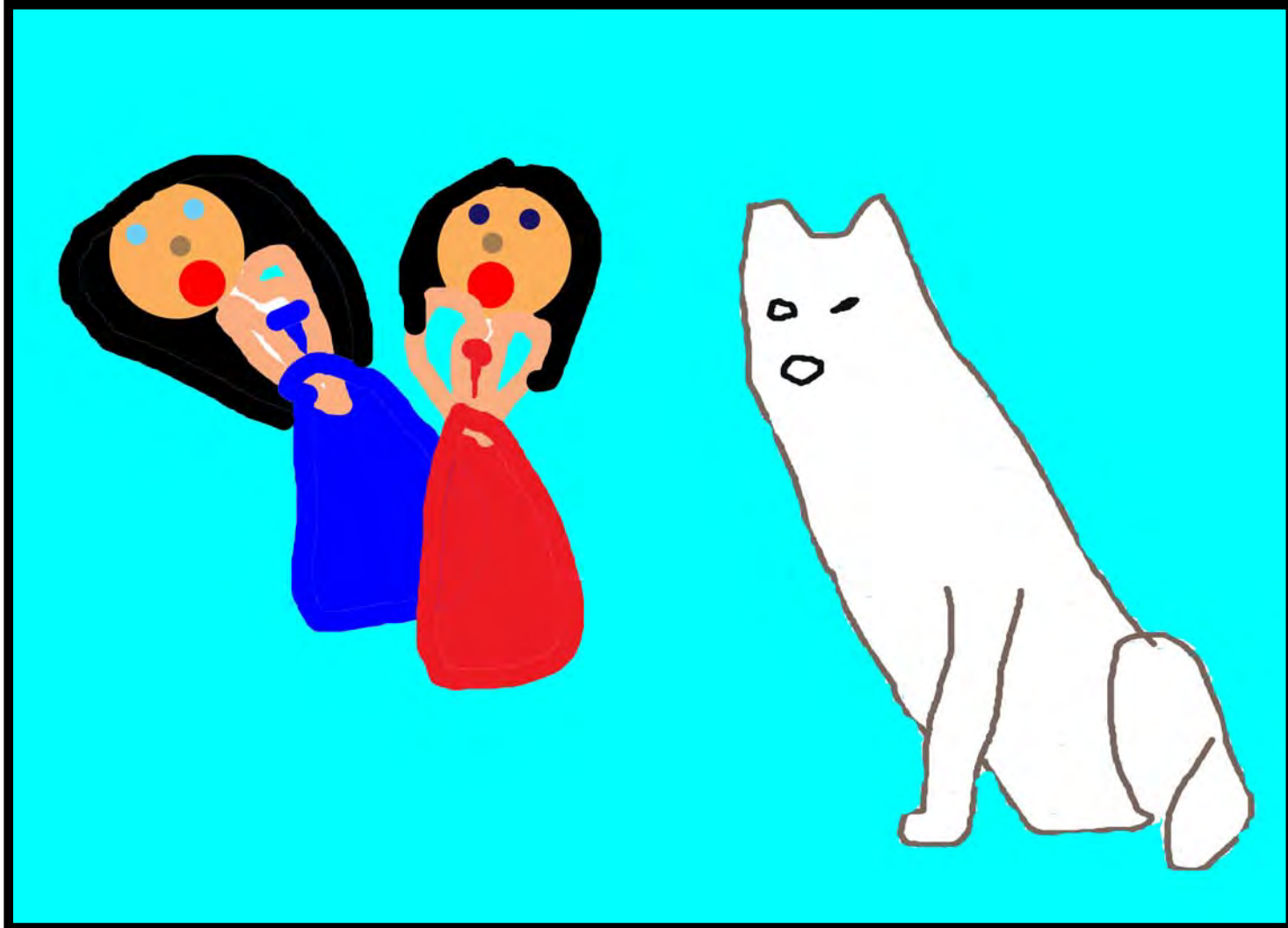


