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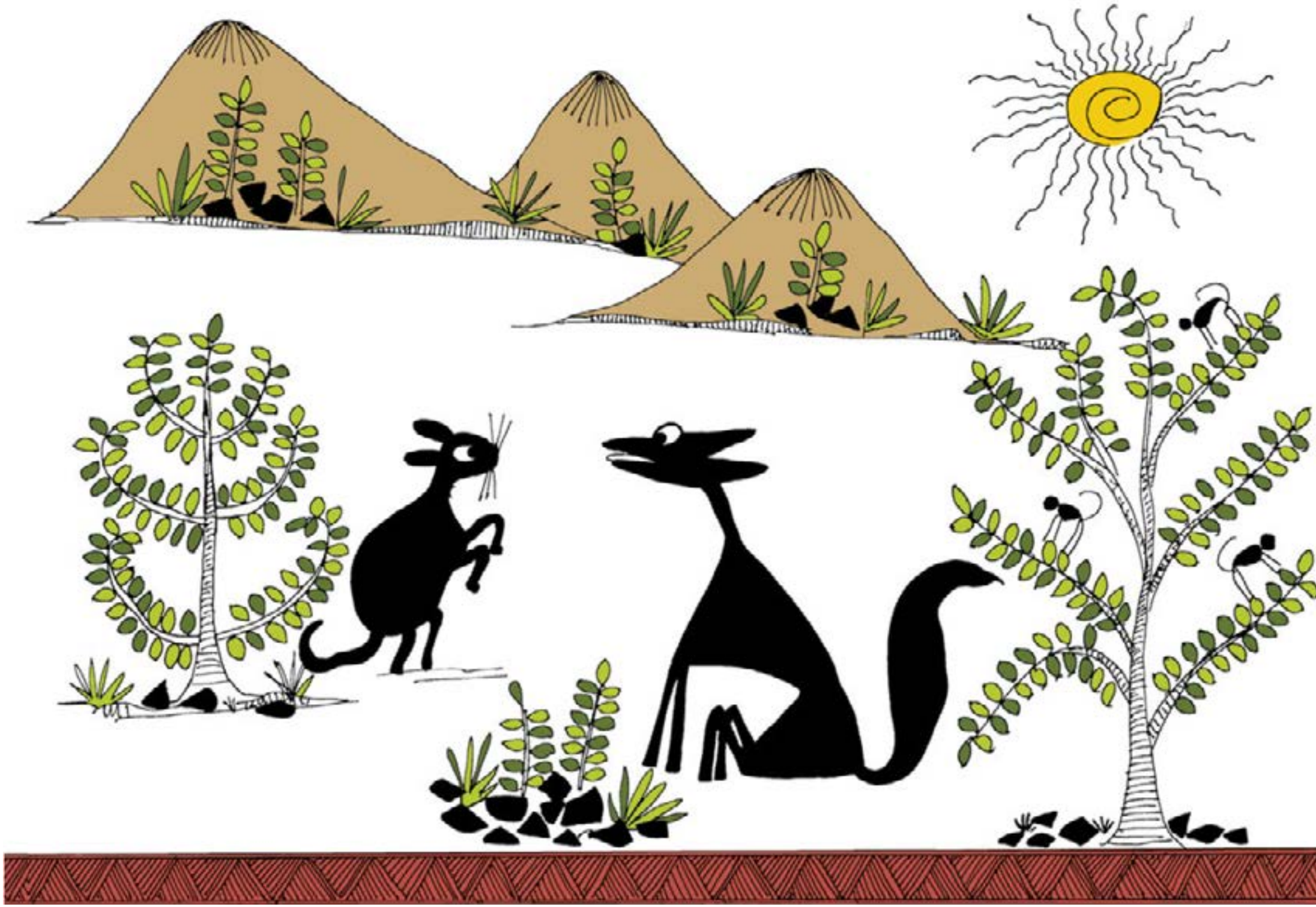
