindly Water! I am Moth! I wish to go to the Moon, for I love her!

Water

A moth in love with the Moon? That sounds fishy! You should abandon this quest and go find an adventure more suited to one such as you! Perhaps I should see how you fly when underwater!

MOTH

Merciful Water! Wait! Before you drown me, I...I've always wanted to see your true power. Being a creature of the Air, I have only heard of your majesty!

WATER

...Go on.

MOTH

Well, I have heard that you can fill any space! That you can be as big as the ocean itself!

*<Water grooooooows>*

WATER

Naturally!

MOTH

Oh my, that is impressive!...but, big is not that difficult. Earth is big, and he is quite foolish. I bet you can't be as small as,...say, this flower.

WATER

The audacity! I can fill any space!

*<Water shrinks and jumps to the flower that was indicated, Moth drinks>*

MOTH

sippppp

WATER

Augh! Let me out you beastly creature! I will give you permission, just spit me out!

*<Moth...uh...throws up>*

MOTH

Bleeeeeeh

WATER

Now just go away!

*<Moth exits>*

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Finally, Moth went South to the domain of Consuming Fire

*<a forest where a spark occurs. Fire appears as a flaming snake>*

FIRE

You are the Little Moth. Who wishes to travel to the Moon.

MOTH

Yes, for I love her!

FIRE

Are you *stupid*? You are a moth and she is the Moon! What could she ever see in something like you! I shall *DEVOUR* you!

*<Fire lunges at Moth and Moth narrowly avoids. Moth then proceeds to taunt fire, causing fire to lunge at other things and swallow them. Rocks, trees, etc. As he eats, he grows less hot, his flame burning out, and his movement growing sluggish>*

MOTH

Ha! You can barely move now!

FIRE

*\*growls\*...I don't need to.*

*<Fire breathes a bellow of flame that incinerates Moth>*

FIRE

Naïve insect...

*<Sound drops, lights, fade, in the background we see the moon drop from the sky. From one side of the stage comes Air and Moon>*

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MOON

Begone from here Fire. Leave us Air, and thank you for telling me about Fire's cruelty.

*<Fire and Air exit>*

MOON

Little Moth, you have come such a long way from home, all to reach me. But why?

MOTH

You are the moon, and I love you with all my heart.

MOON

...never has any creature gone so far as you have, and all for love of me? From my place in the sky, I have never found anything that so adored me as you do.

*<Moon motions, and Moth begins to raise up>*

MOON

From this day forward, you will be my champion. Forever bearing the mark of my favor upon your wings. But you are a creature of the air, and must return to your home. Likewise must I return to my place of loneliness in the sky.

*<she touches him and Hey! He gets wings back with a snazzy mark>*

MOON

But know that as I shine, I will forever be looking out to you, oh Worthy Moth. You will always have a place in my heart.

*<Moon exits, and we see her rise again in the background. The moth lingers for a while and then exits>*

*<fades from black to the opening scene with the moth in the woods. He is dancing for the moon>*

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And so the moon returned to the sky and the moth returned home, for creatures as different as they cannot live together in our world. However, even today, the Moth will come out at night to dance in the moonlight. For although they cannot be together, a piece of each will always reside in the other's heart.