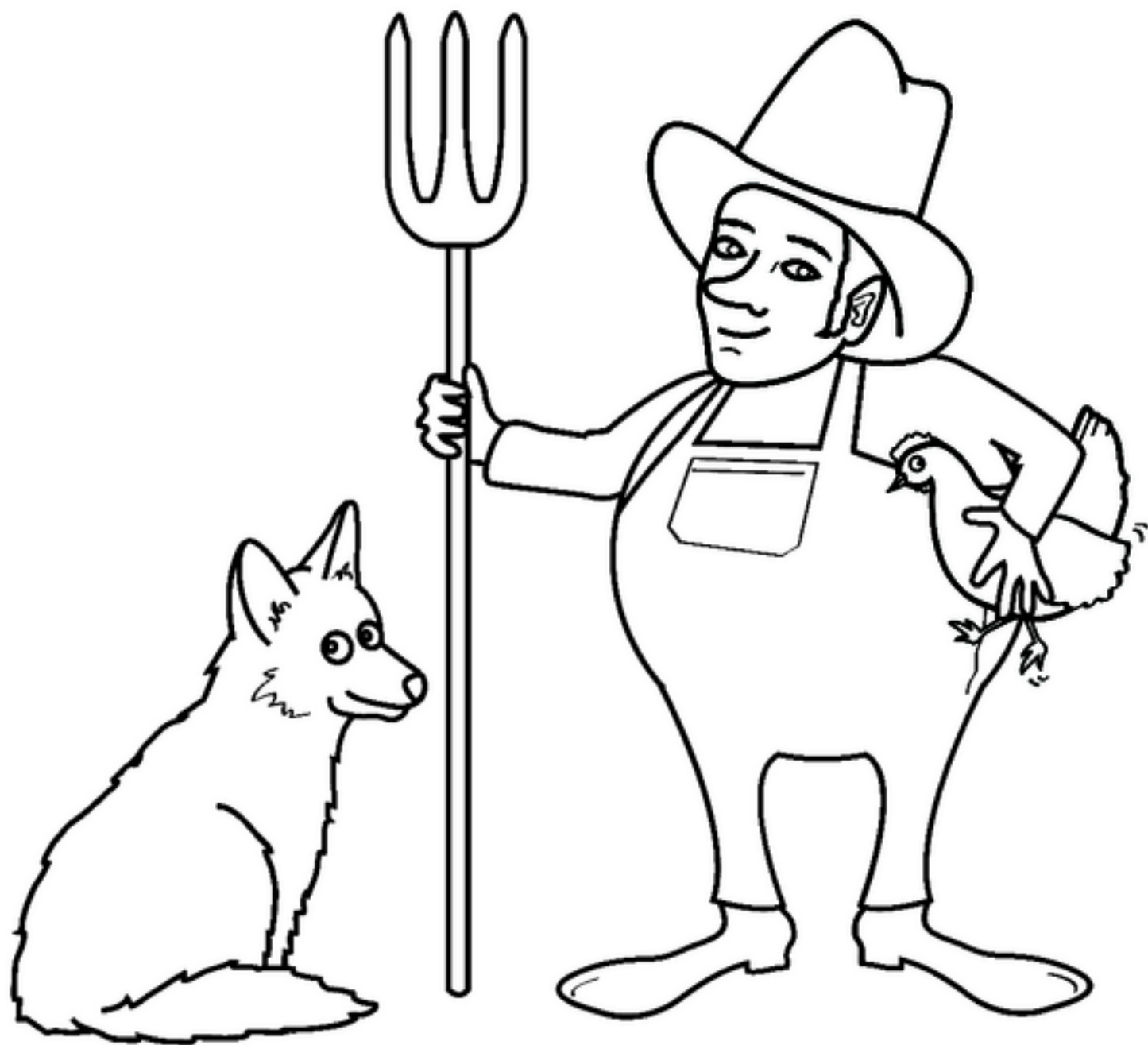


The Coyote





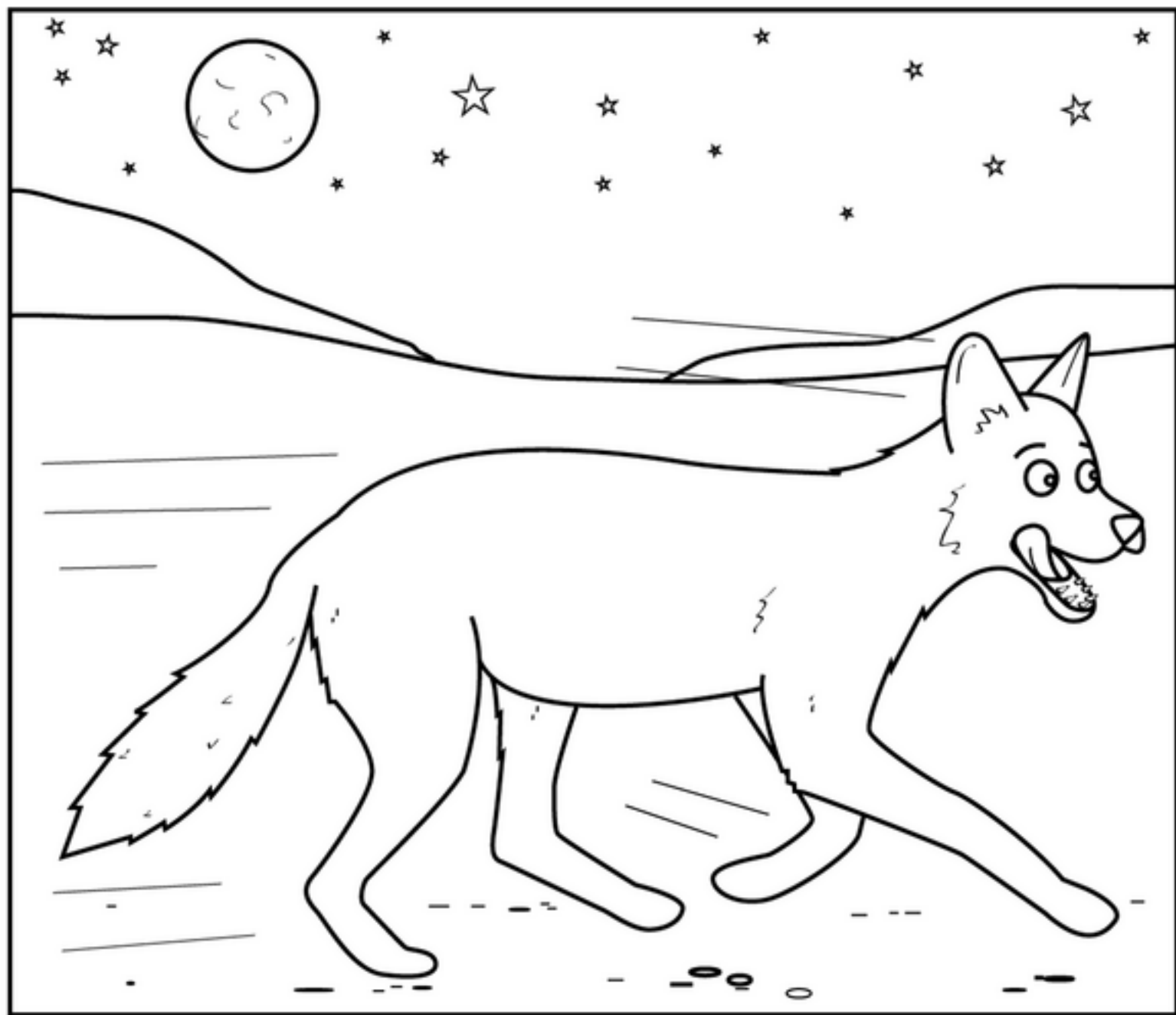
The coyote is a mammal.

In North America they're found.

They often measure two feet high and can weigh
over fifty pounds.

The prairie wolf, or coyote, is an omnivore.

It eats both plants and small animals;
that's what its canine teeth are for.



The coyote's tail is round and bushy.
Its coat is gray or tan.
Coyotes can run very fast and may have a
fifteen-year life span.
All coyotes have good vision,
and they have a keen sense of smell.
Their hearing is good also.
Coyotes have adapted well.