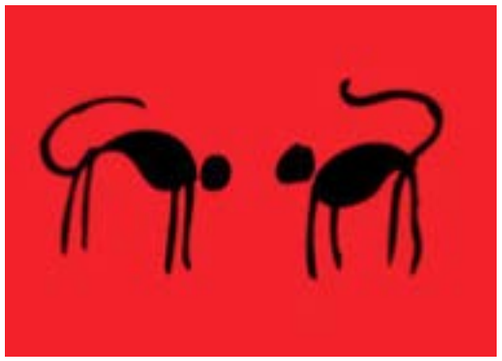
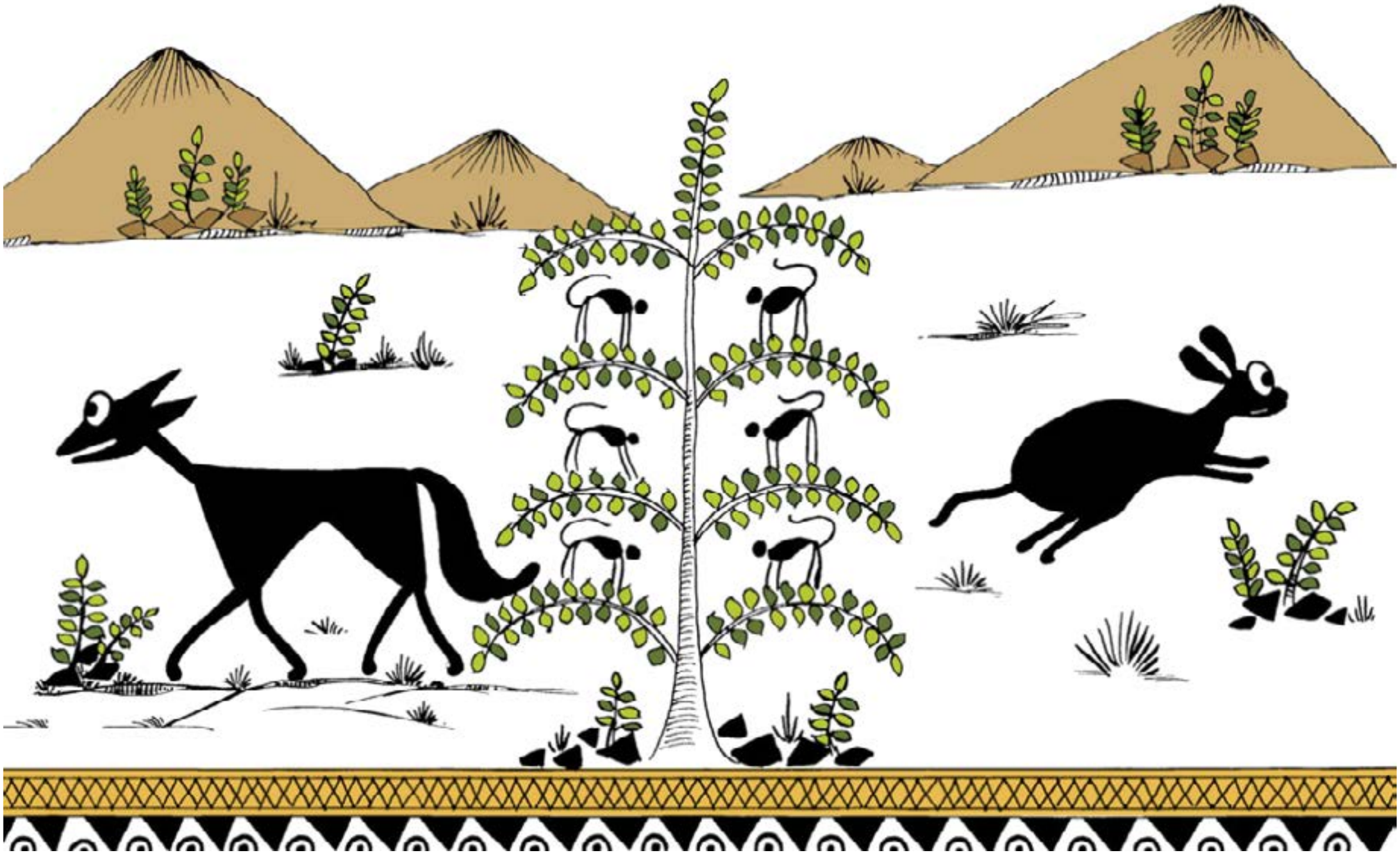


