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I. THE BEGINNING

This is the story of Mr. Man — and the beginning of things. How he first came we cannot tell, for no one remembers, unless perhaps the Stork.

But here he is, arrived without warning, one bright tertiary day.

The beasts and birds stared in wonder at this strange little being, so furless and featherless, and little dreamed that they saw their master.

He looked about him, and laughed — the first laugh the world had heard — a happy invention, which we use to this day. Things were to his liking; he reached out to seize the earth — and found his toes.



2. THE BIRTH OF PAIN

He grew—and stood upright, and used his hands as no creature had done.

Now life was easy, and his neighbors friendly, but still—he wanted something. And out of the unknown his wife came. And he was happy.

He was content to ruminate, but she, more curious—the eternal feminine—would know the taste of every fruit—and tried them on him.

And so by chance he ate a green apple — and suffered—for green apples were then as now.

Thus first came pain into the world.



3. INTRODUCTION OF FIRE

The next thing that happened to Mr. Man and his large family — for by now there were a great many of them — was that they learned to make a fire. And though they burned their fingers they found it useful. — Story tells us that one Prometheus first brought it to the earth, at great personal inconvenience.

As all the other creatures were afraid of it, the menfolk felt quite superior and put on airs. Naturally the others did n't like this, and the old friendship began to wear thin in spots.

