

## Enter Twilight

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“Star! Come here!” Star padded over to her owners, purring and nodding to the beat of her owners stroking her head, and slowly dozed off.

Star was walking in a fascinating land. A cat Star had never seen before came up to the tiny kitten. “Dawn!” The name popped into Star’s mind, though right after she said it, she thought Why Dawn?

“Yes I see you know my name.” Dawn replied, seeming unsurprised. Suddenly, more cats appeared, their names popping into Star’s mind, too.

Night\* Sea\* Oak\* Mud\* Rain\* Leaf\* Ocean\* Feather\* Sparrow\* Fire\*

And kits, like her: Sun\* Sky\* Moon\*

“Who – where – “

“This is Twilight.” A cat Star recognized as Sea stepped forward. Her pelt was shining a blue-gray color in the sunlight. “Welcome.” She dipped her head politely. “Would you like to join?”

“You-you know my name!” Star stammered. “I- can I- j-join? I-I’d love to, but- but wh- what about my humans? They might be sad! And I won’t be there! No, I- wait-, can I join?”

“Yay! Star!” Sun bounced over to Star, with Sky and Moon on her heels, all of them shrieking with joy.

“Of course you may come. We’d love to have you.” Sea watched the tumbling, playfighting ball of fur roll through the grass.

Star’s voice was heard over shrieks of laughter and joy. “Just a bit about myself- Yeow! That’s my tail!” She cleared her throat. “I’M STAR!!! I COME FROM HUMANLAND! I LOVE IT HERE EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ONE TOP OF ME AND YOUR BUTT IS IN MY FACE!!! WILL YOU – MMPH YM FMM MM MMPH!!”

“Alright! Whatcha wanna do now? Sun mewed.

“I know!” Sky squeaked. “Mother always lets us practice fighting with her! Let’s go! Sky started racing off, but Star grabbed her tail. “YOW!” Sky yelped.

“Who’s Mother?” Star asked.

“Night.” Moon stepped in. “So, now that you know, come on! But be quiet!” The kits tiptoed towards the den where Night was sleeping. “So this is what you do. You sneak towards Mother, and then....:

“ATTACK!!!” Sun yowled.

Sun led the attack, leaping and pouncing on Night first, followed by Sky and Star. Moon clawed at Night’s tail.

“Wha-“ Night turned around. “Get off!”

“Nope! Not happeni – pah! Get your tail out of my mouth!” Moon spat. “Ack!” She yelped as Night rolled the kits off, batting them playfully. “Twilight warriors! Fight off this stinky cat!”

Eventually Night got the kits off. “You shall make great warriors someday, kits. But for now, keep your claws out of my eyes!”

Once the kits got out of Night’s den, Star said excitedly. “Let’s go into the forest!”

“Great idea!” The other kits exclaimed.

So off went the kits, exploring the unknown, venturing into the forest. After some time, the kits got hungry. “Let’s get some food.” Sky meowed after a while.

“But where? It’s not like food will just wander into our paws.” Sun objected. “Berries!” In that bush over there!” Sun, Sky, Moon, and Star ran towards the bush, stuffing themselves with berries until they were full.

“I’m getting tired.” Sky complained.

“Yeah. Let’s go back to camp.” Star agreed.

When they got back, the kits fell asleep almost immediately. All except Star, who fell slowly asleep, nodding....

A bright ray of sunshine woke Star. She was back in her owner’s lap, warm and cozy, thinking about the next time she would visit Twilight....