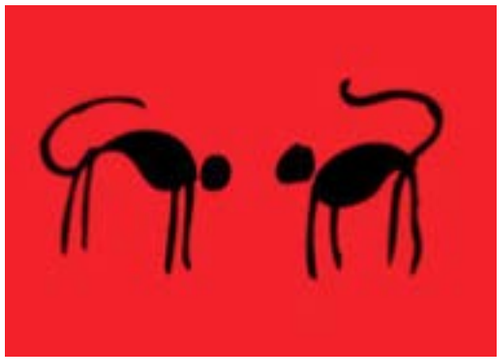


A jackal and a rabbit were the best of friends.

One day the jackal’s wife was not feeling well.

The jackal called the rabbit and said, “My wife has fever. She does not feel like eating anything. Now she says she could eat a crab.”

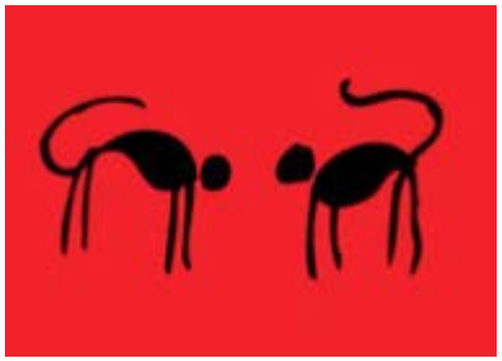




The rabbit said, “Let us go and get a crab for her.”

Both the friends set off to find a crab.

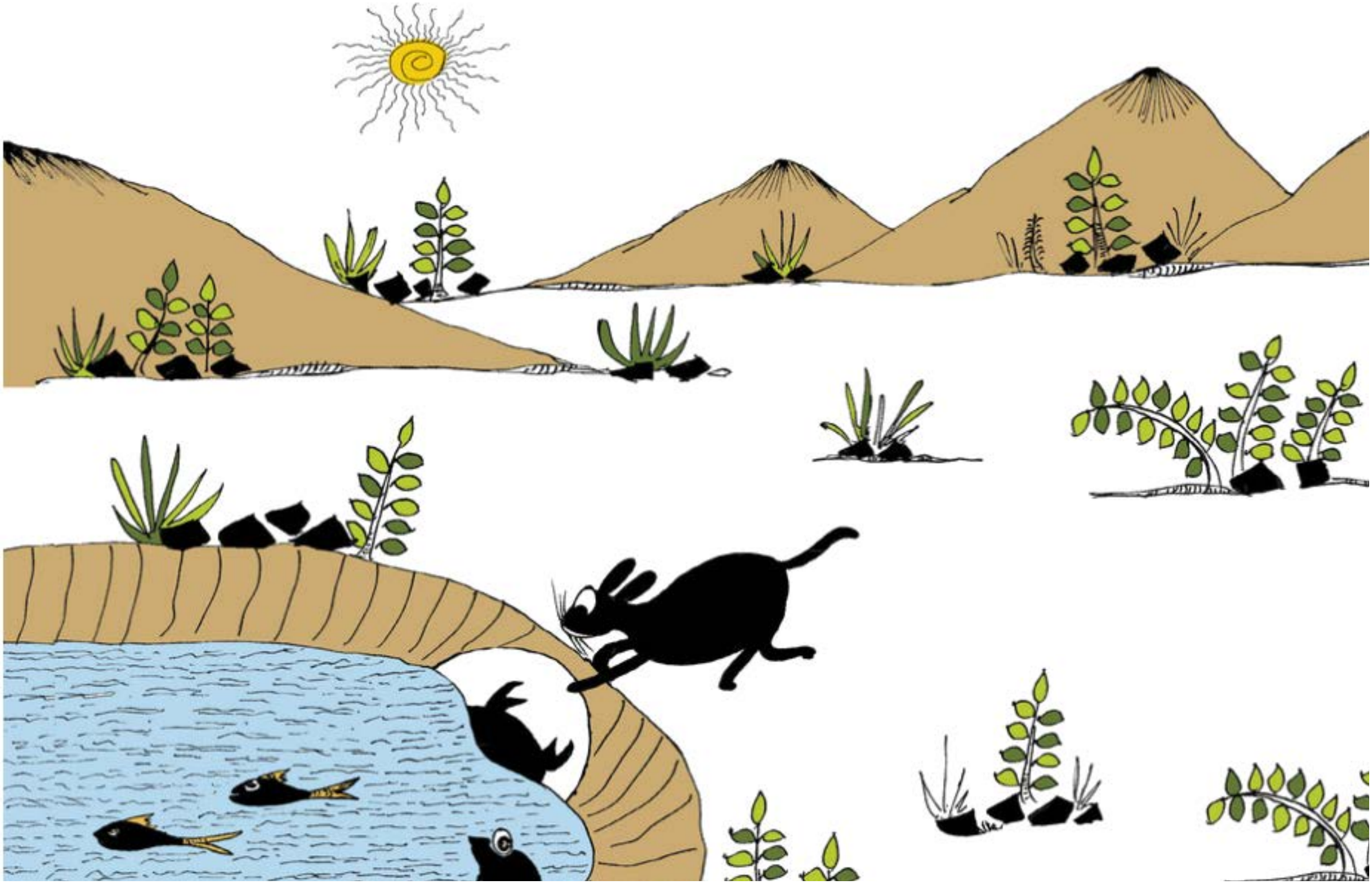
The rabbit went in one direction and the jackal in another.



