

# Coyote and the Cougar



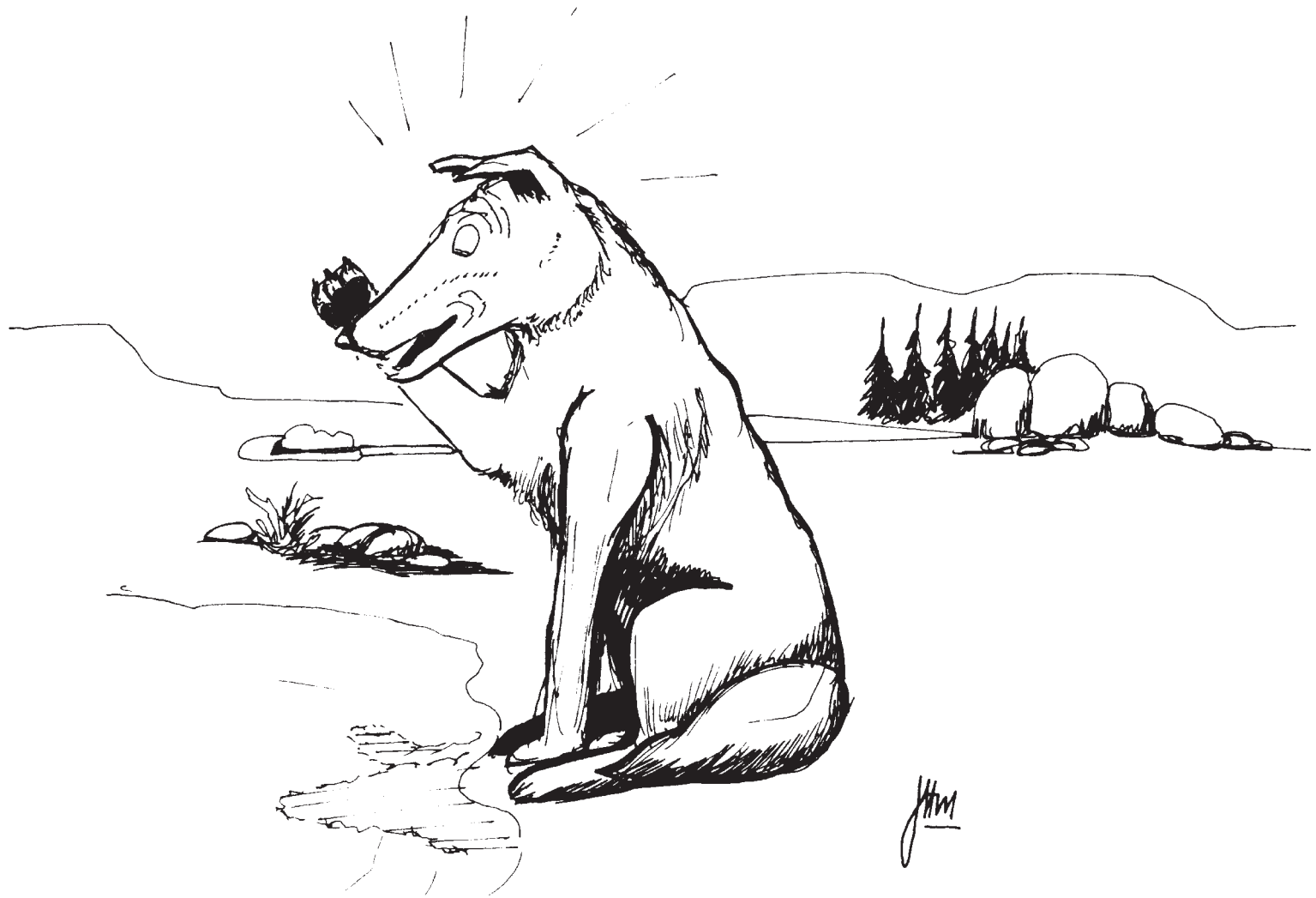


Coyote was walking along the river. He became tired and stopped to take a nap.

