

EXCERPT from
Magic Moon: Bears Ears
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Chapter 5—Magic Moon’s New World:

That night Farni went for a walk with his brother, Yayana. Although he and Yayana teased each other often, and even argued sometimes, he knew Yayana cared about him.

After all, Yayana had stood up to the bullies for him.

Magic Moon had made Brown Bear Farni’s protector, too. The bullies had run home with their tails between their legs when Brown Bear had stood next to Farni.

Farni laughed, just thinking about it.

“What are you laughing about?” Yayana asked.

“Oh, just thinking about how Magic Moon and Brown Bear freaked out Yakima, Nufin, and Dangor.”

“I wish I could’ve been there to see that,” Yayana said.

“Well,” Farni said, becoming serious. “We have a new problem. Magic Moon says the adult villagers are now tracking Brown Bear and trying to kill him.”

“What?” Yayana asked in disbelief. “Are they crazy? Do they want to be eaten?”

“My guess is they probably do *not* want to be eaten,” Farni said with a smirk.

“Ya think?” Yayana said sarcastically, brushing some dirt off his striped black and white fur.

“For one thing, Brown Bear came from the same world that our new friends Tara, Dany and Jackson came from,” Farni said.

"I didn't know that," Yayana admitted.

"See, bro', you don't know everything!" Farni elbowed him.

"I know more than you do," Yayana countered.

"You wish," grinned Farni.

"It's a fact," claimed Yayana.

"Back to the problem," Farni said. "Magic Moon needs us to think of a plan to get the villagers to come speak with him."

"Yeah, like we'll just say, 'Hey, villagers, there's a huge, alien moon-like being who not only can talk to you, but who can keep Brown Bear and his kind from attacking you!'" Yayana scoffed. "No problem!"

"Yeah, if our parents didn't believe us, how can we expect any of the villagers to believe us?" Farni said despondently.

"I don't suppose Yakima, Nufin or Dangor told anyone about Magic Moon," Yayana said.

"No way," Farni said. "If they did, they'd look like cowards."

"Well, they *are* cowards," Yayana said.

"Doesn't mean they want to *look like* cowards," Farni said.

"True," Yayana agreed. "They do have their image to maintain."

"Or what's left of it," Farni added.

Yayana nodded.

"We need to request a meeting with the Village Council," said Farni.

“And tell them what?” asked Yayana.

“That’s what we need to figure out,” said Farni.

“OK, so we meet with the Village Council,” Yayana said thoughtfully. “Now we just need to come up with a plan that will get them to hike up the mountainside to see Magic Moon!”

“So, our plan is to ‘come up with a plan,’” Farni said.

“We’ll make it happen, somehow,” Yayana said.