The rabbit soon spotted a hole in the mud.

He peeped in and saw a fat crab sitting inside.

‘This will be perfect,’ thought the rabbit.



He carefully put his hand in the hole which was quite deep.

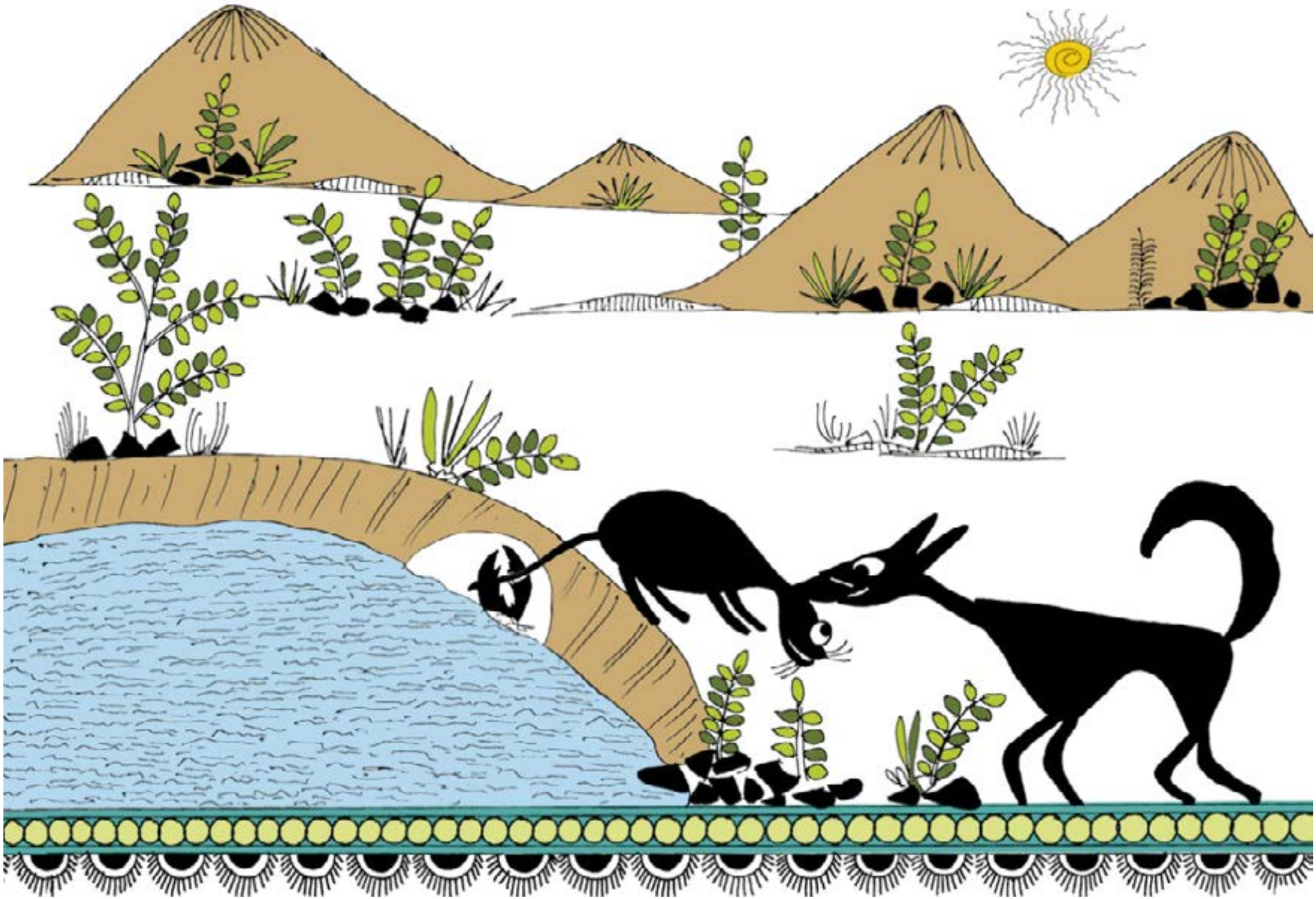
When his hand could not reach the crab, the rabbit put his tail into the hole.

