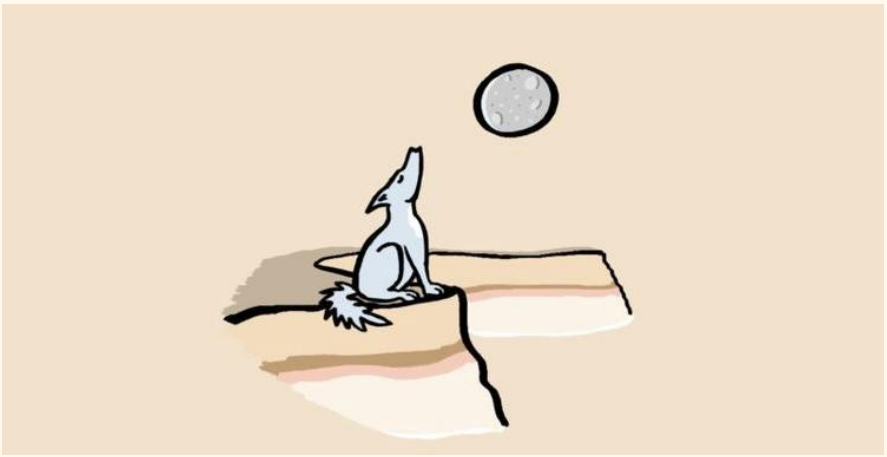
GODS OF THE SKY



I will tell you a tale of the gods of the sky, a tale of eternal love and loss, one of great friendship and of treacherous betrayal.

May it resonate deeply in your hearts, may it live on in your children and children's children. And on nights pale as the moon and bright as Jupiter's ring, may its echoes be heard in the walls of your mind.

A long time ago, the sun God Helios, the moon goddess Luna and the wolf king Lycaon all lived in harmony in the bright expanse of the sky. The world above as it was called, as it was known to all mankind.

And a great love bound Lycaon to Luna, a love so affectionate, so pure and so deeply felt as if blessed by Aphrodite herself. A match made in the heavens.

A great love indeed and a great spite it birthed in the heart of Helios for he coveted Luna, and wanted her for himself. And so a thought came to life, born from a flicker of hate and despite! Treachery lurking in the shadows he cast.

My dear friend Lycaon, said Helios. If your love truly be as pure and pristine as they say and as you claim it be, descend from the heavens, plunge into the depths of the earth and pluck an Orchid for your lover. It is the one flower in the universe that could only ever immortalize your love.

And so Lycaon set off on a quest of doom! Unknown to him, that any god leaving the heavens of his own free will, could never return again and is forever bound to the form he takes on his descent.

Too late oh kind lover, oh how great a fall you have taken. Wolf shaped, Orchid between your teeth, tears streaming down your eyes from the depths of the well in your heart. You cried, you wailed and then you howled... calling to your love, calling to the stars to bear witness this betrayal, and to the heavens for forgiveness.

And this is why the sun and the moon split the sky, so Luna could never lay sight on the being who tore love apart from her soul. This is why on every full moon, the wolf king Lycaon howls at his lost lover, pining and endless waiting for the day that they might meet again.