They got fire from the Fire Country. There was a country where there were high hills that had fire burning in them all the time. It was hard work to bring the fire all the way from the Fire Country. But when they got it to the cave they kept it burning night and day, summer and winter. The wisest woman in the clan was chosen to be Fire Keeper.

Wide-Awake was a very wise cave-man. His clan had learned how to sharpen the end of a hard stick in the fire and to use it, or a splinter of bone, to bore a hole.

One day when Wide-Awake was boring a hole,

he found that the end of the stick with which he was boring became quite hot. He twirled



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it faster and it began to smoke. Then he twirled it harder and faster still, and at last he was rewarded with real fire.

How proud he was when he found out how to get fire without going far away to the Fire Country.