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Moon Mysteries



The Sock Sneak Mystery



Observing the Moon



The Fire Dog That Bites the Moon



The Sock Sneak

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Mystery

NARRATOR 1

NARRATOR 2



ANDRE
male summer camper



TYLER
male summer camper



LUCIA
female summer camper



GRACE
female summer camper



EMMA
female camp counselor



JASPER
male camp counselor



WES
male camp counselor

INTRODUCTION

[**SETTING** *The play takes place at Black Lake Summer Camp.*

NARRATOR 1 and **NARRATOR 2** enter and speak to the audience.
They both show excitement.]

NARRATOR 1: Welcome to Black Lake Summer Camp!

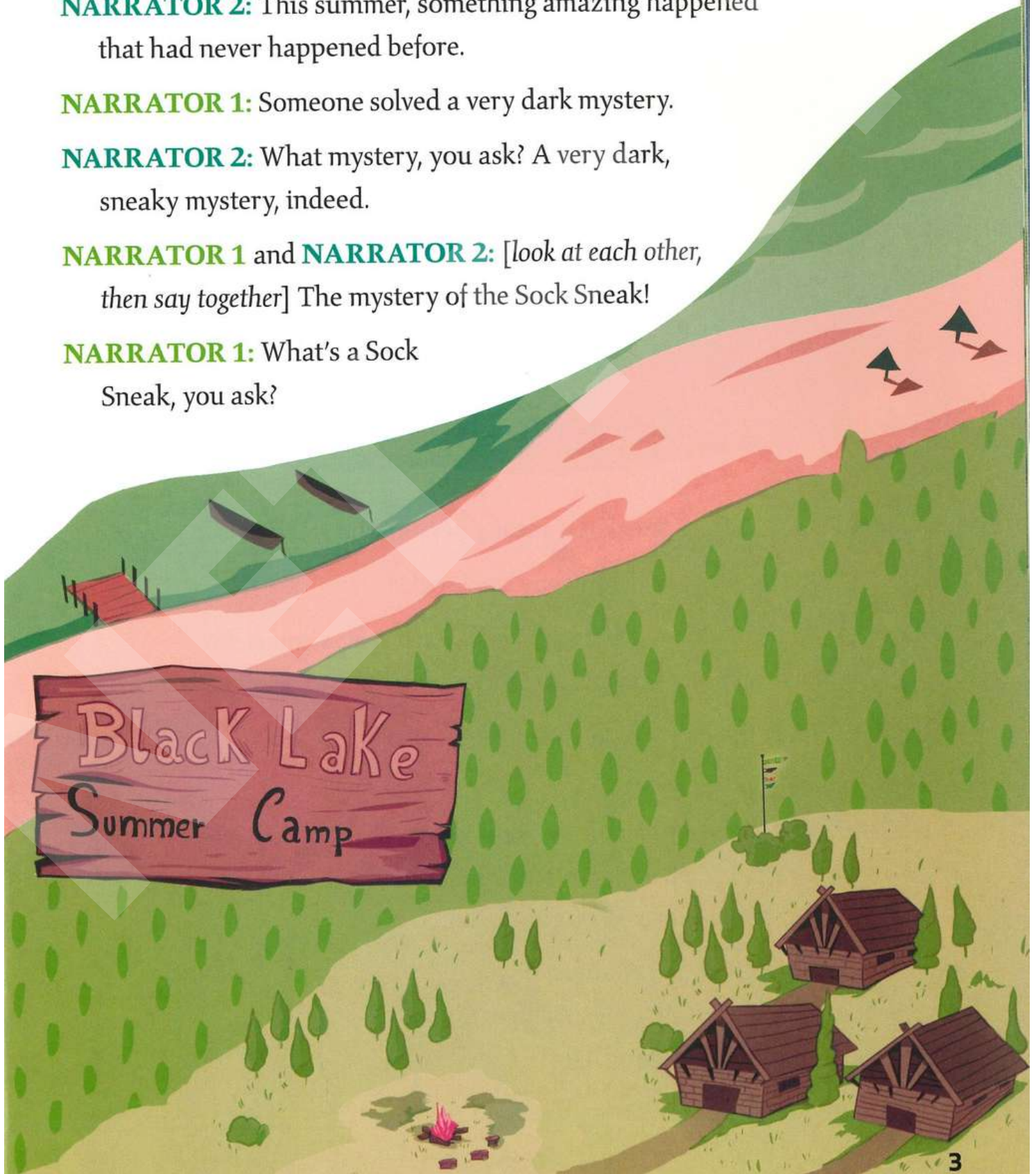
NARRATOR 2: This summer, something amazing happened
that had never happened before.