COYOTE

Pointed snout

Taller, pointed ears

25-55 pounds

Up to 2 feet tall
at shoulder



Up to 4^{1/2} feet long

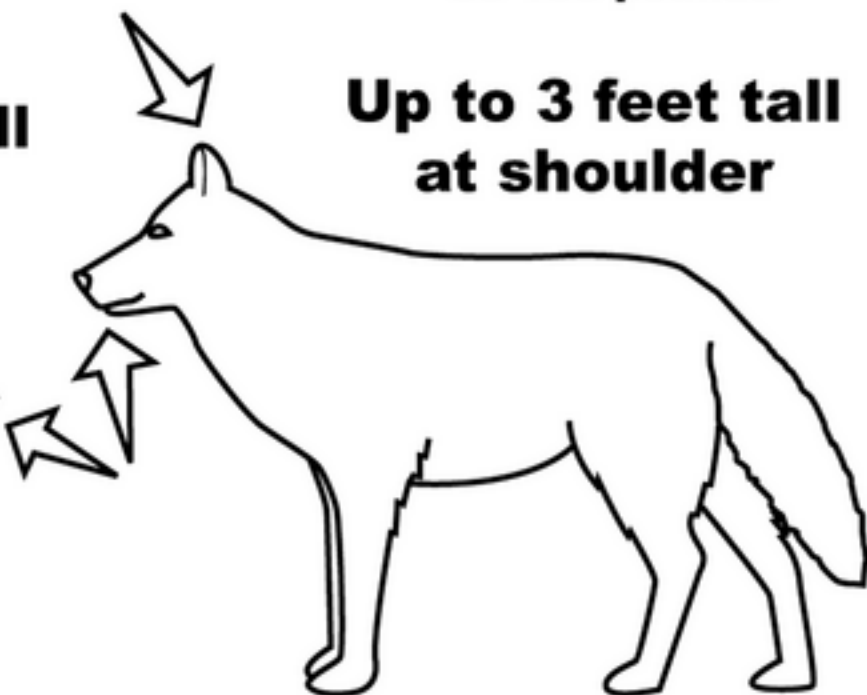
WOLF

Square snout

Shorter, rounded ears

50-100 pounds

Up to 3 feet tall
at shoulder

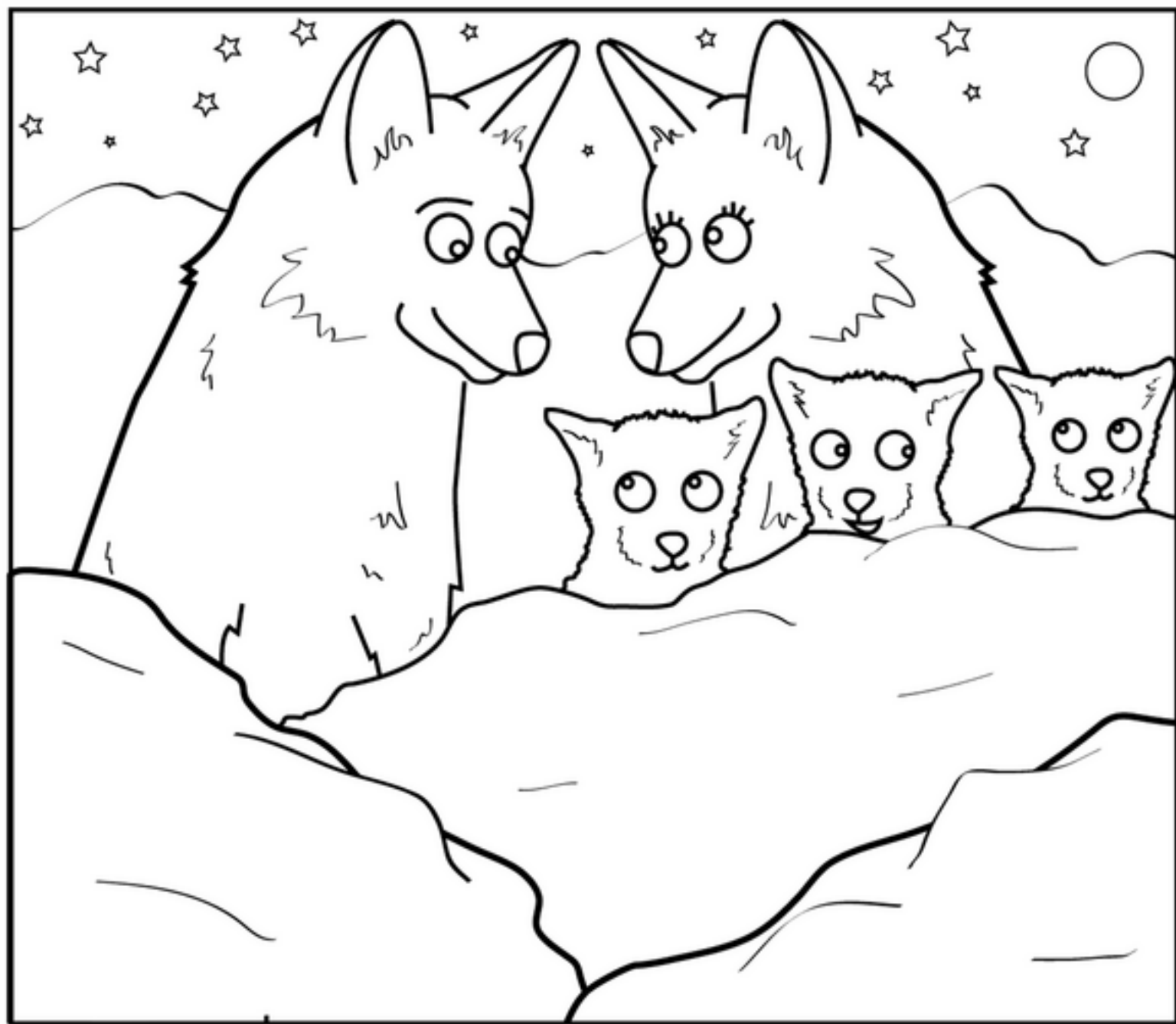


Up to 6^{1/2} feet long

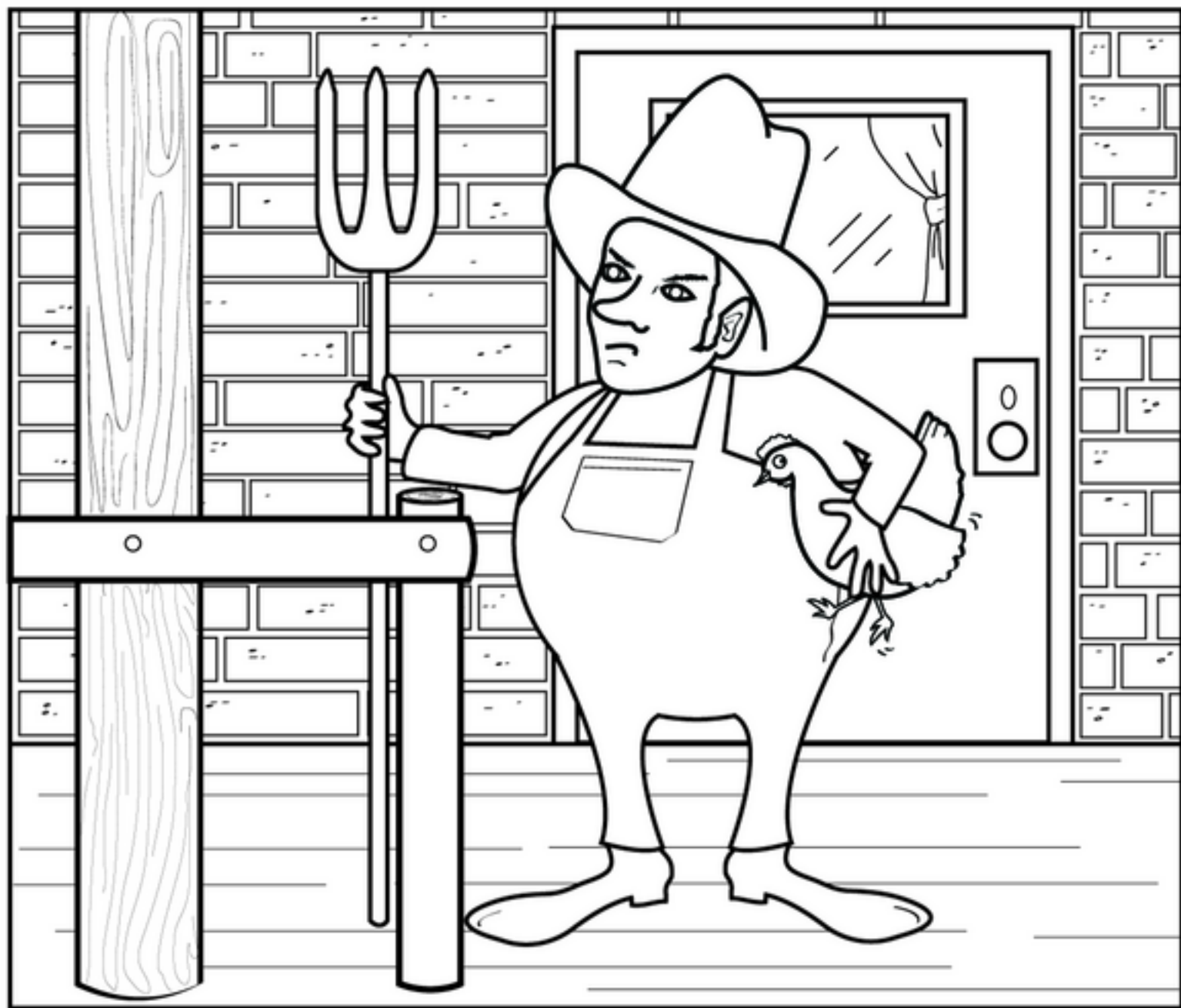
Although coyotes look like wolves,
the two are not the same.
Sometimes when wolves do something bad,
a coyote gets the blame.
Coyotes are amazing hunters.
They stalk and ambush their prey.
Like other wild animals,
the search for food takes up their day.



Coyotes sometimes roam in bands.
They're often heard at night.
You may hear them howling,
but coyotes stay out of sight.
They can run up to 40 miles per hour
and jump an eight-foot fence.
They mostly live in places
where human population is not dense.



Coyotes live in burrows.
They're sometimes called a den.
They can have eight pups in a litter,
but some have more than ten.
Coyotes are said to mate for life or until one
mate dies.
Hunters may kill coyotes,
or wolves can be their demise.



Coyotes may also kill livestock such as chickens, calves, or sheep.

