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In this unmissable mashup of Mesoamerican origin tales, enterprising Rabbit determines to refresh the moonglow each day, hauling the luminous nectar of a mystical agave plant skyward to do so. Opossum, dazzled by the glow, determines to steal some nectar for himself. Earth is subsumed by darkness. To rectify his error, Opossum treks through the underworld in search of fire left by the gods. The breathtaking illustrations exude light themselves as these two clever creatures work toward friendship—and their titles as Guardians of Light.

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