

Snowy Christmas Forest

A Short Story by Hawthornclaw

A forest covered with snow sparkles in the moonlight. Shh! Can you here the sleigh bells ringing? They ring in this forest every year. But there was once a time where this forest didn't know about Christmas. But Dewpaw, an apprentice, changed that for every cat in the forest. Dewpaw was a gray she-cat with darker flecks and blue eyes. She was lively and adventurous, and always willing to put a smile on someone's face.

This story starts on a cold leaf-bare evening, in a large forest called LightningClan. Everything was calm and quiet. The apprentices were all play fighting, but Dewpaw couldn't concentrate. She felt like there was something missing on this chilly night. The apprentices gave up trying to fight each other, and went to go to sleep. "Ugg!" Yellowpaw whined, "I wish there was SOMETHING to do!" The rest of the apprentices nodded their heads in agreement. Dewpaw knew there must be something out there. She made a plan. She would go out that night to look for something.

When everyone was asleep, she went out for the twolegplace. "There must be something there!" She said to herself. When she got there, there was so much light that it hurt her eyes. The answer must be there! She went toward it. There were weird creatures with the lights, glowing, and trees in each nest. Why did they put the trees there? Maybe that's what she needed! A tree! An evergreen tree! and she would decorate it with acorns, pinecones, grass! It would look beautiful! But what about the fun of it? She needed to look farther. She walked and walked, until she saw a sleigh driven by 8 reindeer, with a twoleg in it. The twoleg was fat and had a beard and a red suit. Was he the answer? But she wouldn't understand him. He would speak in catspeak. But when she got closer she heard a sound. "HO HO HO! Merry Christmas! Would you like to get in my sleigh?" How did she understand him? What was Christmas? "Wh-wh- who are you?" She asked. "Why, I'm Santa Claus! Hop into my sleigh and I'll tell you what Christmas is!"

She got into the sleigh. "I know you've been trying to find away to make cats happy." He said. She nodded. "Yes. Well, tell me, Dewpaw, have you been good this year?" She stared at him. "Well, yes, but how do you know my-" "Very good! Now, you don't know me or Christmas, do you?" She shook her head. "Well, Christmas is a day to be joyful and happy. It is about giving and forgiving. It is a day where everyone is with each other and is kind. And I am very happy to be a part of that day. I bring presents to all the good children of the world. They tell me what they want, and I give it to them. Now, Dewpaw, what do you want for Christmas?" "I want to be able to celebrate Christmas. It sounds amazing." "OK. Would you like some ornaments for your Christmas tree?" Dewpaw stared at him. Was that what those trees were? Were ornaments decorations? "Well, yes, please." She said. "I'll give it to you." Santa said.

When Dewpaw got back to camp, she decorated an evergreen tree with the decorations Santa gave her. She told the clan about her adventures with Santa, and LightningClan has been celebrating Christmas ever since.