



WHY DO DEERS HAVE ANTLERS?

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Long long ago, Deer was such a shy animal. He feared everything: darkness, beasts, even a strange noise could startle him.



However, his friends loved him a lot for he was clever, hard-working and kind. One day, learning that the uncle Bear was badly ill, Deer told Mom that he would go visit him.



- My disease is severe. Only the leaves of the Magic Grass in the deep gorge can cure it. – The uncle Bear mutter tiredly. Deer replied at once. - I can run as fast as a flying arrow, I'll go find the medical grass for you.



But the forest paths were so rough with so many wild fierce beasts. Deer felt a little scared. When the dark covered the mountain sides, Deer got even more frightened. He hid behind an old tree and cried.



The God of Trees arose and asked: - Why are you crying? Are you lost? - No, no. I'm searching for the Magic Grass to cure the disease for my uncle Bear. But there are so many scary beasts in this deep forest. I'm so scared.



- You can turn back home if you're scared. - But how about uncle Bear? He cannot get better without that Magic Grass.



The Tree God said gently.
- You are such a warm-
hearted kid. Here, take my
robust twigs. Put them on
your head to make you
stronger. Deer thanked the
Tree God for the gift and
then continued his journey.



Expectedly, now Deer could confidently cross deep streams and climb high mountains despite all wild beasts and darkness. When Deer brought the Magic Grass home for uncle Bear, the dawn also broke.



Magically, thanks to the grass leaves, uncle Bear got well soon.



Since then, Deer became more courageous and he always kept on his head the gift of the Tree God, which helped protect himself against all wild beasts. And the twigs on his head are called 'antlers'.

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