

How the Arctic Fox Got Its White Fur

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A long, long time ago, the Arctic was the warmest place on earth and all of the foxes that lived there were orange. They were all very happy. But one day the weather got awful. All of the sudden Rose the fox felt a speck of rain touch her nose, Rose had no idea of what hit her nose. Soon she got really cold and started to sneeze. She thought her brain was messing with her. Later that day, she felt really dizzy. Now she knew it wasn't her head. During morning she barfed. During afternoon, she knew she was sick. So she went to the doctor around 7pm. Rose was right, she was sick. The doctor sent her some medicine. Rose took the medicine daily. In the morning, she looked in the mirror.



She began to cry. Her fur turned white! Her big brother Zac heard Rose crying and came to see what was the matter.

“Ha, I’m going to post this on Foxtube,” said Zac as he took a picture.

“Don’t, it wouldn’t be fair,” said Rose.

“Too late,” said Zac as he shoved the phone in her face. He was right, the video was loading on Foxtube. Rose dashed to her room, she locked the door and cried herself to sleep.



The next day, her mother took Rose and Zac to school. Rose was scared. What would her class mates think? What would her friends think?

As she walked up the sidewalk, she thought about what she was going to say to her friends. But before she could think, Zac's friend Dave came by.

Dave, oh no, thought Rose.

"Ha," said Dave. "Zac's Foxtube video was real"

"No, Zac spray painted me white," said Rose.

"Don't care," said Dave.

Instead of taking a picture, he sent a text to Zac. It said, 'Wow, your sister does look ugly'.

Ding came from the phone and another text appeared from Zac. It said, 'Yeah no kidding'.



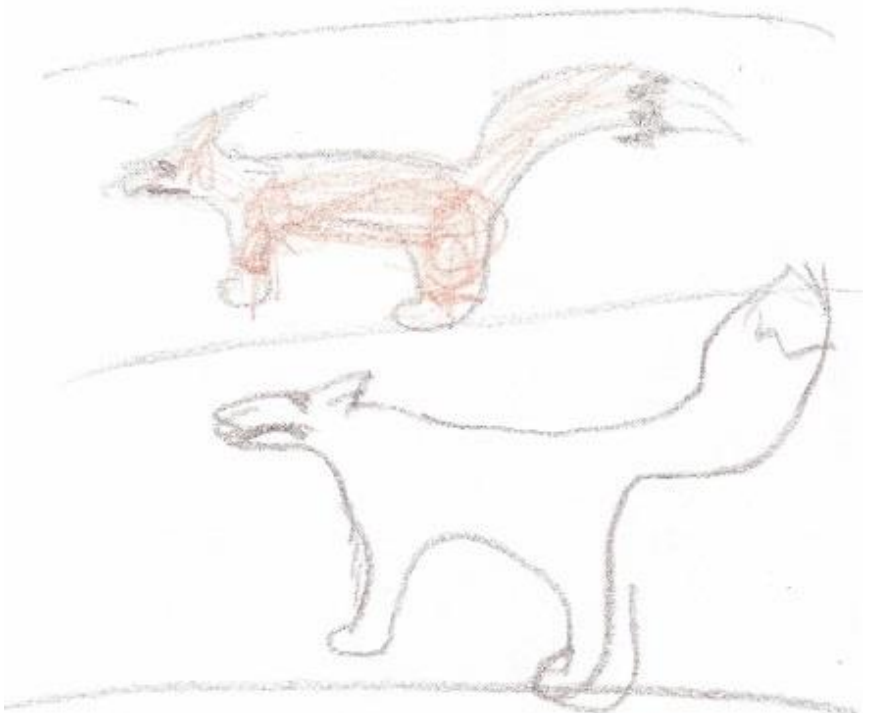
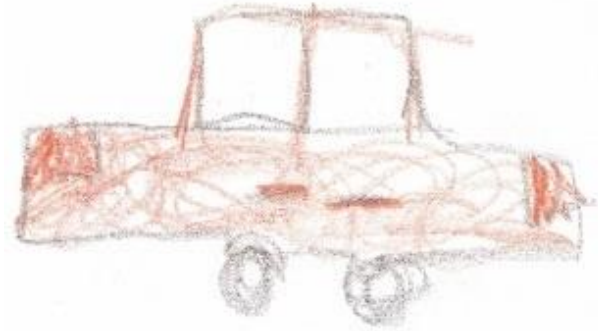
Soon the bell rang and Rose moped to her classroom. All that day Rose the fox tried to stay away from other foxes. But, every time she tried, other foxes would point at her and laugh. By the end of the day, Rose felt a strange feeling of being mad and sad at the very same time. Then the last bell rang and Rose ran home.

