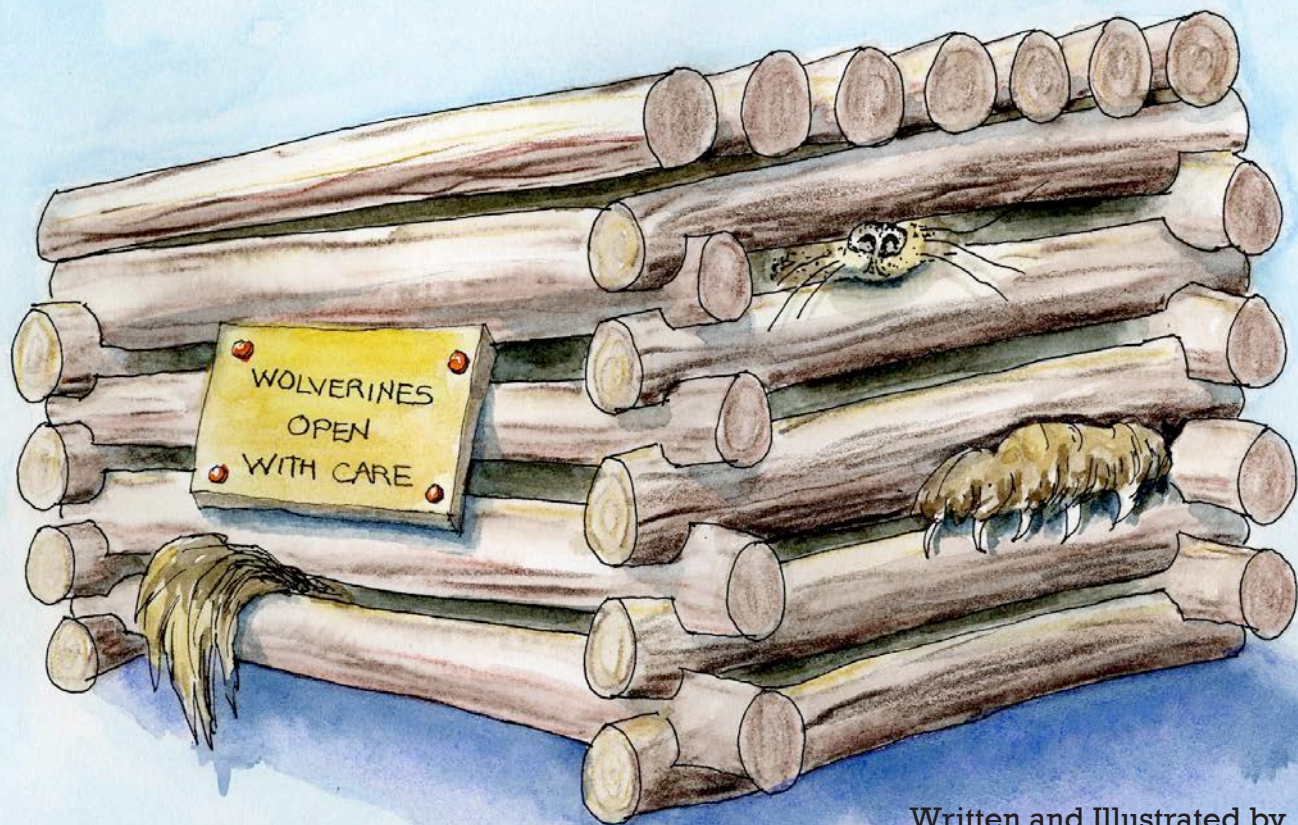


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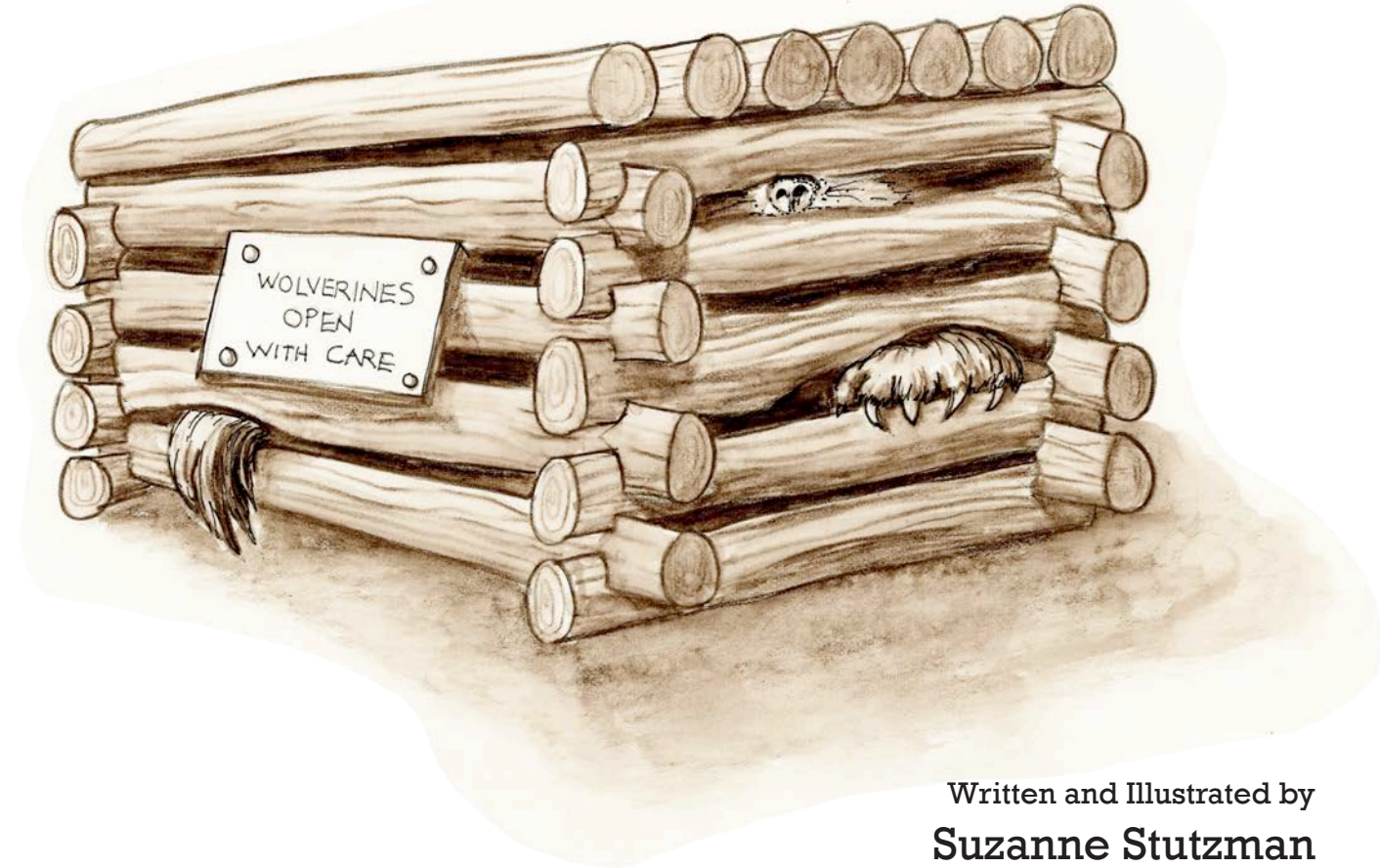
