

Why the seagull cries

In the beginning when the world was new, each animal was given a job. It was Seagull's job to take care of all the light. He kept the light in a box hidden under his wing. He felt important. He felt good. The other animals would stumble their way to Seagull and beg him to shed a little light into the world so they could all see but he always refused. He felt important looking after the light. He felt good.

One day, Raven decided to trick Seagull. He got a sharp thorn, felt his way to Seagull's foot and pushed the thorn into it. The Seagull cried out for help. "I need a little light," said the Raven. "Open your box of light." Seagull open his box just a little and Raven pushed the thorn in harder. "I need more light," he demanded. Seagull opened the crack a little more, and again Raven pushed the thorn even harder into Seagull's foot. "More light!" he demanded. And when the light became too dazzling for Seagull to see, Raven lurched up and knocked the box from under Seagull's wing.

And that is how light came into the world.

Now, even today, you can still hear Seagull cry, both for the pain in his foot, and for the day he lost his important job of looking after the light.

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