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Coyote trotted out of the forest, up through the meadows and the steep, jagged mountains, through the door into the sky world. Slowly and carefully, he crept towards the blazing sun. As he got closer, he saw that the sun was a scorching ball of fire, watched closely by the fire guardians. Never blinking, they watched the sun like hawks, ready to catch any thief who might try and steal it.



Coyote saw the fire guardians take each other's places, one by one, as they each took it in turns to eat. Coyote came up with a cunning plan. As he turned to leave, a twig snapped beneath his feet. "Who comes to steal my fire?" bellowed the fire giant. Coyote bolted down the mountain back to the other animals. Now, he knew there was hope but he couldn't do it alone. He asked for help from three of his friends.



As soon as the fire guardian turned his back, Coyote nipped out from his hiding place and seized a piece of fire. He put it in his mouth. He crept stealthily back to the sky door. "Who has stolen my fire?" roared the fire giant. With huge, giant strides, he stormed after Coyote, following the smell of the burning fire. Coyote's fur began to singe with the heat of the fire. Just then, the fire giant reached out to grab Coyote by the tail but, luckily, fearless White Crow was waiting.

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