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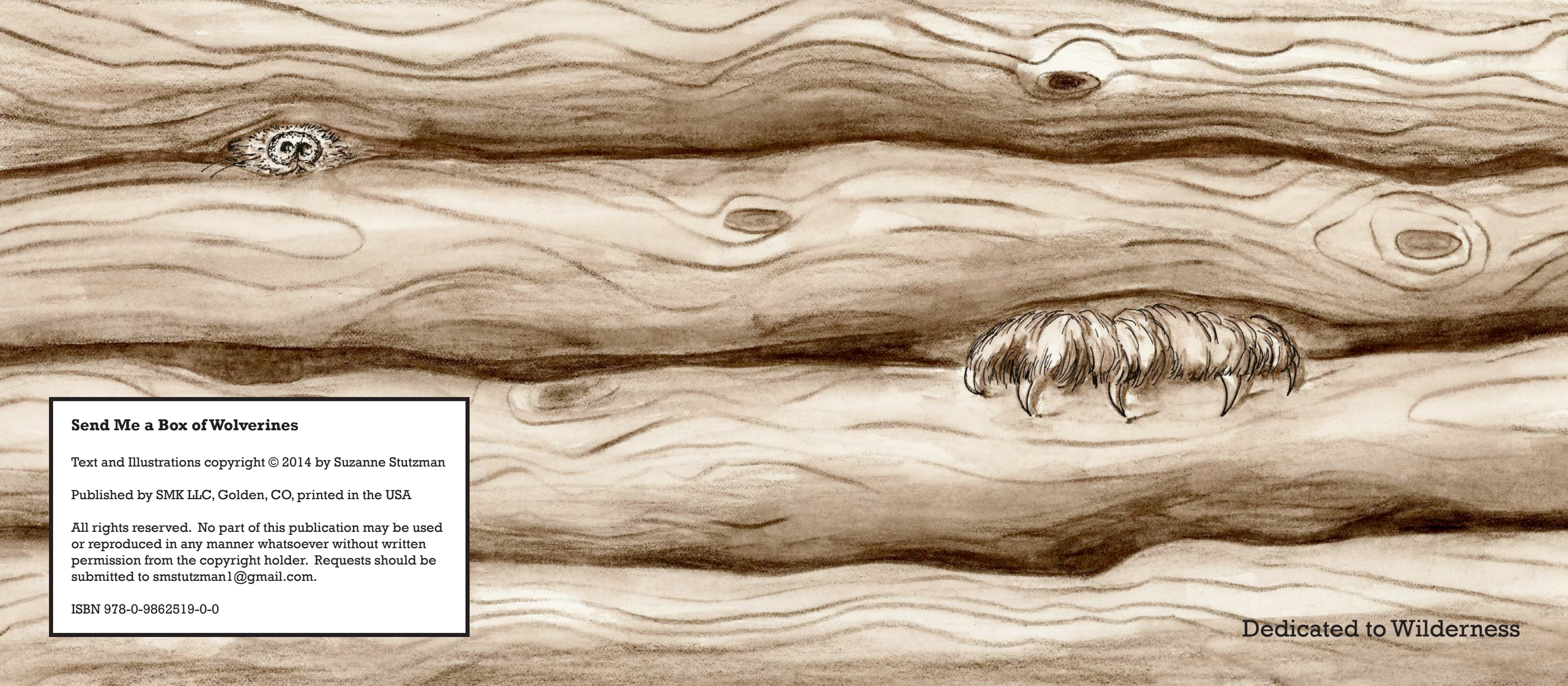
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**Dedicated to Wilderness**