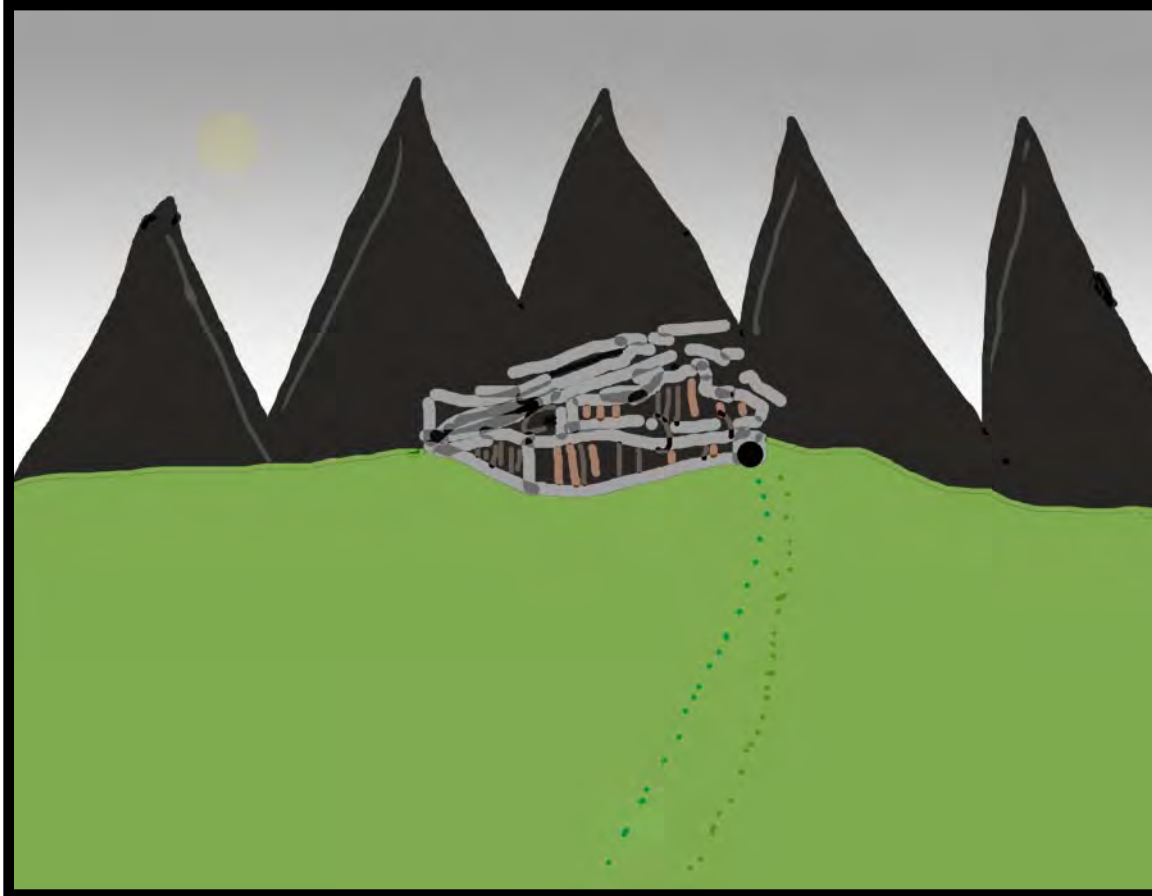
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