

A long long time ago, there was 6 clans at the time. Fireclan, Waterclan, Earthclan, Shadowclan, Windclan, and Iceclan. One winter when prey was the most scarce, clans were going into each other's territory without permission taking prey from each other because they didn't have prey on their own land. Later this time period was known as the Big Hollow (this time period lasted almost 5 seasons).

One day the leaders from each of the clans met up at Sand Bay, the night after the Gathering. The leader of Fireclan (which at the time was Lightstar) started the conversation by questioning if the 'superior' clans (Fireclan, Waterclan, and Earthclan) could expand their land out more. The other 3 clans thought this was unfair, they were just as superior and if the other clans were to expand their territory this would go into their clans territory.

The 'superior' clans demanded that they go through with Lightstar's plan. According to history, the first clan leader to refuse was Heatherstar (the leader of Windclan). The other 2 clans (Shadowclan and Iceclan) very much look up to Heatherstar's leadership and decisions. She was known to have a hard head and good judgment skills because of her passion as a leader she had high power over the other leaders' thoughts and often helped them. Overall she was very praised and many young kits and apprentices tried to live up to her name.

Lightstar knew that from the start that she would say "no". After Heatherstar had clearly refused, the other 2 clan leaders chimed in adding in their voices refusing with her. At the end of the meeting, instead of Lightstar going back to his own territory, he found strong smelling ferns and covered himself with the sent. Back on the hunt, he backtracked his paw prints. Once he got back to the Sand Bay, he followed Heatherstar's sent trail. Once he caught up to her, Heatherstar's life was at an end (he was lucky she was on her last life). Only now cats know what happened because in Lightstar's dying moments, he admitted everything he did.

The following Gathering (the next full moon) at Sand Bay, Windclan had a new leader. Her name was Moonstar. Even though the leader before her was Heatherstar, she wasn't as strong minded. Once the leaders met up at Sand Bay the night after the Gathering, Moonstar, and the other 2 clans (Shadowclan and Iceclan), were presented the option to either surrender their land or fight.

Still, Moonstar made the same choice as Heatherstar did, she would wouldn't give up her land although she didn't want to fight. Because she was a new leader, she didn't have the leadership skills yet needed to go to war. Over the course of the next 2 seasons the 3

'superior' clans kepted on stealing prey and blaming their clans' hunger on them. Lightstar (who was still in power of Fireclan) went to the other 2 'superior' clans asking to talk to the leaders. He asked them to meet up in a location off the clans territories to talk... and plan.

The plan was simple, leave the 3 clans with no leaders. If they were to go into war, they had to win. The other side would have no chance of winning if there was no one to look up to for leadership. Step 1, go to the other clans asking the leaders and deputies to meet up (in a place off the territory), but to not bring anyone else. Of course the 'superior' clans didn't go through with this, they would end up bring their most trusted and skilled warriors. Step 2, leave a day early to go to this meeting spot. Step 3, set up camp a little way away from the site. Step 4, right before they other clan leaders and deputies get there, have their warriors roll around in leaves and ferns to cover their sent. Have the warriors spread out around the little clearing, hiding in the shadows. Step 5, have the 3 'superior' clan leaders and deputies be in the middle of the clearing. Once the other clans get there, with the signal from Lightstar (a flick of the tail) the other warriors attacked. No more leaders.

Their plan was of great use. Only one flaw. One of the deputies didn't go.