Send me a box of wolverines. They are so cool. Wild. Crazy?



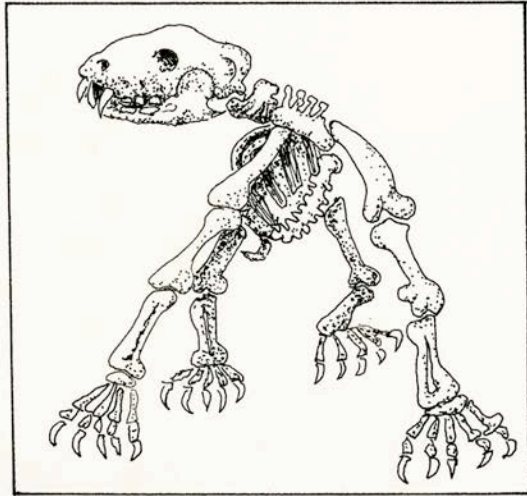
I live in Colorado. We used to have wolverines, but now there is maybe only one here. What will happen when I open the box?



These things ARE wild! They will start moving fast.  
Each wolverine will look for a lot of space to find its food.



The wild mountains of Colorado will make a good home because  
there is a lot of open space.



Let's follow this guy, Gulo M1. *Gulo gulo* is the Latin name for a wolverine. Gulo means "glutton," one that eats too much. The "M" is for male. He's got LONG legs.