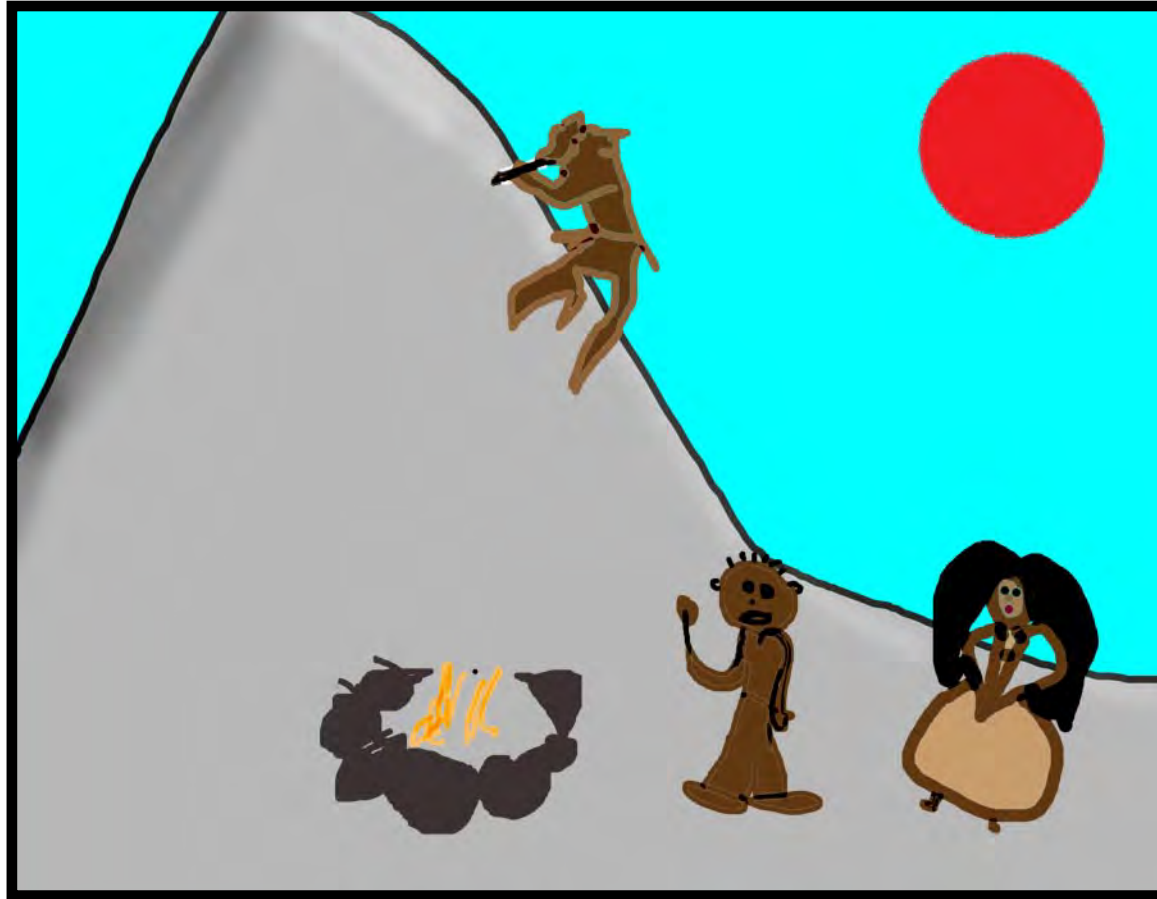