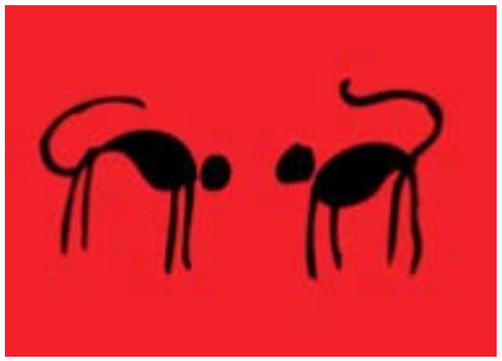
The crab bit his tail hard and held it tight.

The poor rabbit cried loudly.

The jackal heard him and came running to him.

The rabbit gasped, “Don’t just look at me. My tail is caught inside, pull me out.”

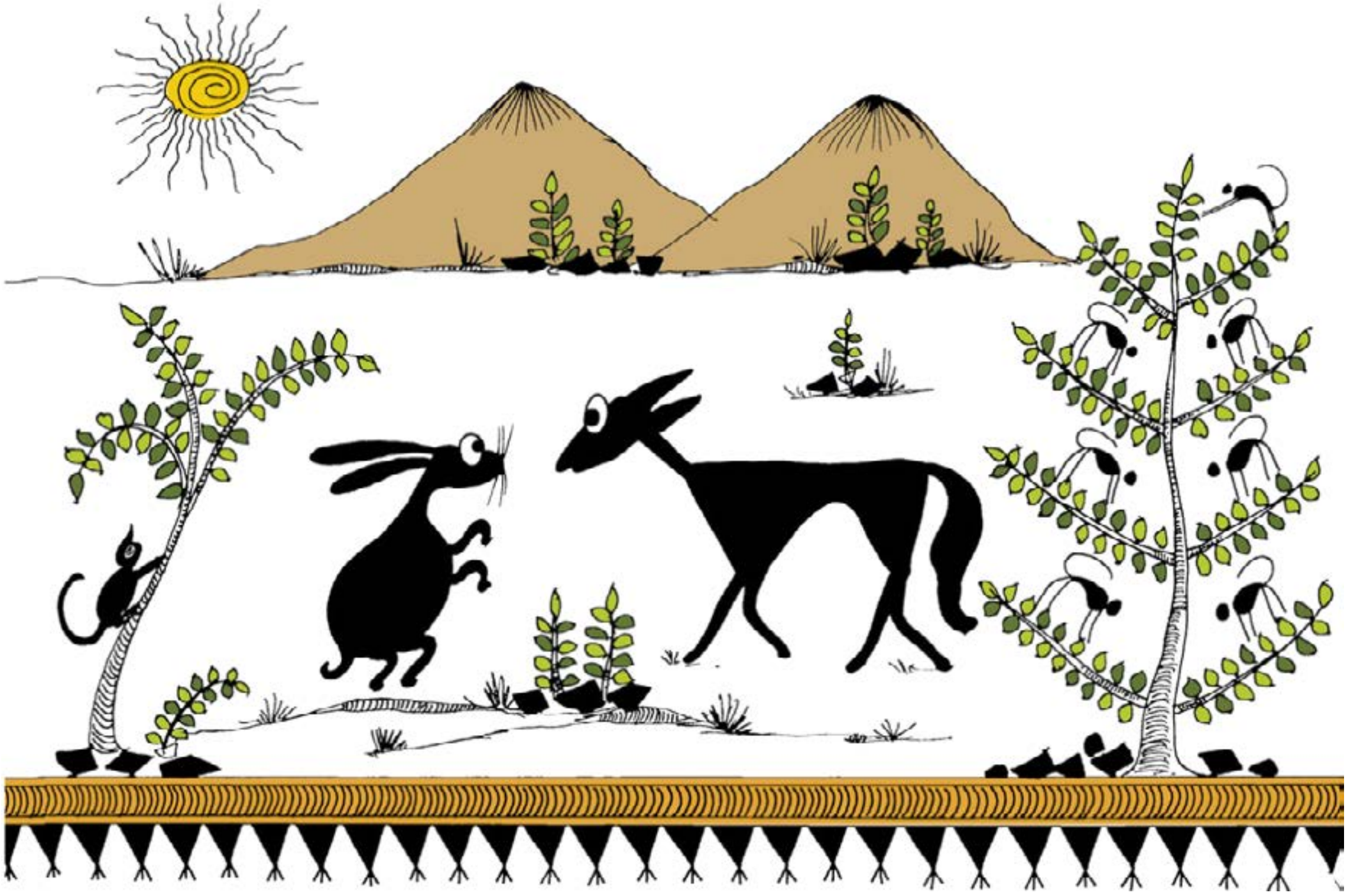




The jackal caught him by the ears and pulled with all his might.