Her best friend Daisy caught up to her. "Hey don't let those mean foxes get to you. I think you look cool!"

Rose said sarcastically, "Sure of course you mean that!"

"Ok, can't a friend be nice," said Daisy.

"Yeah at least it's fall break and I will get to stay home for awhile," said Rose.



Each day the weather got worse. At first, it rained and hailed a lot. Then, the foxes saw a humungous gray cloud coming near them. Then they saw something that they had seen before. White flakes fell from the cloud. The flakes kept falling more every day and night. Every morning when they woke up, the snow on the ground got deeper. The bright orange foxes tried to hunt. But, the rabbits, hares, mice, and birds could see them from their bright colors and got away.





Zac was hunting and almost caught a rabbit. But, Rose snuck up on the rabbit and pounced.

Zac said, "Hey that was my rabbit."

"Sorry but you should of pounced sooner," said Rose.

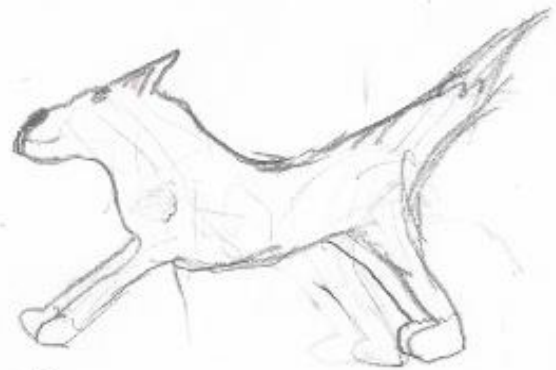
Zac's stomach growled. "I am too hungry to go hunt."

"Well I could help you out if you start being nicer to me. I have never been so full in my whole life," said Rose.

"No way, I don't need your help. I'm a great hunter by myself," said Zac. "But can I have this rabbit?"

"No," replied Rose.

Zac walked away hungry.



Eventually, all the other foxes were so hungry that they started begging Rose for food, even her brother and Dave.

Daisy asked Rose, "How did you turn white?"

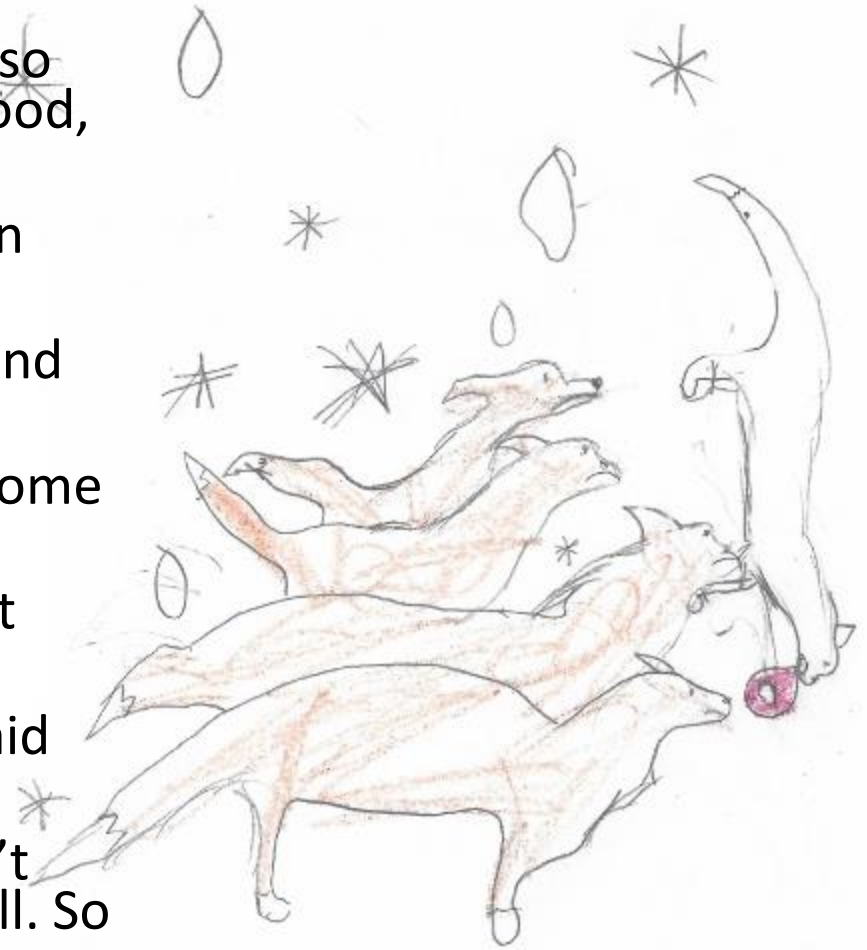
Rose said, "Well one day I felt sick and turned white the next day."

