#### **How the Raccoon Got His Mask**

The raccoon, with its distinctive black mask around its eyes, is a familiar sight in many parts of the world. But how did the raccoon get its mask? This Native American origin story provides an explanation.

Once upon a time, in a dense forest far away, there lived a curious little raccoon. He was a mischievous creature, always getting into trouble. He would sneak into the gardens of the other animals and steal their food. He would play tricks on the other animals, making them angry. One day, the raccoon decided to play a trick on the Creator.



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The raccoon found the Creator sitting by a campfire, and he snuck up behind him. He grabbed the Creator's paintbrush and started to paint all over his face. The Creator was so surprised that he jumped up and turned around. He was furious at the raccoon for his trickery.



The Creator scolded the raccoon and said, "You are a very curious creature, and you are always getting into trouble. I am going to give you a mask to wear, so that everyone will know that you are a trickster." And with that, the Creator painted a black mask around the raccoon's eyes.

The raccoon was embarrassed, but he also realized that the mask was a good thing. It would help him to hide his identity when he was playing tricks on the other animals. And so, the raccoon has worn a mask ever since.

The raccoon is a reminder to us that even though we may be curious, we should always be respectful of others. We should not play tricks on them or try to harm them. Instead, we should use our curiosity to learn and to grow.



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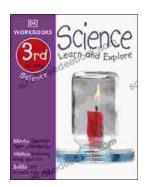
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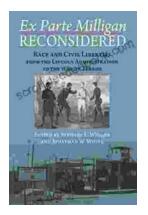


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