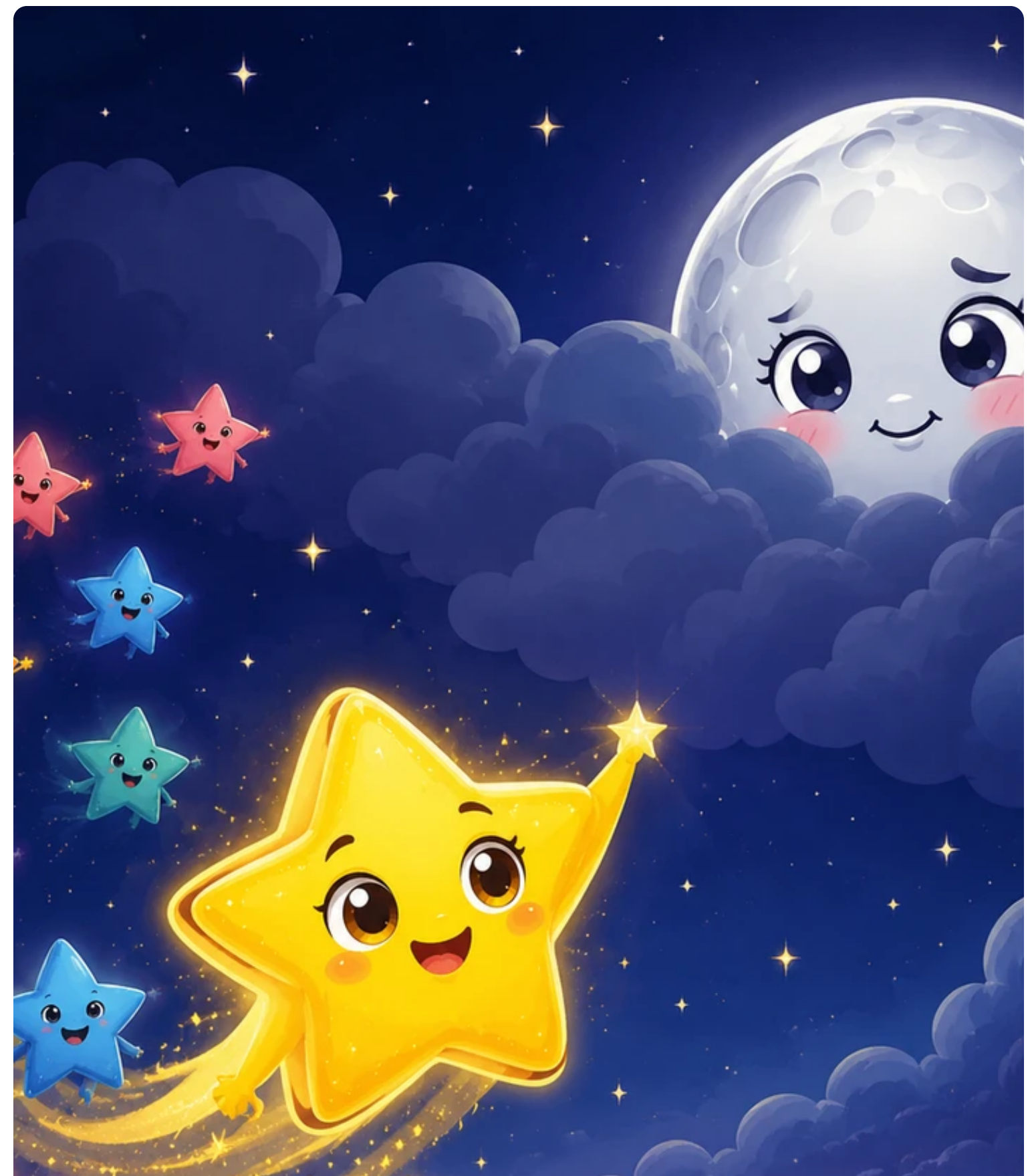




# The Shy Moon's Lullaby

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High above the sleepy world, night fell, but the silver moon was nowhere to be seen. Blushing behind a thick blanket of fluffy violet clouds, the shy moon felt too timid to step into the sky. Down below, the quiet night waited patiently for its gentle glow.



Seeing the dark sky, Astra, a tiny star with a bright golden sparkle, gathered her starry friends together. Whispers of concern rustled through the twinkling cluster as they wondered where their friend had gone. Determined to help, Astra led the group on a soft journey across the heavens.



Astra floated past gentle velvet winds and misty sky-rivers, holding her warm light high like a lantern. Along the way, she asked passing constellations and sleepy breezes if they had seen the hidden moon. Each friend shook their head softly, pointing Astra toward the deep, misty cloud gardens.



Deep inside a forest of soft lavender clouds, Astra spotted a faint silver glow trembling in the shadows. She drifted closer with great care, making sure not to startle the timid moon. Instead of calling out, Astra sang a soft, comforting song about how much the sky missed its moonlight friend.



Hearing Astra's gentle melody, the moon peeked out from behind its cozy cloud, feeling safe and loved. One by one, all the other stars gathered around, forming a shimmering wreath of light that welcomed the moon into the night without any pressure.



With a gentle, cozy smile, the shy moon stepped fully out into the open sky, spreading a peaceful silver blanket over the sleeping world below. Astra and her friends twinkled happily around their friend, filling the night with quiet splendor and warmth.