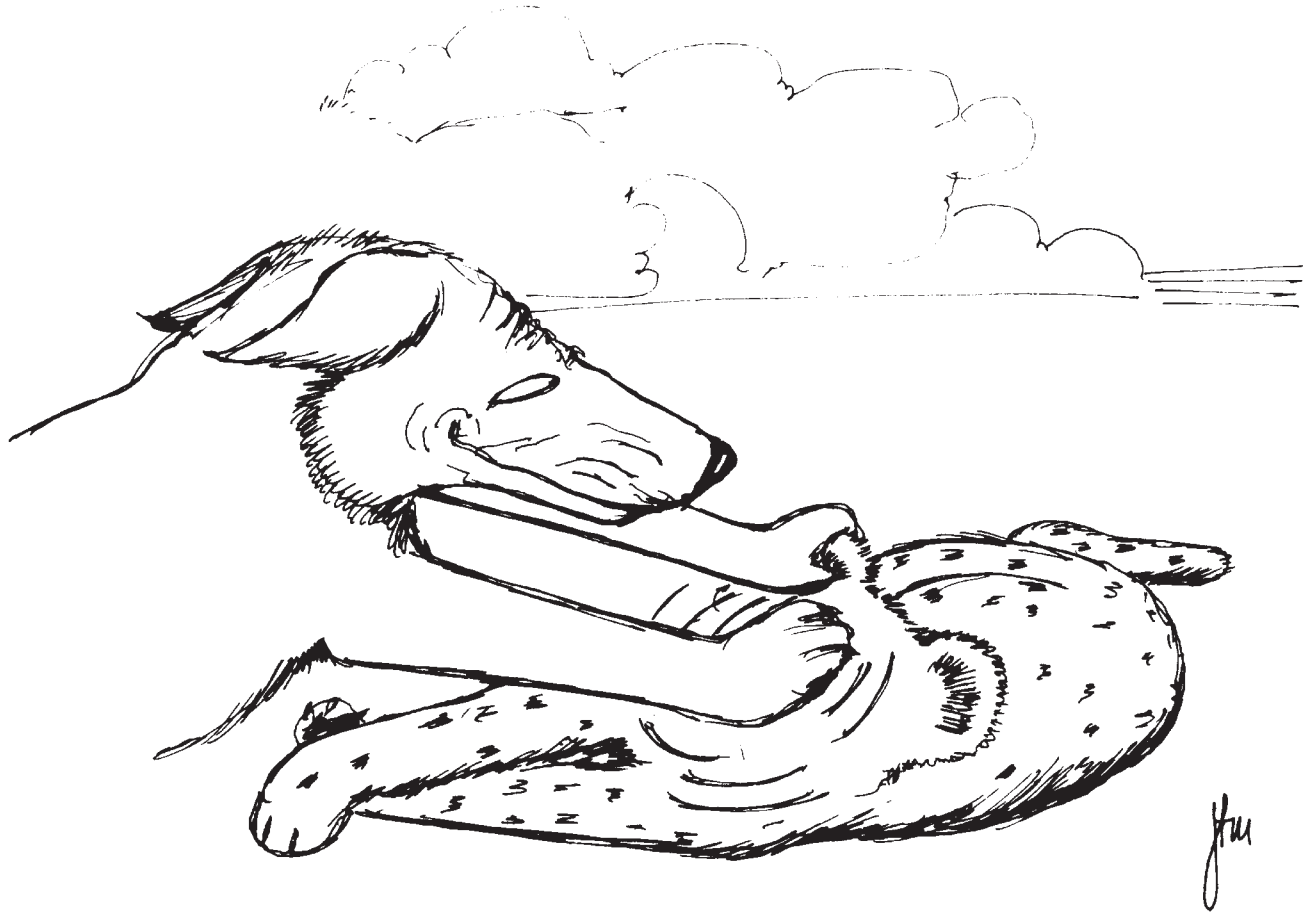


Cougar was walking along the same trail and saw Coyote sleeping. He stopped in front of the sleeping Coyote and said to himself, "This is how you should look." As he was shaping his nose into a long point he said, "This will make it easier to smell the gophers." After he shaped his nose, he went on his way. That's why Coyote has a sharp nose today.

