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Have you ever watched the bats flitting through the darkness at dusk? Have you ever wondered why bats only come out at night? Well, once upon a time the sun shone all day like a golden coin and the moon shone all night like a silver discus. My, the moon was so bright that no one could ever get any sleep!

So, God gave Bat a wicker basket tied up so tight that whatever was inside could not escape. Bat wondered what he was carrying but dared not even a peep. God said, "Bat fly to the moon." So, he flew and he flew and he flew but the journey was long. In the end, poor Bat had to stop and rest, hanging upside down with his wings folded like an old umbrella.



While Bat slept, some of the other creatures became curious and opened the basket. Out leapt darkness! One moment, it was quite bright and the next second it was darker than the heart of a mountain. It was darker than the inside of a stone. It was darker than the bottom of the ocean because God had trapped night in the wicker basket and now it was let loose.

Of course, everyone was grateful for the silvery light of the moon. And poor old Bat still has to sleep all day because he is so busy at night frantically fluttering about trying to catch the darkness to take it to the moon. I'm afraid he'll never manage to capture so many shadows. Surely they will outwit him every time?