



## #145 *The First Homo Sapien*



*Once upon a time a brand new family of beings moved into a neighborhood. They were human beings, and their name was the Homo sapiens. The Homo sapiens had never been on the Earth before. There were plants and animals and rocks already living in the neighborhood. There were also people that were a little different than the Homo sapiens. Their name was the Neanderthals. Soon, it was apparent that the Homo sapiens could do novel and astonishing tricks that the rest of the community could not dream of doing. They could count with numbers and use words to speak. They could also build and invent with tools. You see, they were really good at THINKING. Suddenly, the rest of the creatures and rocks and plants stepped back in amazement to watch the new Homo sapiens as they woke up and did their thinking. It was so curious! Each morning, instead of just getting food and water and building a home, the Homo sapiens would think. At first it was fun to see them invent*

*new ways of building. But soon, the rest of the creatures realized that the new members of the community had a problem - a problem that no others had. They had the ability - and the curse - of thinking so much that they would miss the intuitive things the river or the mountain or the wind said. For instance, one day the mountain said that there would be a volcano, so the rest of the community left the mountain and got a safe distance away. But the Homo sapiens did not get the message, because they were in their heads thinking! So, when the volcano came, they had to run very fast to get out of the way. Little by little this became a problem. Gradually, the Homo sapiens were too busy to intuitively hear the Neanderthals and the rocks and the plants and the animals, so conversations became quite sparse.*

*Eventually, everyone except the Homo sapiens moved a little farther outside the neighborhood saying, "We better stay at a distance from these new humans. As they gain abilities, they lose connection.*

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