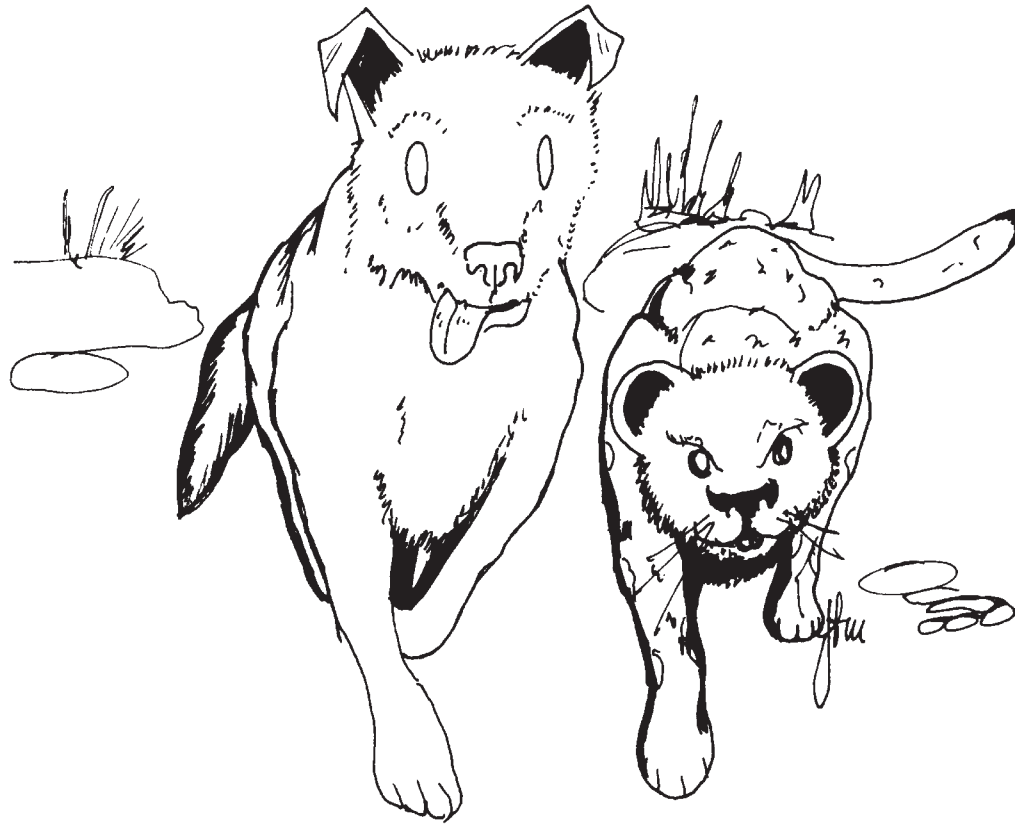
Soon Cougar became very tired and decided to lay down and take a nap.



Coyote woke up and was thirsty. He went to the river to get a drink and saw his reflection in the water. He noticed that his nose was shaped differently and became upset. Someone had played a trick on him.



He continued on down the trail and came upon Cougar who was sleeping. He decided to play a trick on him and shaped his nose round and flat. As he was shaping his nose, he told Cougar, "This is how you should look when you are hunting along the rimrock." This is why the cougar has a nose that is round and flat today.



Soon Cougar woke up and joined Coyote. They continued their walk together for awhile.

They parted along the trail. Coyote went hunting for gophers and Cougar went up the rimrock to hunt.



