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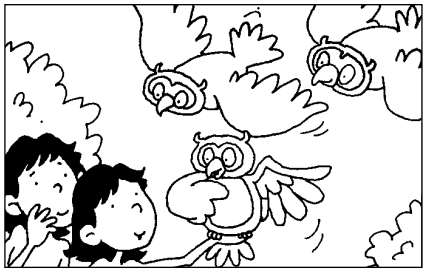
MAYA MYTHS

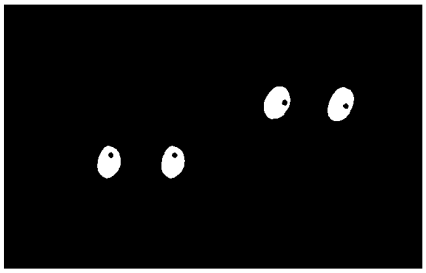
The Story of the Hero Twins

Read the tale below of the "Hero Twins" Hunahpu (*hoo nah poo*) and Xbalanque (*shaw bal an kay*), two famous characters in Maya mythology. The story tells how the twins outsmarted the gods of the underworld, or Xibalba (*shee bahl bah*), to become immortal.

The twins loved to play ball, but the noise of their playing made the underworld gods angry.



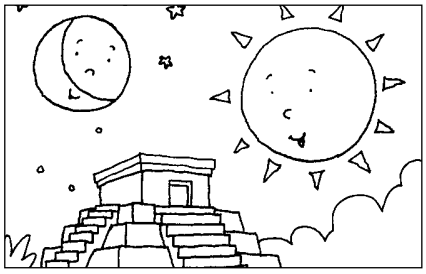
The gods sent messenger owls to summon the twins down to the underworld, called Xibalba.



The gods made the twins stay in the Dark House, which was the first of many scary nights.

The twins escaped by tricking the gods, winning every challenge they faced in Xibalba.

After the last challenge, the twins jumped in a river and turned into magical catfish.



The twins were later reborn as the sun and the moon—more powerful than the underworld!

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CHARACTERS: Who are your main characters? Name them.

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SETTING: Where does your myth take place?

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PLOT: What happens at the beginning, middle, and end?

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