

## Peaches' story

Long time ago, people lived in a village. They were very poor. They usually fed themselves with sweet potatoes for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so they were skinny and malnourished. At that time, there was no fruit on earth.

One day, Monkey King, who lived in Flower and Fruit Mountain saw Peach of Immortality in the Heaven with his sharp eyes. The peaches belonged to Queen Mother of the west and they were ripe.

He summoned his cloud and did a somersault to reach the peaches. He then ate 80000 ripe peaches secretly, leaving a lots of seeds. The peaches were so juicy and delicious that he decided to grow peach trees in Flower and Fruit Mountain. He put the seeds in a bag and returned home with the seeds.

When he got to his own garden, he found that all the seeds had gone. There was a tiny hole in the bag. He then recalled that when he was flying back home, he passed a big tree and accidentally a plucked branch punched his bag a hole. As a result, all the seeds fell onto the earth.

At the same time, people on earth found some unknown seeds. They curiously buried the seeds in the soil and drenched them casually. Two years later, beautiful flowers blossomed and they harvested a lot of peaches.

From then on, peaches became the first fruit on earth. Now peaches are very popular in the markets.

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## **The Grapes**

One day, a pregnant woman made a strange dream. In the dream, her child had very small eyes, so she was very worried. She went to the temple to worship Buddha with her husband, hoping that her child could have bigger eyes.

At the same time, there was a strange man staying outside the temple. He heard the woman's prayer.

'Eat more grapes and your child's eyes will get bigger.' He said to the woman.

The woman believed him and she began to eat lots of grapes until the baby was born.

The baby was born with beautiful big round eyes like grapes. The woman was very happy. She wanted to show gratitude to the strange old man but could not find him.

She wanted to find him so much that she thought of a plan. She told many people that eating grapes would make children's eyes bigger. She believed that when everyone is talking about this, the old man would hear and perhaps she could find him one day.

Five years passed and the old man had never shown up. At last, she gave up and told herself that her prayer was heard by god. She believed the old man was actually the god disguising himself to be a mortal man.

Finally, more and more people know that eating grapes can make children's eyes bigger and healthier, so they eat grapes before their baby was born.

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## Myth of Giraffe

In the early days, the original giraffe's neck and legs were short but one fruit made his neck and legs very long. It happened when everyone was living in the grassland.

In the grassland, all the plants were very short and small. One day, a deer was playing hide-and-seek with the other animals and he went far far away to hide himself. Suddenly, in a remote place, he spotted a tall tree and the tall bore a lot of fruit. He ran to the grassland to tell everyone about the news.

Soon, the news spread to the entire grassland. Many animals came under the tree but the tree was very tall. No one could pick the fruit, so they all waited under the tree.

Then, ten days later, a fruit was ripe and fell from the tree. The animals shared the fruit. Everyone said the fruit was delicious and juicy. They all were looking forward to the fruit. Another ten days passed but no fruit dropped. Some animals were impatient and left reluctantly. Gradually, one by one they left and at last all left except the deer. The deer longed for the fruit and decided to wait.

Another ten days passed but the deer was still there. As the fruit didn't fall off, the deer kept jumping up and pulling his neck long.

Day by day, the deer finally reached the fruit with its mouth. He made a triumph shout and this was the moment it realized that his neck and legs had become extremely long.

The deer was frightened and went back to the grassland immediately. When he saw his animal friends in the grassland, no one recognised him. He became a stranger and later the other animals gave him a new name – giraffe.

This is the origin of the giraffe.



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### **Sequel the sons**

Thousands years ago, Hou Yi shot down nine suns, leaving only one in the sky. After knowing this, Di Jun was very sad and angry.

Nine suns got shot and fell from the heaven. They hit the earth in different areas. Di Jun missed his sons so much that every year, Di Jun sneaked down to the mortal world to find his sons. However, a year had passed but there was no sign to show where their dead bodies were.

Di Jun was so sad that he cried and the tears dropped onto earth. The tears went into the soil and reach his sons corpses. Three years later, nine grouts grew from their bodies and gradually they grew to be nine saplings. Another three years passed and the grouts grew into nine trees. Three years later, beautiful white flowers blossomed and soon the trees were full of big red round fruit. When it was cut into half, it still showed a sunshine image. They looked exactly like Di June's sons – NINE SUNS.

These naughty suns became delicious oranges and they were able to feed the mortal's while their only brother was carrying out his duty in the sky.

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