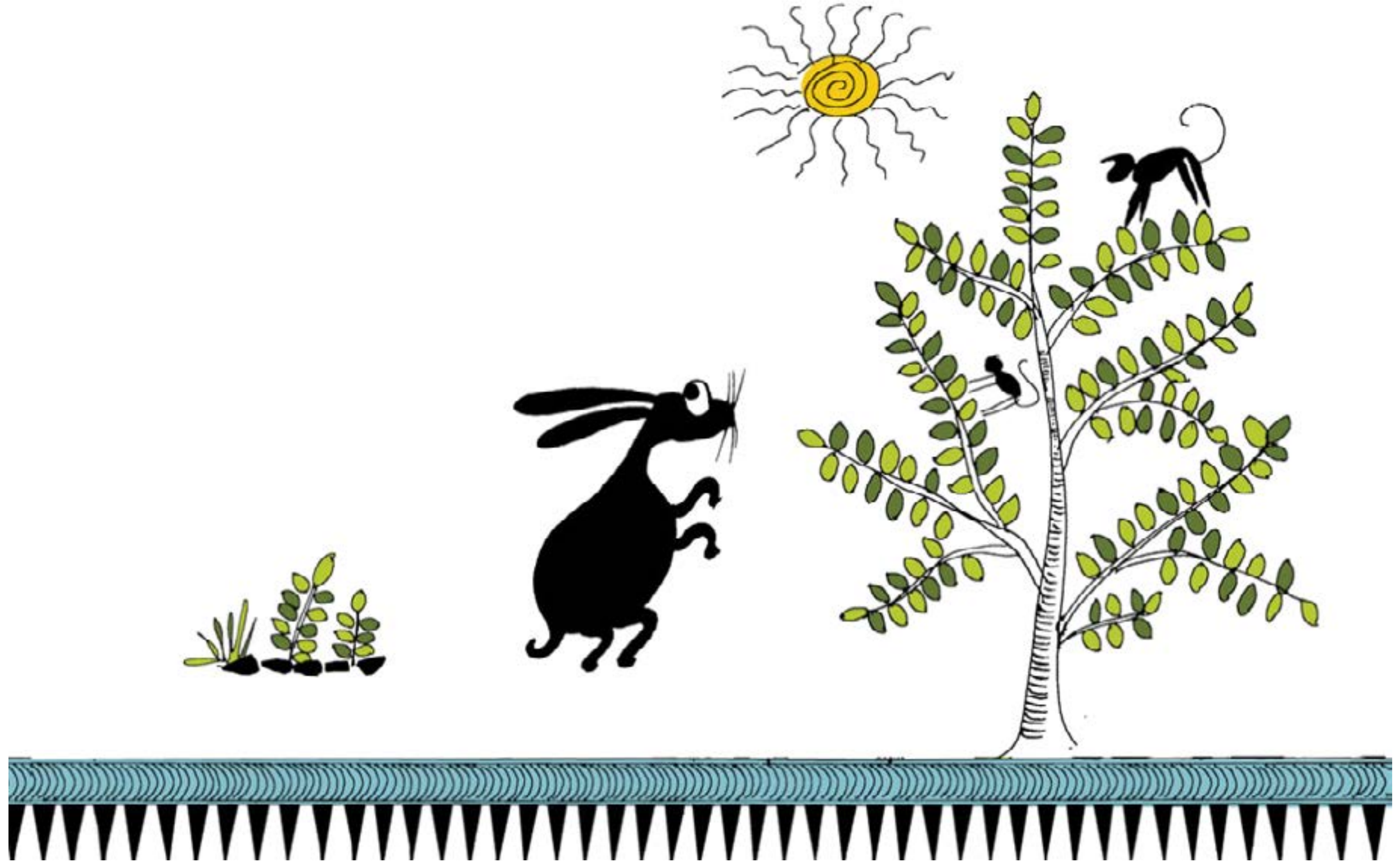
When he saw the tail move, the crab bit the rabbit’s tail again.

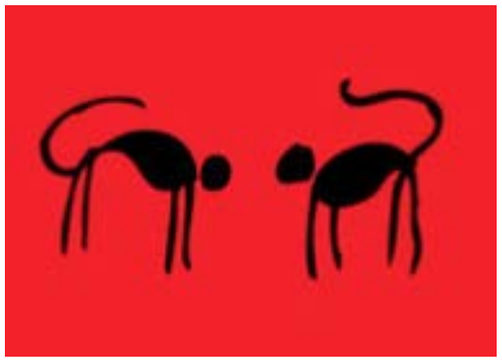
The rabbit yelled in pain and jumped.



His tail got cut and was left behind in the hole.

His ears had become very, very long after the jackal had pulled them.





Since that day the rabbit’s tail is short and his ears long.

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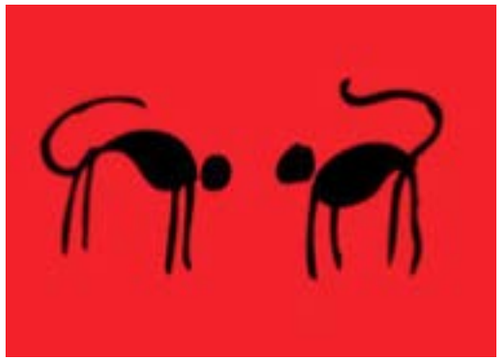
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