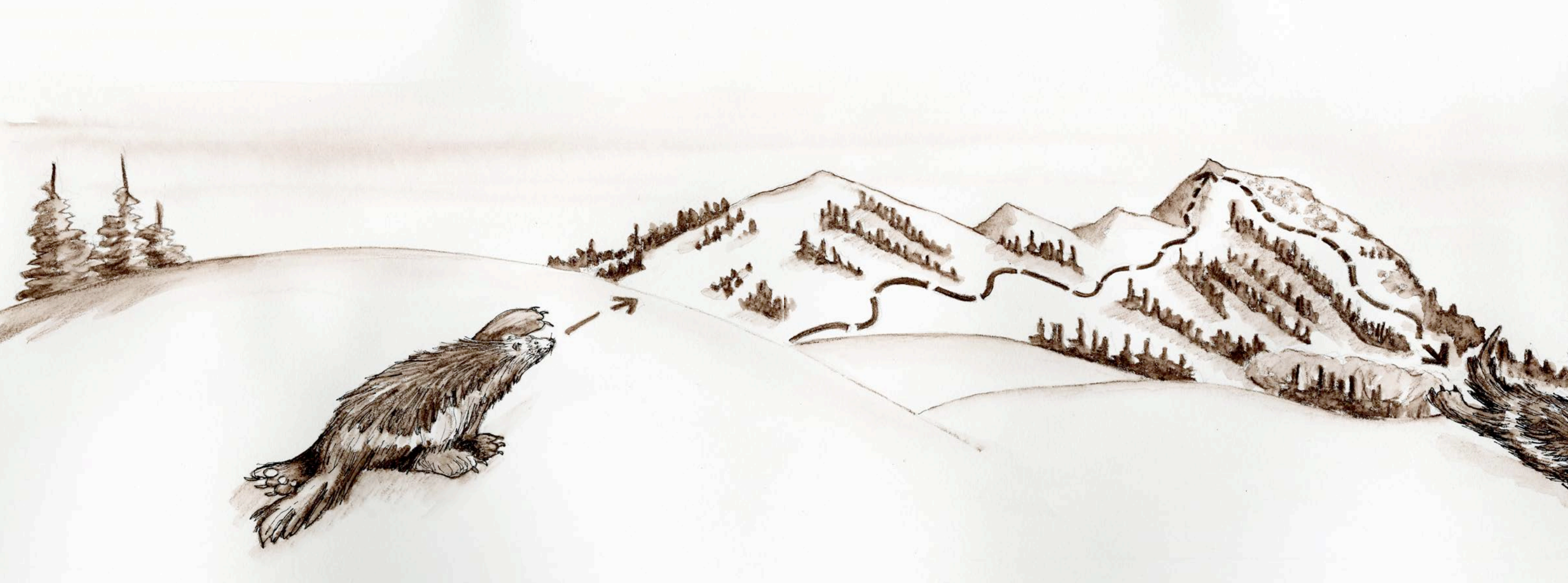
He moves at a lope, an easy leaping way of moving. He lopes across the land.



Gulo M1 moves all day and night looking for food, resting only once in a while. He finds a big snow field, and keeps moving just as fast.



His big feet are like snowshoes, his claws like crampons (spikes on boots to grip snow and ice).



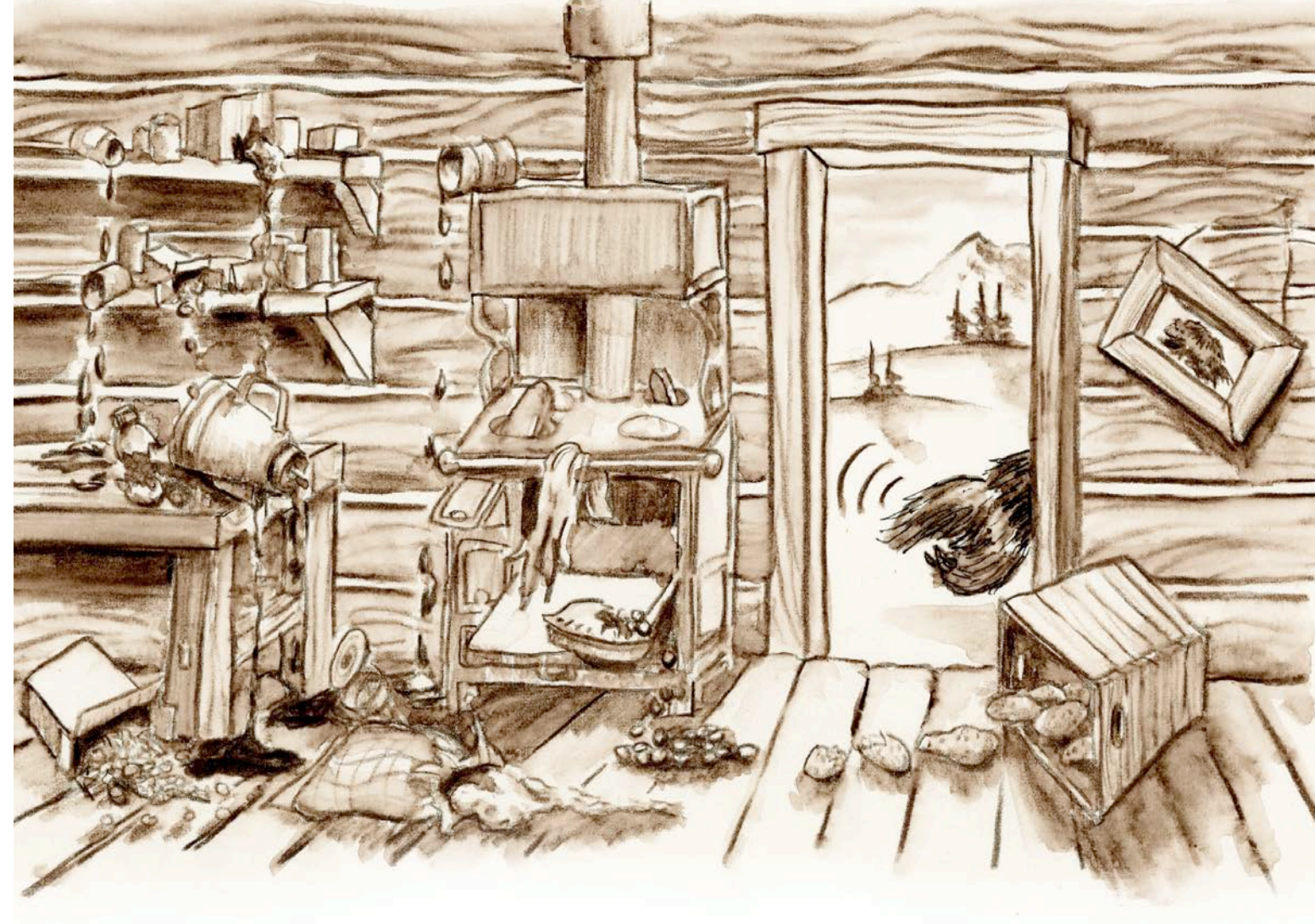
A mountain in the way?

