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--:LEGEND OF THE GREAT DIPPER:--
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There were five persons; five brothers. They were the Wolves. They ran all over the country every day, hunting. Coyote watched them all the time. He ate with them; ate what they brought from their hunting. Deer meat, elk; all kinds of meet.

Every evening the Wolves talk about seeing something in the sky. One evening Coyote asked the oldest Wolf brother:

"What do you talk about? What is it you see in the sky?"

The ~~old~~ Wolf would not tell. The old Wolf was sly; always afraid. Wise with years, the old wolf of today is hard to trap. The next evening Coyote asked the next oldest Wolf the same question. The Wolf would not answer him. The next evening Coyote asked the third oldest Wolf what it was that they talked about; what it was they saw in the sky. The Wolf would not tell him. The next evening Coyote asked the fourth Wolf brother the same question. The fourth Wolf said to Coyote:

"Maybe if I tell you, you would tell my brothers. They would be mad at me."

One morning the five Wolves all got together. The fourth Wolf spoke:

"Coyote asked me what we are talking about. What it is ^{that} we see in the sky. I said to Coyote: 'Maybe if I tell you, you will tell my ~~bro~~ brothers. They would be mad at me.' What do you think? ~~What do you think?~~ Are we going to tell him what we see in the sky?"

The wolves have one little dog. The youngest Wolf said:

"We will go tell Coyote what he asks about. We can do nothing with it. It is away up in the sky; these two things. What you think! my brothers! Will we go tell Coyote?"

The brothers answered:

"Yes! We will tell Coyote all about it."

(How Coyote fixed the five Wolves.p.2-)

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The ^{Wolves} were all satisfied to tell Coyote. One day Coyote came in and thy said:

"We saw two animals in the sky. We do not know how we can ~~get them~~ get at them. They are away up high."

Coyote said:

"All right! We will go see! We will go up and see."

The youngest Wolf asked:

"How will we go up?"

Coyote answered him:

"It is well! I will show you how we can go up ~~without~~ trouble."

It was middle ~~of~~ winter time. Coyote got five quivers filled with arrows. He shot one ~~arrow~~ towards the sky. The arrow struck the sky; stuck there. Coyote shot a second arrow. It struck the end of the first arrow; struck and held fast. Coyote shot all of his arrows. They reached the ground; a shaft from the sky to the earth. ⁽¹⁾ Coyote had cut rings ~~and the Wolves~~ spirals around the arrow shafts so ~~they~~ ^{he} could hold good with their hands. The oldest brother Wolf always carried the dog. There were no stars in the sky at that time.

The next ~~sun~~ all go up the arrow-way. Coyote goes first, followed by the five brother Wolves. Many ~~suns~~, many nights they climb. They all ~~get~~ arrive at the sky; reach there safely. They see those ^{two} animals plainly. They are Grizzly Bears! Coyote says to the Wolves:

"No one go near them! They will tear you to pieces!"

The two youngest Wolves go up close. They are not afraid. The two next youngest Wolves follow. Oldest Wolf stays behind with the Dog. He is always behind, always careful; always afraid. The two youngest go up closer. The Grizzlies do not get mad at ~~them~~ them. They all stand there just like a good show. Coyote stands back. He looks at them. All is ~~a~~ a picture to him. Coyote smiles. He walks about; looking.

He is thinking about it; thinking what he will do. He thinks:

"I am going to picture this for the different people who are to come. They will look at it. They will think: 'There is a story about it.'

~~He~~ Coyote pictured them there, ^{He} made them stay there in the sky; Five ^{The two Grizzly-bears} had always been there. (2) Wolves and the Dog. ^{away.} When Coyote came down, he took the arrow from the sky; took it ~~away.~~ When he had passed the second arrow, he took it off

and so on till he came to the ground. The Wolves can not come down.

When night time comes, Coyote goes out and looks at the nice picture/ in the sky. ^{they} There ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~two Grizzlies, five Wolves and the little Dog.~~ ^{two Grizzlies, five Wolves and the bird} Coyote said to ^{the bird} Whooch-whooh! (3)

"Maybe I will die! You tell the new people what I have done. Pretty soon there will be many stars growing in the sky. It is my work."

Whooch-whooh got the story from Coyote, to tell to us. From this ~~on~~, now we know. You see this bird, Whooch-whooh when he flies up singing. He is telling you this story; how Coyote pictured the sky. It is good to know the Whooch-whooh. From there, from the Grizzlies and the Wolves, came the stars; as Coyote pictured them.

Coyote came this way from the sunrise. He traveled a long distance to this country. One night he looked up and saw many young stars. They were pretty thick; all growing rapidly. In the mean time he had made Whooch-whooh to tell it all ~~about~~ ^{every where;} scatter all around the news; ~~what~~ what he had done. He asked Whooch-whooh:

"What is wrong with ~~with~~ those stars up there? Too many of them!"

Whooch-whooh answered:

"Oh! those stars are growing pretty full in the sky. They are growing fast. If they grow too thick in the sky, they ~~will~~ may fall down. This earth will ~~thick~~ ^{become} all frost."

Coyote gets scared about his work! Coyote took [made up] his mind:

"I will go up again! that is my work! I will go up again."

Coyote took his five quivers of arrows. He shot them upwards, making a trail as before. He climbed again to the sky. He rounded up the stars, like war-parties in camp; all different places. You see sometimes, stars pointed together; maybe squares. That ^{was} ~~is~~ Coyote's work. He placed them that way. The Big White Road across the sky. (14) Coyote made that trail. Coyote said to the stars:

"You must not grow too fast. You must keep together! If you want to go some where, fly as the lightening; speed like the light! You do that! Never grow too fast."

Coyote put up a knife of stars. Watch that! Coyote put up a bunch of stars. Watch them! (5) Some times this bunch comes up in the evening; over the mountain as trails the sun. These stars give luck, when the bow and arrow-woods are in bloom. This luck is for gambling; horse-racing; or any thing where you may gain.