



In the beginning there was no fire, and the world was cold, until the Thunders sent their lightning and put fire into the bottom of a hollow sycamore tree which grew on an island. The animals knew it was there, because they could see the smoke coming out at the top, but they could not get to it on account of the water, so they held a council to decide what to do. This was a long time ago.

Every animal that could fly or swim tried to go after the fire, but they all failed. The birds, snakes, and four-footed animals, all had some excuse for not going, because they were all afraid of the fire. At last the Water Spider said she would go. So she spun a thread from her body and wove it into a *tusti* bowl, which she fastened on her back. Then she crossed over to the island where the fire was still burning. She put one little coal of fire into her bowl, and came back with it, and ever since we have had fire, and the Water Spider still keeps her *tusti* bowl.

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