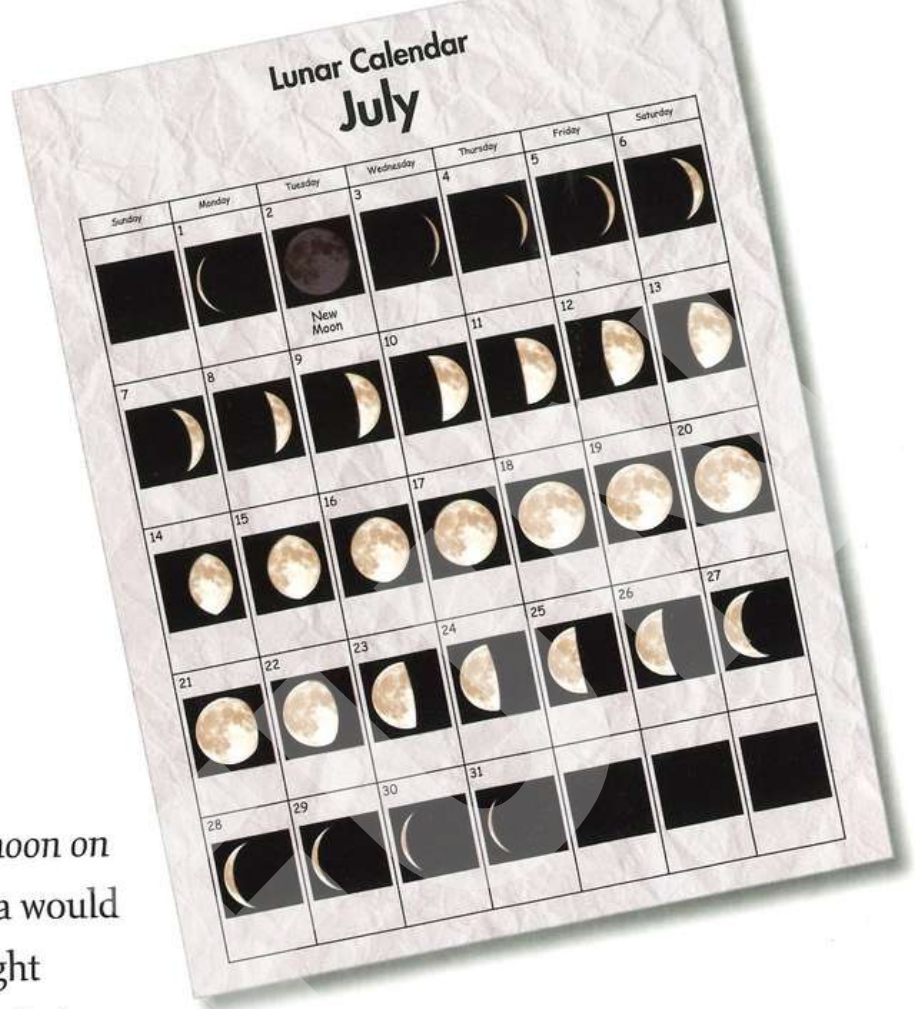
NARRATOR 1: Someone solved a very dark mystery.

NARRATOR 2: What mystery, you ask? A very dark,
sneaky mystery, indeed.

NARRATOR 1 and **NARRATOR 2:** [*look at each other,
then say together*] The mystery of the Sock Sneak!

NARRATOR 1: What's a Sock
Sneak, you ask?