Gulo M1 goes straight up to the top and down the other side, not around it. He moves hundreds of miles looking for food.

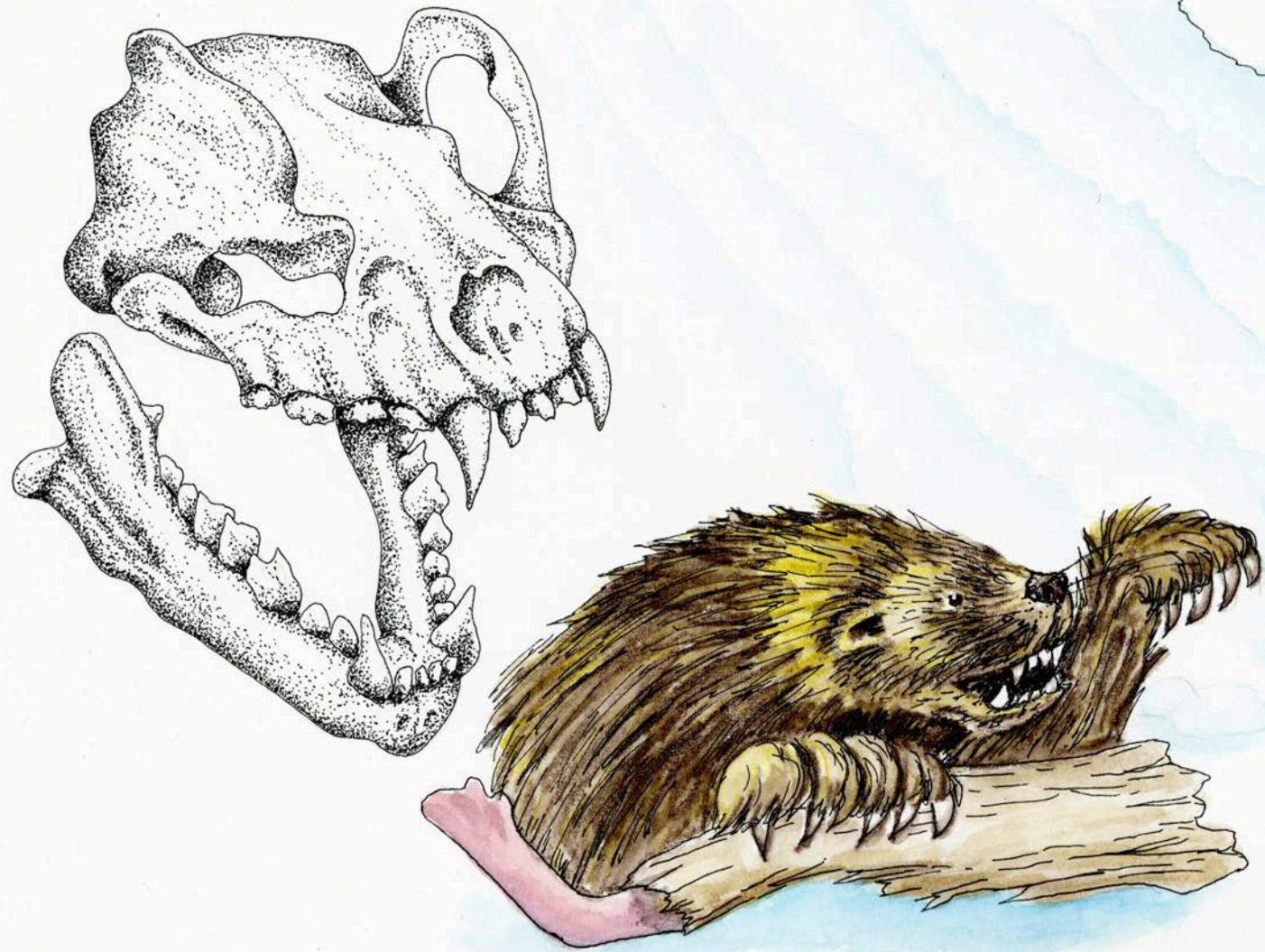




Gulo M1 is always looking for food. His nose guides him. He hunts for mice and rabbits. MMM, a few berries are nice. But back to MEAT. A baby marmot will work.



Gulo M1 finds an old abandoned cabin, smells food inside, checks it out, eats lots, and leaves a messy trail behind. MORE FOOD.



A smelly dead animal will do. Look at this wolverine skull. It can crush bones and tough hides. Gulo M1 finds a dead mountain goat.