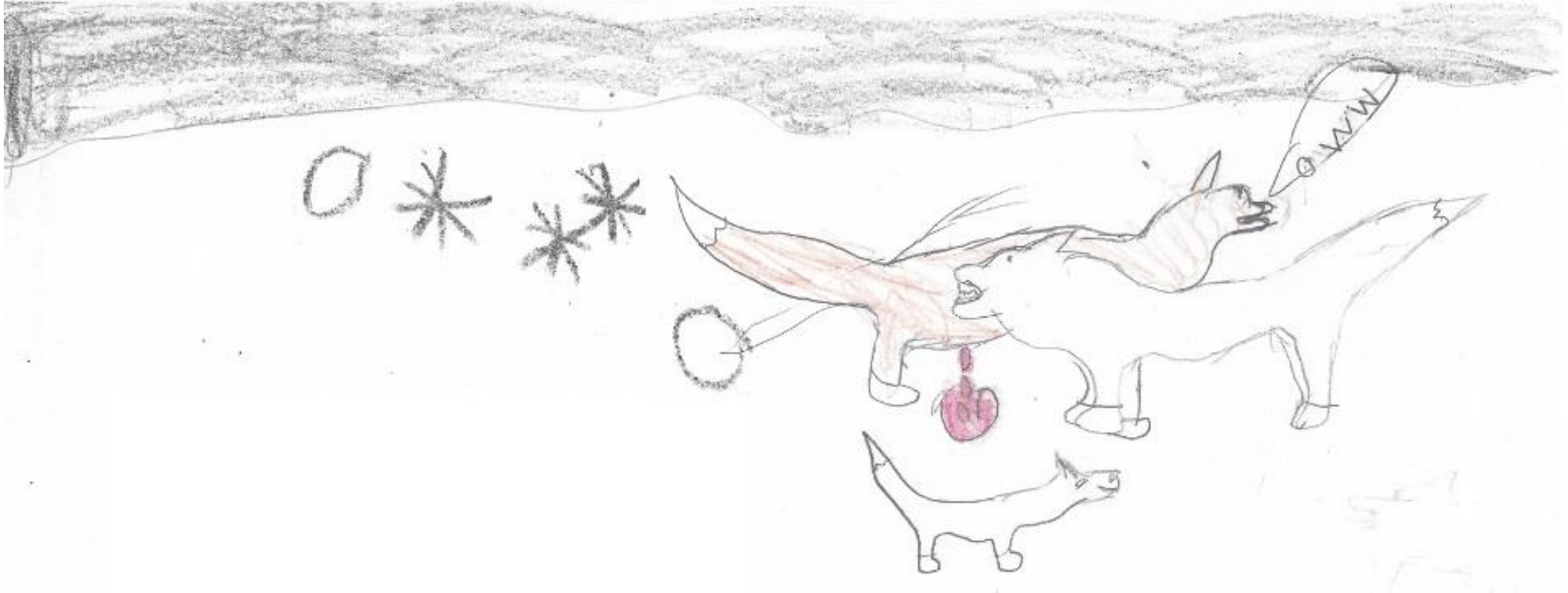
Daisy asked, "Maybe if you bit me some of those white viruses could get in me."

Rose said, "Well I don't want to hurt you. You are my friend."

"Well if you want me to starve..." said Daisy

Rose thought about Daisy. She didn't want her to starve. She wanted her to be full. So she bit Daisy in the shoulder gently.





Sure enough, the next day Daisy was white just like Rose. All the other foxes asked Rose and Daisy to bite them. But Rose and Daisy would only bite the foxes that had been nice to them. Rose's mom force her to bite her brother and Dave. Rose bit them overly hard and made them bleed. Now everyone likes to be like Rose. So, don't make fun of someone if they're different because one day that difference may be important.