LUCIA: Exactly! I saw Emma drop this piece of paper today.

[LUCIA pulls out a piece of paper and unfolds it. It's a lunar calendar for July.]

LUCIA: Today is the new moon. [points to new moon on calendar] I knew Emma would be at the flagpole tonight because it would be so dark.

EMMA: I'm so proud of you, Lucia. Good job! You win the prize!

[EMMA pulls a special, colorful flag out of her pocket. She takes a marker and writes "LUCIA" on the flag. Then she runs the flag up the flagpole.]

[JASPER and WES come running up to the flagpole.]

JASPER: [worried] What's all the commotion about?

WES: [anxious] We heard you yelling!

EMMA: Everyone is fine. Lucia caught me sneaking out here with the socks!



[Everyone cheers.]

[NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 enter.]

NARRATOR 1: And that is how the Sock Sneak mystery was solved at Black Lake Summer Camp.

NARRATOR 2: The end.

[NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 bow.]



Check In How does Lucia solve the mystery?

Phases of the Moon

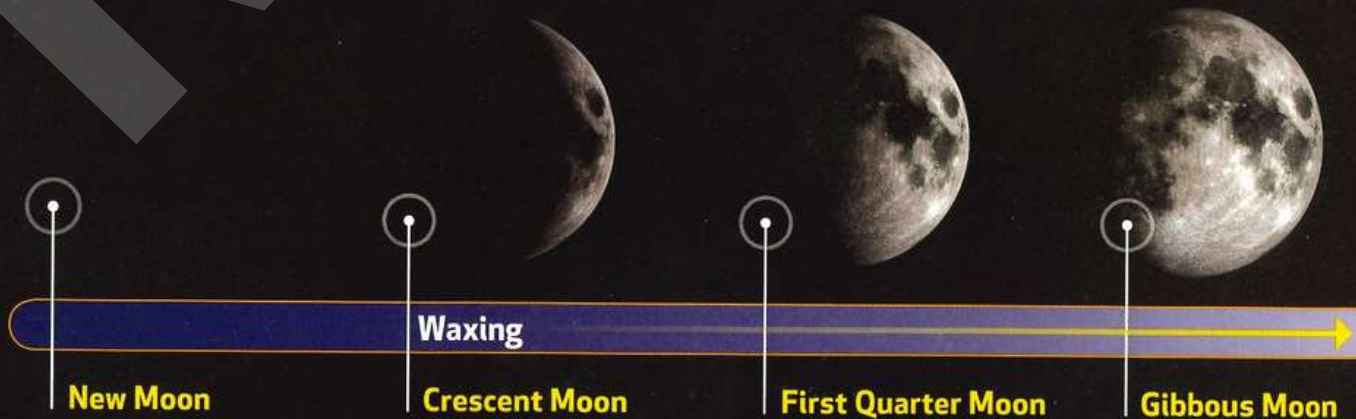
The moon's shape seems to change over time. Each shape is a **phase** of the moon.

The sun lights half of the moon. You might see all of the moon's sunlit half as it revolves around Earth. That is a full moon. You might see part of it. That is a crescent, quarter, or gibbous moon. Or you might not see any of it. That is a new moon.

The phases follow a pattern. You see more of the moon when it is **waxing**. You see less of the moon when it is **waning**. The time from one new moon to the next new moon is about a month.



Phases of the Moon



Why a Quarter Moon?

Look at the first quarter moon. During this phase, the moon looks like half of a circle. So why is this phase called a *quarter moon*? Remember, the moon revolves around Earth. In this phase, the moon has finished one quarter of its trip around Earth. That's why this phase is called a *quarter moon*.

The moon can be seen sometimes during the day and sometimes at night.



Full Moon



Gibbous Moon



Last Quarter Moon



Crescent Moon

Waning

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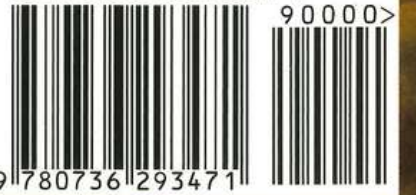
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