

# Why the Moon Is Free<sup>1</sup>

## *A Mexican Story*

### ***Before You Read***

What does the moon look like? Draw it.

Draw the moon here.

### ***Reading***

The Sun saw the Moon in the sky and fell in love with the Moon right away.

“You are so lovely. Please be my wife,” the Sun said.

“I will marry you if you can give me the most beautiful dress in the world. It has to be just my size,” the Moon thought for a moment and said.

“I will bring you the perfect dress soon,” said the Sun.

A few days later when the Sun came back with a dress, he was surprised to see how thin the Moon was.

“Ay, my love!” he cried, “You are so slim. You must be sick for your great love for me.” The Sun went to his designer<sup>2</sup> and had the dress altered<sup>3</sup>.

A week passed. The Sun went back to the Moon with the altered dress. He was so excited and knew it would fit<sup>4</sup> perfectly.

“The Moon will love this, and we will be married tomorrow,” the Sun shouted excitedly.

But when he found the Moon, she was so fat. She couldn’t even put on the dress.

“Ouch, this size is wrong. What kind of future husband you are!” the Moon shouted.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *WHEEL Council, inc. (wheelcouncil.org)*

<sup>2</sup> designer (n.) 設計師

<sup>3</sup> alter(ed) (v.) 修改(衣服)

<sup>4</sup> fit (v.) 合身

“Ay, my love, you are a little plump<sup>1</sup>, but don’t worry. It will fit just right when I get back,” begged<sup>2</sup> the Sun. But when the Sun came back the next week, the Moon was even fatter.

“Am I as thin as a stick? I can’t get into the dress,” the Moon said in an angry voice.

For thirty days, all month long, the Sun kept trying to get the dress altered. But the Moon was always changing. No matter how hard he tried, it did not work.

The Sun was never able to marry the Moon, and he finally gave up. He was sad. As for the Moon, she was happy she was free from the Sun’s love.

### **Story Map**

**Characters:** the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

**Setting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Plot:**

opening	• _____
build-up	• _____
climax	• _____
ending	• _____

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<sup>1</sup> plump (adj.) 豐滿的

<sup>2</sup> beg(ged) (v.) 懇求；哀求