

Story 14: The figure inside the moon



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Representing: Cameroon

The Story:

In the folktales passed down through generations in Africa, there was a story that stood out above the rest—the story of the moon.

The elders used to tell the children, "If you don't finish your chores during the day and leave them for the night, the moon will pull you in, and you will take the place of the man who is trapped there."

If you look closely at the moon on a clear night, you can see a shadow, like the figure of someone stuck inside it.

Story Moral: The moral of the story is that sometimes, folktales rooted in fear can be used positively to teach important values. In this case, the story encouraged children to be responsible and diligent, ensuring they completed their tasks on time, while instilling a sense of discipline that stayed with them as they grew.



