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Having accomplished this feat Raven went on to people the world with Eskimos, animals and flowers, and then set out to light it with the sun, moon and stars.

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