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THE MEEKA AND THE BALLAGAR

THE MOON AND THE WILD CAT

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The Moon said to the wild cat, "When I die I'll come up again, and when men die they'll all come up again."

The Ballagar said, "No. When we die we'll stay in the ground and our bones will stay there always."

"No," said the Moon, "you'll come up the same as me."

"We won't," said the Ballagar, and then the Moon hit him with the kojja. But the Ballagar escaped into a hole and the Moon split the rock in two, and that is why when the old men die they never come up again.

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The Moon, a frog and a worm were once blackfellows, talking together. The Moon said to the frog, "When I die I won't stay in the ground. I'll come up again," and so he comes up new every month.

The frog said, "I won't die. I'll jump about in the water when I'm tired of the land," and the worm said, "I'll stay in the earth."

"Oh, you are silly," said the frog, "to stay down in the dirty ground all the same as if you were dead," but the worm took no heed of what the frog said, and so he is always under the ground and his house is his "boojur mota" (grave).