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Alka and Rooni and Hedge the Hedgehog  
Whispered "Sweet Dreams!" to the Moon at 9 on the clock.





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Alka and Rooni and Hedge jumped on their feet.



They were off on a quest to find their friend.



They climbed down the branch  
where Mr. Owl was perched.  
He cried-  
“HAS THE MOON GONE MISSING?!”  
And joined the search.

Ms. Bat stumbled and quivered  
when they broke the news  
She flapped her wings  
and joined the crew.



The woods were dark but they marched ahead  
"Until we find him we shall not rest!"



Six amber eyes gleamed against the black.  
“Have you seen the Moon?”, they asked  
And drew closer to the pack.



They trailed along

As they followed a strange song

In the depths of the jungle  
sat a wee little bird  
She sang the sweetest lullaby  
the wood had ever heard.



"I sang and sang  
and the Moon yawned wide.  
He yawned as wide as his light"  
Said the bird of the night.

His mouth still open, the Moon fell asleep  
Gone was the Moon and his light from the sky.

The girls were perplexed,  
They scratched their heads.



And looked at their wild troop from the corner of their eye.



The creatures of the night sang an awful symphony.





Hearing the terrible choir, the sleepy moon rose.  
The light returned as his mouth slowly drew close.



The woods rejoiced,  
They hadn't lost their moon!



The Moon's light took them back home.



This time he whispered back-  
“Goodnight!”  
They weren’t alone!

