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**THE ARCHER'S
WIFE**

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A Readers Theater Script:
Origins of the Moon Festival

for
for Intermediate Readers

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Cast: 5 Readers Including 3 Character Parts

READER 1: Once upon a time,
 Ten suns were in the sky.

READER 2: And every living creature
 Said, Why, oh why...

READER 3: Am I so hot?

READER 4: Am I so dry?

READER 5: If it doesn't cool down
 I just might die!

**ALL: Hot, hot,
 That's all we've got
 Please take this heat away!**

READER 1: The flower said,

(READER 2)
FLOWER: "I've burnt my face,
 And lion's charred tail
 Is a true disgrace.
 The butterfly's wings
 Dried out, it seems,
 And the little drop water
 Turned into a steam."

ALL: **Hot, hot,**
That's all we've got
Please take this heat away!

READER 3: So the emperor ordered
 His archer to shoot.

(READER 4)
EMPEROR: "Shoot down those suns
 There'll be no excuse"

READER 5: The suns became frightened.
 And ran off to hide.

(READER 4)
EMPEROR: "Where did they go?
 You must search far and wide."

ALL: **Hot, hot,**
That's all we've got
Please take this heat away!

READER 5: Then the archer said,
 (PAUSE)

(READER 1)
ARCHER: "I see one in the cave,
 I see two on the wall,
 I see three in the well,
 But I can't see them all."

READER 2: Then he added:

(READER 1)

ARCHER: "Wait! I see four more
In the tree!"

READER 2: Then he shot down nine
And let the tenth sun be.

**ALL: Hot, hot,
That's all we've got
Please take this heat away!**

READER 3: The emperor said:

READER 4
EMPEROR: "We'll save one sun.
But archer, your job
Is still not done.
Don't let the other
Suns rise again
Keep watch over them
Until earth's end.
To do this, you must
Be quite clever.
Take this magic pill
And you'll live forever."

READER 5: But the archer's wife
Heard about the pill,

READER 3: And stole that pill
Against the archer's will.

READER 1: When she swallowed the pill,
She became so light,