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Once upon a time, there were two beautiful girls and a coyote. The girls didn't sing or dance because they were always in the house—they didn't go out.



Coyote, who lived on a tall mountain, was always singing and dancing. The villagers didn't like him and told him to stay away from the village and the river. "Stay up on your mountain!" they yelled.



Not far away, the village was getting ready to celebrate the girls' 12th birthday—they were twins.

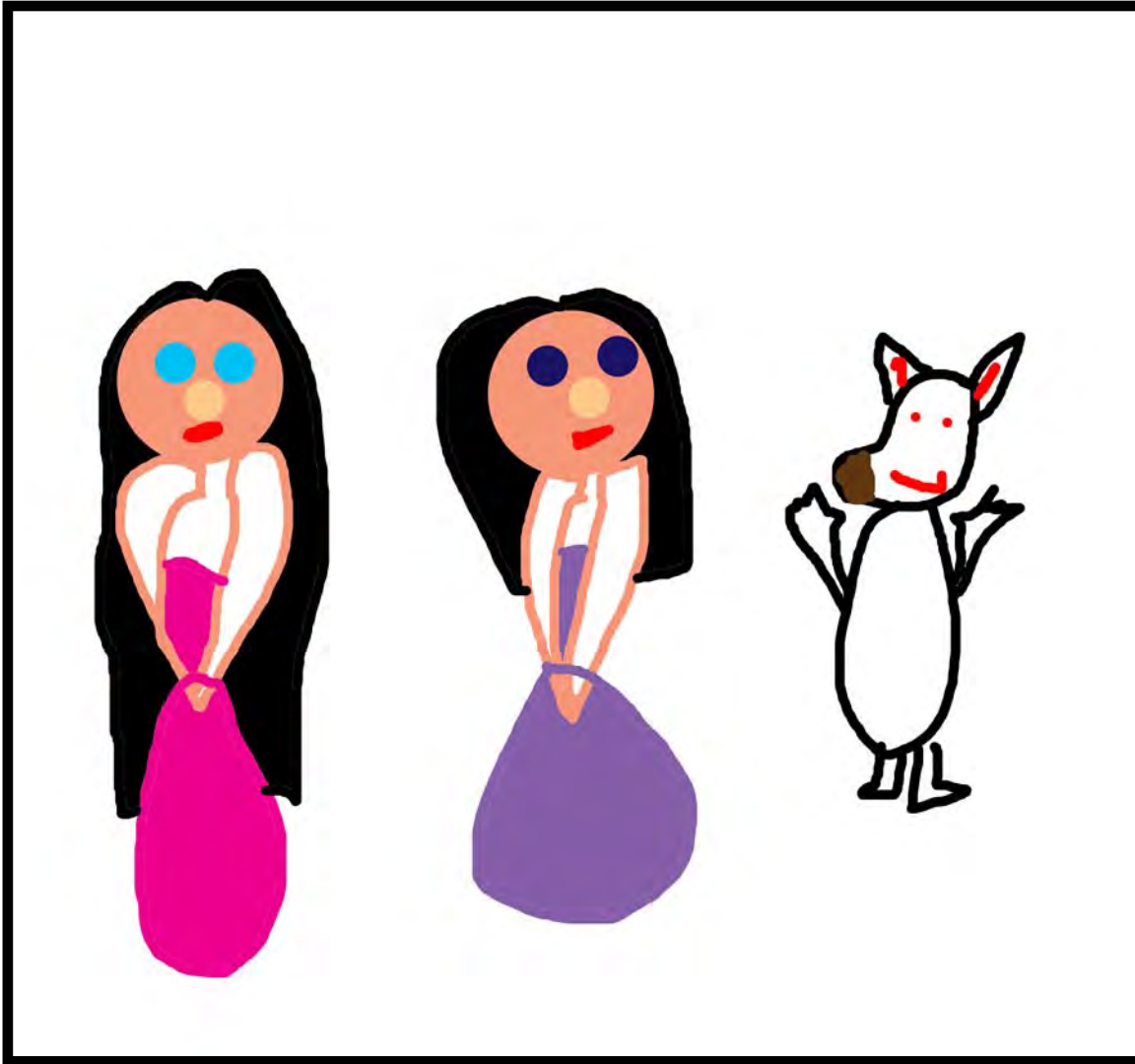
The girls didn't want to

go to the party because they did not have any friends to hang out with. They didn't have any dresses to wear because they never went to a party, and didn't know what to wear or how to celebrate. Their parents wanted them to go the party, but the girls said, 'NO!'



One day, a villager went for a walk and saw coyote fishing in the river at the

family fishing spot. Coyote was getting fish and stuffing them in his basket. While he was fishing, he was singing. It made the villager angry because he thought Coyote was stealing the fish and eel they were smoking for the party, so he called his friends to kill Coyote.



Coyote heard them coming so he ran to his mountain and ate his fish and eel.

The twins saw Coyote and went up his mountain and asked, "What's wrong Coyote?" Coyote said, "The villagers tried to kill me for eating fish and eel."



