For a long time, the animals had wanted to find out what the moon tasted like. Was it sweet or salty? They only wanted to taste a little piece. At night, they longingly gazed up at the sky. They reached up and tried to catch it, stretching their necks, their legs and their arms.

Who didn’t ever dream with taking a little bit of the moon? The animals of this tale wanted to taste a small piece but, despite they tried, they were not able to touch it. So, the tortoise had a very good idea: “If you climb on my back, perhaps we can reach the moon”, she said to the elephant.

This is a story about wishes that seem to be, at first sight, unattainable. But thanks to cooperation, finally it’s possible to reach them. Several animals join together: the tortoise, the one that supports the world, according to mythology, the elephant, the giraffe, the lion, the fox, the monkey and, at the end, the smallest one.

This tale not only shares qualities of fables and legends, but also it tells about solidarity, generosity dreams, and even some sense of humour on the part of this smiling, joking and restless moon.

“A taste of the moon”, written and illustrated by the Polish author Michael Grejniec, is a picture book for first readers. Its structure is based on repetitions and the accumulation of characters, a very usual resort in traditional literature. So this is a tale specially recommended to be told, taking into account the participation of children.