

How the Moose Lost her Horns

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A long time ago the cow moose and the bull moose both had horns. They could take the horns off just like hats.

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. They stopped at a big blue lake.

The cow moose said, "I'm so hot. I'm going to take off my horns."

"Don't do that," said the bull moose. "You might lose them."

"No I won't," said the cow moose. "I'll put them on this rock beside the lake."

So the cow moose took off her horns and put them on a rock beside the big blue lake. She found some tall green grass and started to eat. Soon she forgot about her horns.

A big sucker fish was swimming in the water close by. He saw the moose eating the tall green grass. This made the sucker hungry for some food. The sucker saw the horns on the rock. He decided to steal the shiny and bright horns. The sucker came up and opened his mouth as wide as he could. The sucker swallowed the horns in one big gulp.

The horns were too big for the sucker. No matter how hard he tried, the sucker couldn't swallow the horns. The horns were stuck in its throat.

The sucker swam into the shallow water and twisted and turned. The horns were stuck. The sucker swam into deep water and twisted and turned. The horns were still stuck.

Finally, the sucker swam far away from the moose twisting and turning all the way to the bottom of the lake.

The sucker never came back to the rock by the lake and the cow moose was very sad that she had lost her horns. This is why the cow moose doesn't have horns like the bull moose.

To this day the moose horns are still stuck in the sucker. If you ever catch a sucker you can boil its head and you will see small moose horns still stuck in the sucker's head.