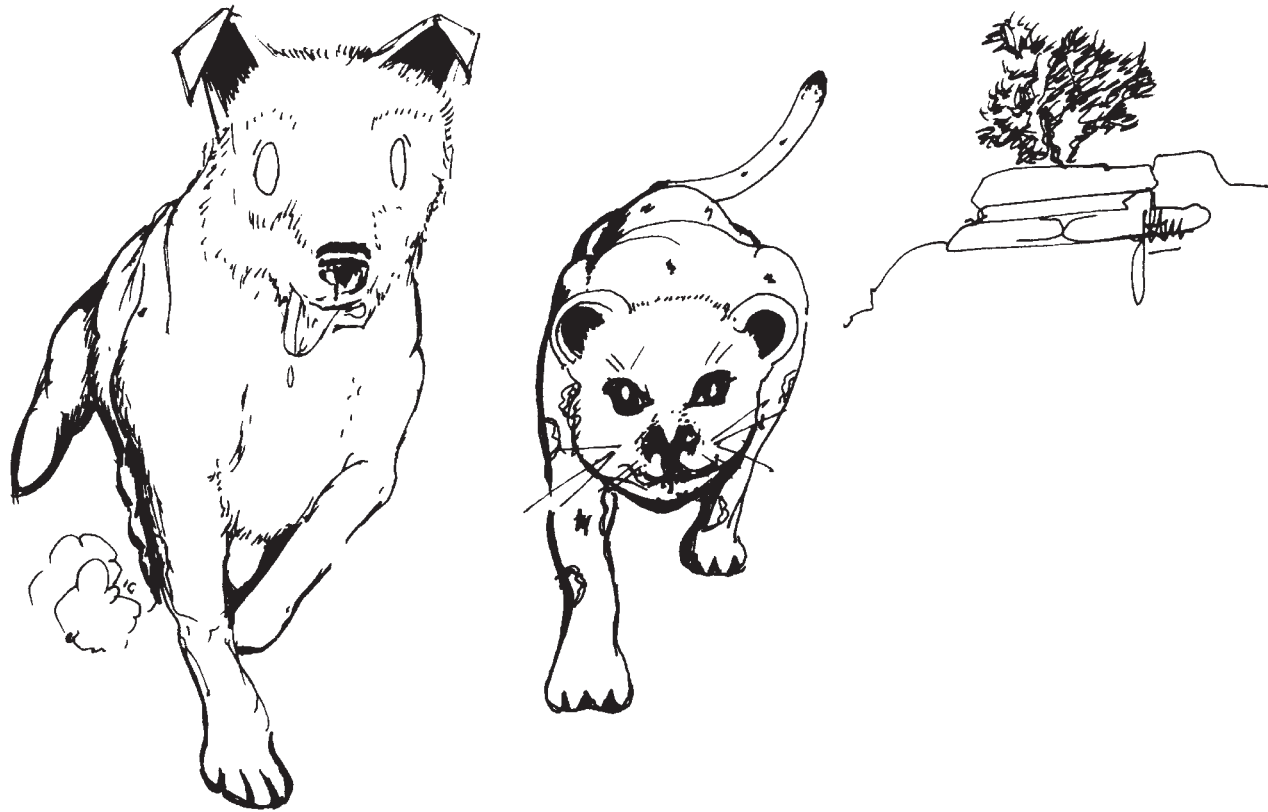
Coyote went on walking when something spooked him. He hid in the tall grass. He then realized that Cougar was out to kill him. They were trying to kill each other.



They met again and Coyote said, "Why don't we build a fire and tell stories?" They were both on the ground. Cougar climbed into a tree. Coyote had a plan for him. While Coyote wasn't looking Cougar had taken his fur off, rolled it into a ball, and put it under a tree. Coyote shot the fur with his bow and arrow.



Thinking he had killed Cougar, he began to boil water to cook him. Cougar saw what Coyote had done and was up in the tree laughing at him.



Finally, they realized they could not kill each other and became friends.