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Moonbabies

Once upon a time, in a world not too different from ours, there was a mystical night each year when the ever-watchful Moonbabies would descend upon Earth. On this night, the moonbeams would dance, glowing brighter than ever, and the Moonbabies would slide down these beams, their presence unknown to most. They were the playful children of the moon, brought to life by the old Moon Man. These children were not always residents of the moon; once they lived upon Earth just like any ordinary child. But they were a bit too rebellious, often ignoring their parents and indulging in petty quarrels. They had a habit of creating chaos, throwing toys around, and frequently sulking when they didn't get their way.

One particular Halloween, they ventured into forbidden territories. Suddenly, they heard a frightful yell, echoing across the twilight. Before they knew it, a witch, with her black cat perched on a broomstick, had swooped down upon them. With a flick of her wrist and a chant of her spell, she lifted the children onto her broom and whisked them off to the moon, guarded by her cat.

In the moon's cool embrace, the children met the Moon Man, a stern and serious figure. He was quick to teach them the value of obedience, utilizing his trusty switch – the tail of an old comet. The children soon learned

their lessons. They stopped their sulking and fighting, for the Moon Man was always there, ready to appear at the first sign of trouble.

Tiring of their constant chatter, the Moon Man touched their lips with a chilling spell. From that moment forward, not a single child could utter a sound. The children slowly transformed into the Moonbabies, their only diet the green cheese found on the moon, causing



them to grow rounder each day. Their days were spent polishing the moonlight, ensuring it gleamed brightly for all to see.

How they longed for a chance to return to Earth, to their homes, and their parents! Their eyes often welled up with tears,

wishing for their childish banter and playful times. Their once disobedient behavior was a thing of the past, for they had learned their lesson the hard way.

One day, they spotted something in the distance. Could it be the witch who had brought them here? Their heart pounded as the figure drew nearer. It was indeed the witch! In their silent, voiceless way, they begged her to take them back. But the witch merely turned a cold shoulder to them.

Their hearts sank, but one little Moonbaby was not ready to give up. He pleaded with the witch who finally

gave in, summoning the Moon Man. Upon learning that the children had indeed mended their ways, the witch finally decided to take them back to Earth.

Their joy knew no bounds as they sailed through the air, finally touching down on their beloved planet. Slowly but surely, they began to regain their speech and gradually, they became thinner, but they never forgot their time as Moonbabies.

So children, let this be a lesson to you. Always be good and listen to your elders, for the Man in the Moon and the witch are watching. Who knows, if you misbehave, you too might end up spending a year or so with them on the moon! And with that, let's wish the Moonbabies a good night, as they continue to live happily back on Earth. Sweet dreams, dear ones.