

How the Moose Lost her Horns

Story inspired by a Dene legend told by Pat Martel

Cast: Narrator 1 and Narrator 2
 Bull Moose
 Cow Moose
 Sucker Fish
 Chorus (all other students)

Narrator 1: A long time ago the cow moose and the bull moose both had beautiful horns.

Narrator 2: They could take the horns off just like hats.

Narrator 1: One summer day a bull moose and a cow moose were walking through the bush. They were looking for some tall green grass to eat.

Narrator 2: They stopped at a big blue lake.

Cow Moose: I'm so hot and I want something to eat. First I will take off my horns.

Bull Moose: No. Don't do that. The Creator said to care for our beautiful horns.

Cow Moose: I will be careful. I'll put them on this rock beside the lake.

Narrator 1: The cow moose found some tall green grass and started to eat.

Narrator 2: She soon forgot about her horns.

Narrator 1: A big sucker fish was swimming in the water close by.
 He saw the moose eating the tall green grass.

Narrator 2: This made the sucker hungry for some food.

Sucker Fish: I'm so hungry. What's that on the big, grey rock? It's shiny and bright.

Narrator 1: The sucker fish swam up to take a look.

Sucker Fish: It's the cow moose's horns. She has forgotten about them.
 I'll teach the moose a lesson and eat its shiny horns.

Narrator 1: The sucker fish opened its mouth widely.

Narrator 2: The horns were too big for the sucker. The sucker couldn't swallow the horns.

Narrator 1: The sucker fish swam into shallow water.

Chorus: The sucker fish twisted and turned. The horns were stuck.

Narrator 2: The sucker fish swam into deep water.

Chorus: The sucker fish twisted and turned. The horns were stuck.

Narrator 1: Finally, the sucker swam far away to the bottom of the lake.

Chorus: The sucker fish twisted and turned. The horns were stuck.

Narrator 2: Soon the cow moose came back to the rock.

Cow Moose: Where are my horns?
(Looks one way) Where are my shiny horns?
(Looks another way) Where are my bright horns?

Narrator 1: The cow moose could not find its horns.

Cow Moose: Oh no! I've lost my beautiful horns.

Narrator 2: The cow moose lost its horns forever.

Narrator 1: And to this day the cow moose horns are still stuck in the throat of the sucker fish.