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DOGS CHASE RABBITS, IT'S A PHACT

HI DARK-LOVERS, TRACE HERE.

THIS WEEK IS A NEW MOON: WHICH IS A GREAT TIME TO SEE THE FAINTER STARS IN THE SKY. LET'S FIND A BRIGHT DOG, FAINTER RABBIT, AND VERY FAINT DOVE!

HIT THE DARKNESS AROUND 7:30PM AND LOOK SOUTH – THERE YOU SHOULD SEE A SUPER BRIGHT STAR NEAR-ISH TO THE LEFT OF ORION THE HUNTER'S HOURGLASS FIGURE – THAT IS SIRIUS THE DOG STAR IN CANIS MAJOR!

CANIS THE DOG IS CHASING LEPUS THE HARE ACROSS THE SKY – TO FIND LEPUS FOLLOW THE LINE MADE BY SIRIUS AND MURZIM TO ARNEB – HARE IN ARABIC – THAT'S LEPUS!

NOW HERE COMES THE CHALLENGE. UP AND TO THE LEFT OF LEPUS IS RIGEL – THAT'S ORION'S FOOT – BUT IF YOU USE RIGEL TO DRAW A LINE THROUGH ARNEB YOU SHOULD SEE STAR PHACT AT THE TOP OF A LITTLE TRIANGLE OF STARS; THAT'S COLUMBA THE DOVE.

A DOG, A RABBIT AND DOVE IN THE SOUTHERN SKY! THAT'S A PHACT! ... GET IT?

DON'T FORGET *point at camera* WE HAVE TWO PLANET-MOON CONJUNCTIONS THIS WEEK TOO.

KEEP LOOKIN' UP!