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Film Series

The Tale of the Princess Kaguya

A Studio Ghibli Film

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The Tale of The Princess Kaguya is an animated adaptation of the tenth century Japanese Buddhist/Shinto folk tale *The Bamboo Cutter*. One day while walking in the forest, an old, childless woodcutter encounters a glowing bamboo shoot. Inside the shoot is a thumb-sized baby girl. The old woodcutter takes her home to his wife, and they raise her to adulthood. They call her “Princess,” and she grows into a normal-sized girl of great beauty. She is courted by five royal suitors, and eventually by the Emperor himself, but reveals to her parents that she comes from the Moon. She broke the laws of the Moon and was exiled to Earth so that she could experience mortal life. In the end, the Buddha himself comes to take her back to the Moon. This magical film is our Halloween offering for 2018, and is being licensed through GKids, <http://www.gkids.com>.

Admission is free.

