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In a cozy burrow at the edge of the meadow lived a little rabbit with soft warm brown fur and long upright ears. Every night he put on his bright red knitted scarf and carried his small red telescope with a gold rim outside. He loved to look at the moon and count the twinkling stars. The moon was his favorite thing in all the sky.

The little rabbit's burrow was tucked under a big oak tree, surrounded by tall grass and wildflowers. When the sun went down, the meadow grew quiet and the sky turned dark blue. Then the rabbit would hurry outside with his telescope. He would point it up at the moon and say, "Hello, Moon! You are so bright and round tonight."

One clear night, the rabbit saw something new through his telescope. There were strange shadows on the moon's surface! They looked like big dark patches and wiggly lines. "What are those?" he wondered, wiggling his tiny pink nose. "The moon looks like it has secrets tonight." He stared and stared, but the shadows stayed a mystery.

The rabbit asked his friend the owl, who lived in the old oak tree. The owl had soft grey and brown feathers and large round golden eyes. She wore small round golden glasses and a deep blue shawl. "Owl," said the rabbit, "I see strange shadows on the moon. Do you know what they are?" The owl blinked kindly and said, "Let us look together."

The rabbit led the owl to his telescope. He pointed it at the moon and let the owl peek through. "Oh my," said the owl, adjusting her glasses. "Those shadows are very interesting. They look like huge craters and tall mountains. The moon is not smooth like a ball. It has bumps and holes all over." The rabbit's eyes grew wide with wonder.

"Craters and mountains?" the rabbit asked. "But how did they get there?" The owl smiled and said, "Long ago, rocks from space crashed into the moon. They made big holes called craters. And some places on the moon have tall mountains, just like on Earth." The rabbit listened carefully, his long ears standing straight up. He wanted to know everything.

The rabbit looked through the telescope again. "I can see one big shadow that looks like a rabbit!" he said. The owl chuckled. "That is called the Sea of Tranquility, but it is not really a sea. It is a flat dark place. People long ago thought it looked like a rabbit, too." The rabbit hopped with joy. "The moon has a rabbit on it! Just like me!"

The owl explained more about the moon. "The moon goes around the Earth, and it shines because the sun lights it up. The shadows change as the moon moves." The rabbit nodded. "So the shadows are not scary monsters?" he asked. "No," said the owl. "They are just parts of the moon's surface. Every shadow tells a story of the moon's history."

The rabbit felt proud of his discovery. "I am glad I asked you," he said. "I was a little worried about those shadows." The owl patted his shoulder with her wing. "Questions are the key to learning," she said. "When you ask, you find out wonderful things." The rabbit smiled and looked up at the moon again. It seemed friendlier now.

From that night on, the rabbit watched the moon every clear night. He learned to spot the craters and mountains. Sometimes he saw a shadow that looked like a face, and sometimes one that looked like a boat. Each night brought a new discovery. The owl often joined him, and they would talk about the moon and the stars.

One night the rabbit saw a shadow he had never noticed before. "Owl, what is that long dark line?" he asked. The owl looked and said, "That is a mountain range called the Apennines. It is very tall, taller than any mountain on Earth." The rabbit gasped. "I want to learn more!" he said. The owl smiled. "Then keep asking questions, little friend."

The rabbit decided to draw the moon and its shadows in a little notebook. He drew circles for craters and triangles for mountains. He wrote down what the owl told him. "Now I have my own moon book," he said. "I can look at it on cloudy nights." The owl nodded. "You are a good learner," she said. "You watch and you ask and you remember."

The rabbit learned that the shadows on the moon are not scary at all. They are just shapes made by light and land. He felt happy and excited. "I used to wonder if the shadows were something else," he said. "But now I know they are craters and mountains. Asking questions made me brave." The owl hooted softly in agreement.

The rabbit shared his discovery with his friends in the meadow. He told them about the craters and mountains on the moon. "If you see shadows, do not be afraid," he said. "Ask someone wise, and you will learn." His friends listened with wide eyes. The rabbit felt proud to share what he had learned. The owl watched from her tree and smiled.

Every night, the rabbit still looked through his red telescope. He kept his red scarf wrapped tight and his ears perked up. He watched the moon and wondered about new things. Sometimes he saw a shadow he did not know, and he would ask the owl. Together they explored the sky, one question at a time.

The rabbit learned that the moon is full of wonders, and so is the world. He learned that asking questions is a wonderful way to learn new things. With his red telescope and his friend the owl, he kept watching the moon every night with curiosity and joy. And the moon, with its craters and mountains, kept shining down on him.