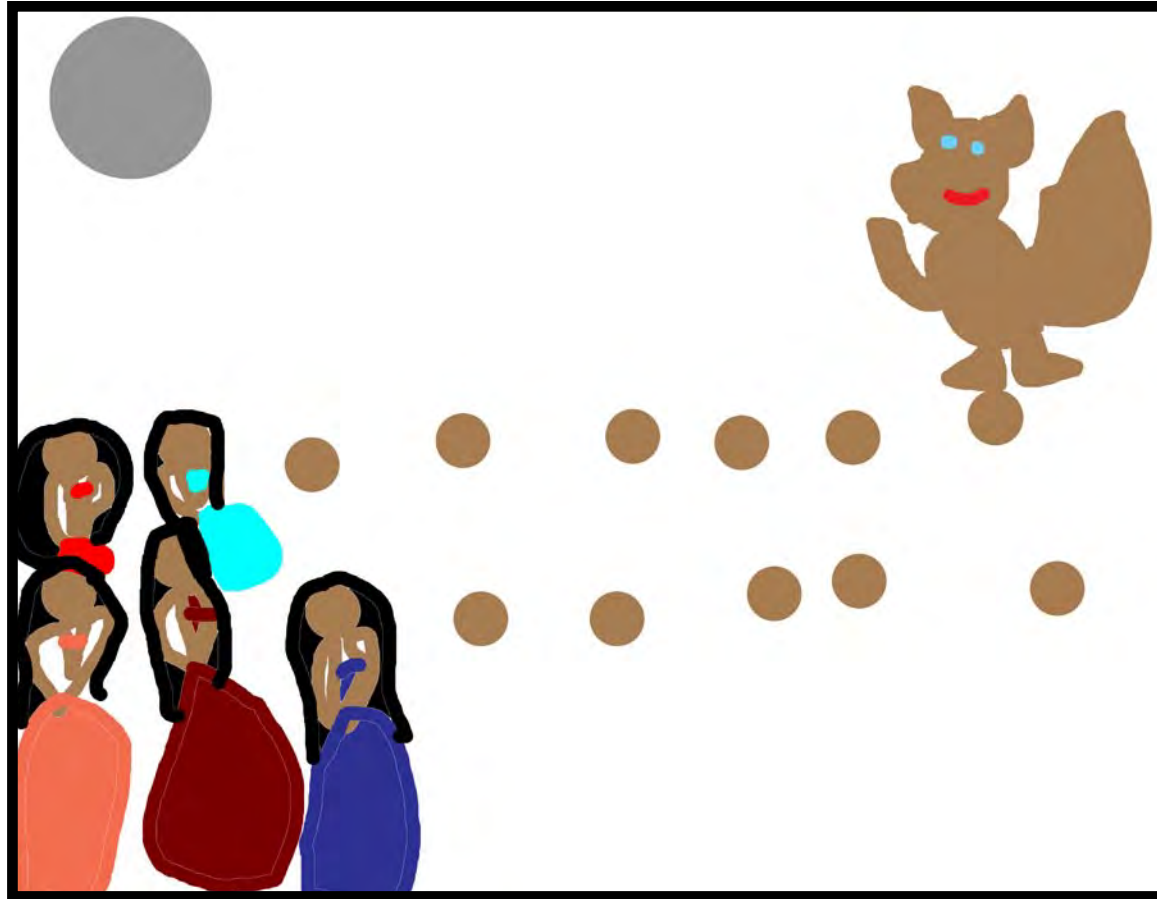
The twins invited Coyote to the party. The villagers had to let Coyote come to the party because the twins invited him.

Coyote helped the girls get their dresses ready. He got them deerskin, beargrass and abalone, and they worked day



and night to get their skirts and necklaces made. Coyote also taught them to sing and dance while they were working.

When their birthday came, they walked to the village. Everyone stopped to listen to the necklaces and skirts coming down the trail. Coyote was singing and dancing with the girls.



It was a fantastic party and the girls enjoyed themselves so much they always went afterwards. Coyote was allowed to come back to the village, but the villagers always watched him real close to make sure he didn't steal their food.

The End



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