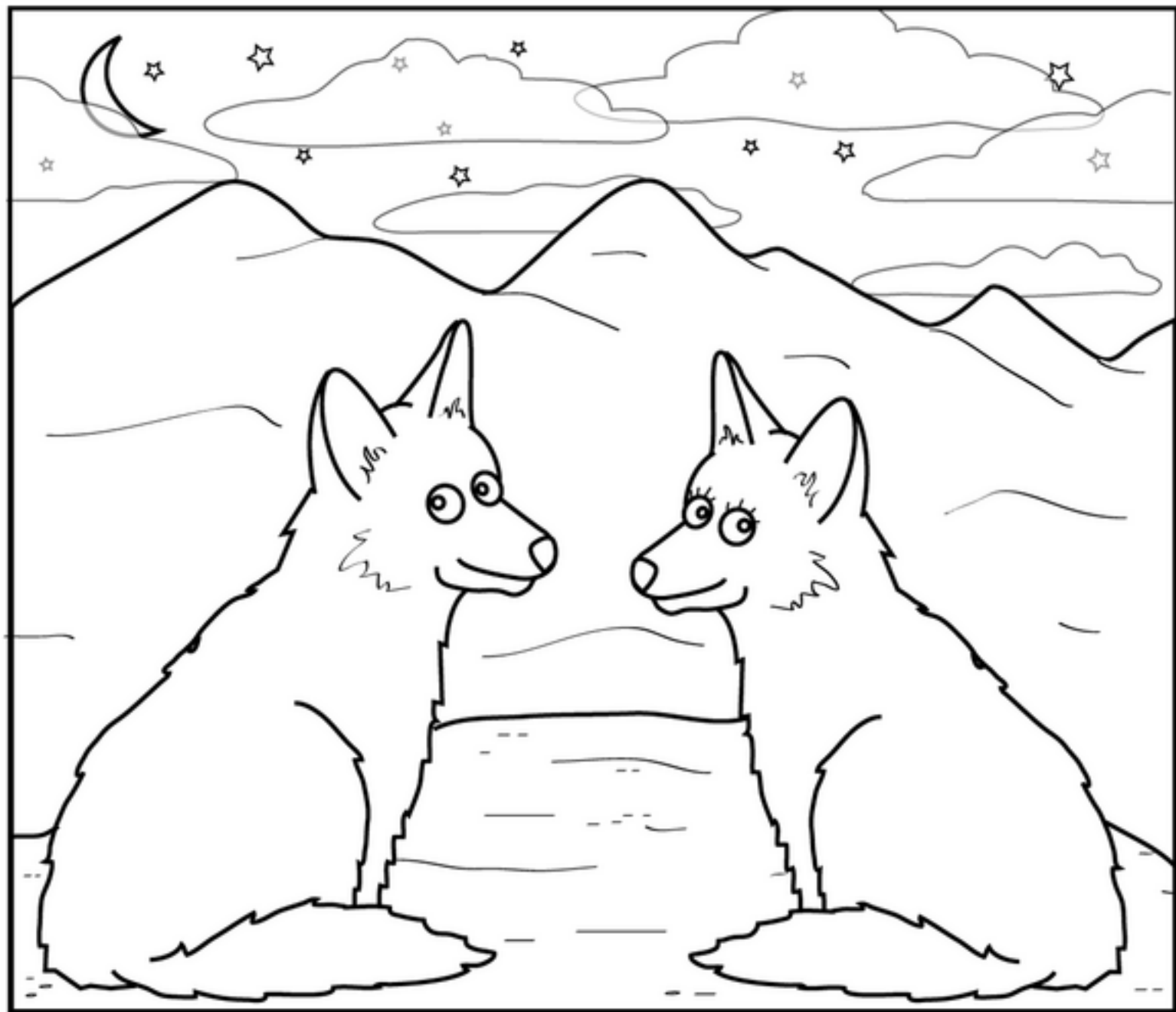
The farmers do not like this so a close lookout they keep.

A coydog is a hybrid, produced when coyotes and wild dogs mate.

They may look tame, but neither of them should become a pet at any rate.



In Native American culture,
the coyote plays a special role.
He is sometimes called "the Trickster."
He's often on the totem pole.
Others call the coyote "the Creator,"
creating people from the dirt.
They say the coyote's spirit is watching
to keep us all alert.



How is coyote pronounced?

Is it kigh-oat or kigh-oh-tee?

It really doesn't matter because they are both the same, you see.

The coyote plays a role in nature.

He is clever, and he's fast.

We must respect the coyote's ways or his species will not last.

1. On what continent are coyotes found?

- a. North America
- b. Australia
- c. South America
- d. Asia

Answer: _____

2. What is an omnivore?

- a. an animal that eats only eggs
- b. an animal that eats only voles
- c. an animal that eats eggplant
- d. an animal that eats both plants and meat

Answer: _____

3. How long can a coyote usually live?

- a. up to fifty years
- b. up to five years
- c. up to fifteen years
- d. up to seventy years

Answer: _____

4. How fast can a coyote run?

- a. up to sixty miles per hour
- b. up to forty miles per hour
- c. up to ten miles per hour
- d. up to five miles per hour

Answer: _____

5. What is a coydog?
- a. a dog with a dry sense of humor
 - b. a dog that is half dog and half cat
 - c. a dog that is half as long as a coyote
 - d. a dog that is half coyote and half wild dog

Answer: _____

6. What do some Native peoples call the coyote?
- a. the big, bad wolf
 - b. the Trickster
 - c. Wylie
 - d. the Howler

Answer: _____