Ravens and a bear have found the carcass. Gulo M1 is much smaller than the bear, but he chases it off. He won't give up.



Now he eats as much as possible, and his stomach expands.



He drags away the leftovers to save for later. Gulo M1 is an omnivore, a scavenger, a recycler. But don't worry--wolverines don't eat children.

# MATE!



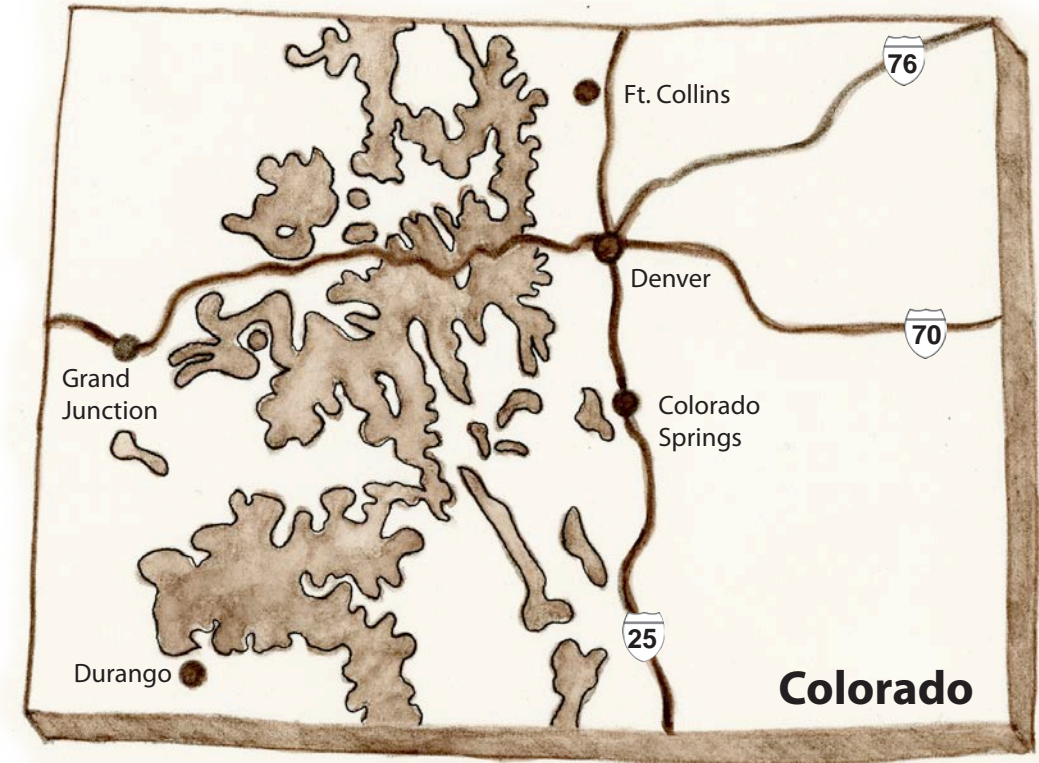
In the fall, Gulo M1 finds another wolverine, Gulo F2 (the “F” is for female). They mate.




