

But the caves were also the homes of the cave-bears, and the hyenas, and other wild animals more fierce than any that live in the world now. You see that men could not live in the caves before they learned how to make spears and knives to kill the wild animals.



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Where could men and women and little children sleep in safety when they had nothing to protect them from the cave-bears and hyenas? They must have made their homes in the branches of trees, just as some wild tribes of men do at this day. That distant time is called the age of the Tree-dwellers.

But when men learned how to make and use fire, then they began to live in caves and in brush huts built on the ground. No wild animal will enter a hut or a cave that is guarded by fire. Of course they had no matches to light the fire. They had not yet learned what to put on the match-sticks, even if they had had tools to make them.