Gulo F2 continues to hunt for food all winter. Wolverines do not hibernate. She makes a den under the snow in the late winter to give birth.



Gulo F2 gives birth to two “kits,” small white baby wolverines, in the spring. They nurse in the den under the snow.



 Major roads and cities

 Good places for wolverines to live  
(high mountains, late snow in spring)

Colorado has snow late in the spring that is perfect for wolverine dens.



In early summer the kits come out and learn to hunt with Gulo F2.



The young wolverines are on their own in a year or so but may come back once in a while to hang out with mom or dad.



But don't expect to see wolverine gangs roving around Colorado.



Wolverines ususally live alone and roam great distances. Even if we get them back in Colorado, you may never see one.



Why do I want to open a box of wolverines in Colorado? Because I love that we have wild places high in the mountains with clean air, colorful wildflowers, cold streams, and wild animals.

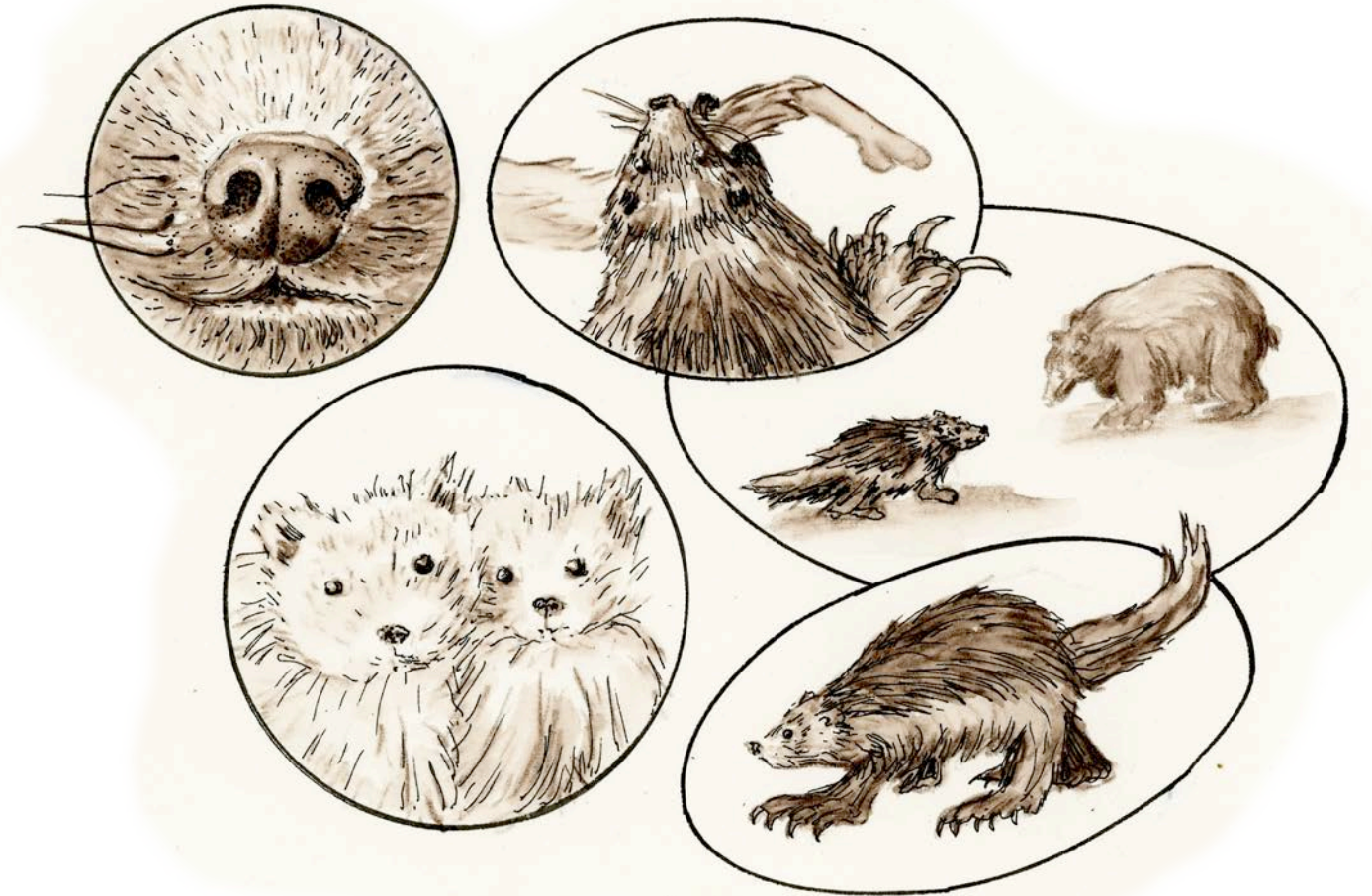
But our wilderness is missing a piece . . .



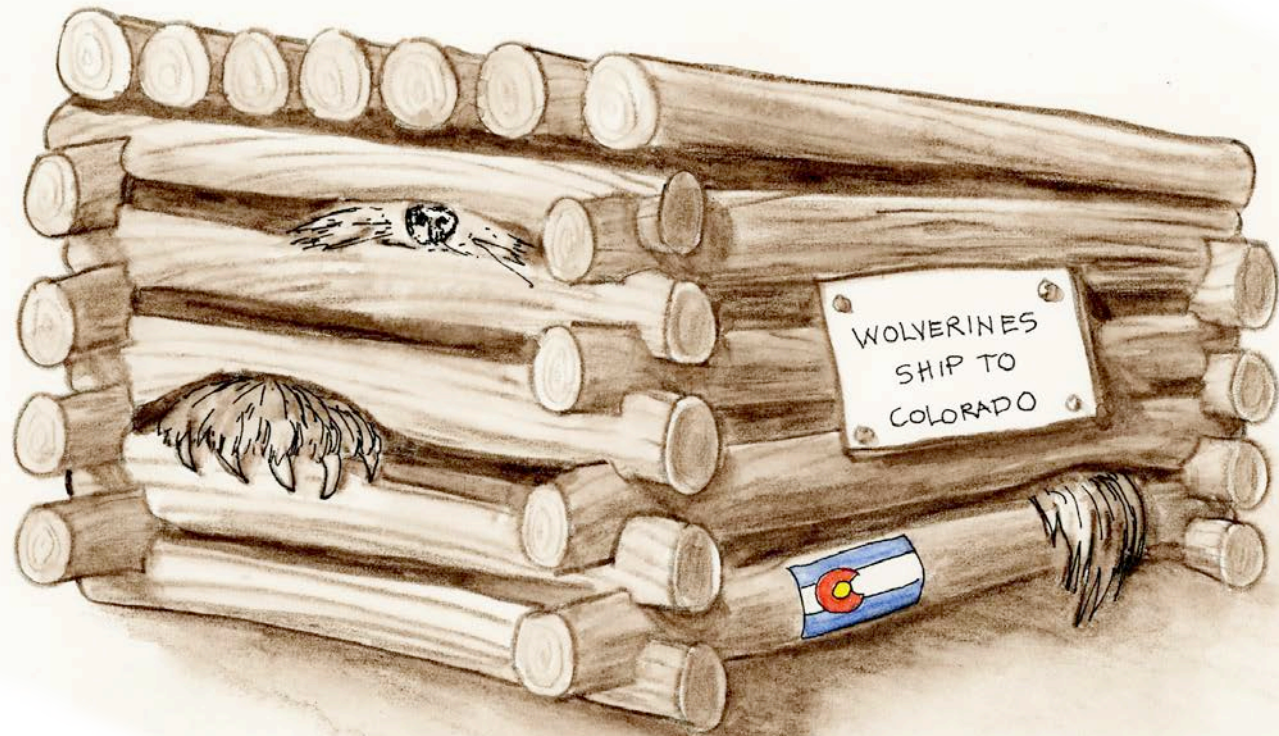
# WOLVERINES!



Loping over high peaks.



Following smells. Crunching bones. Scaring away bears. Hanging out with their kits. Just being wolverines. The mountains of Colorado have the snow in the spring and room to roam--perfect for wolverines. You can't put wolverines in Florida.



Send me a box of wolverines.



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