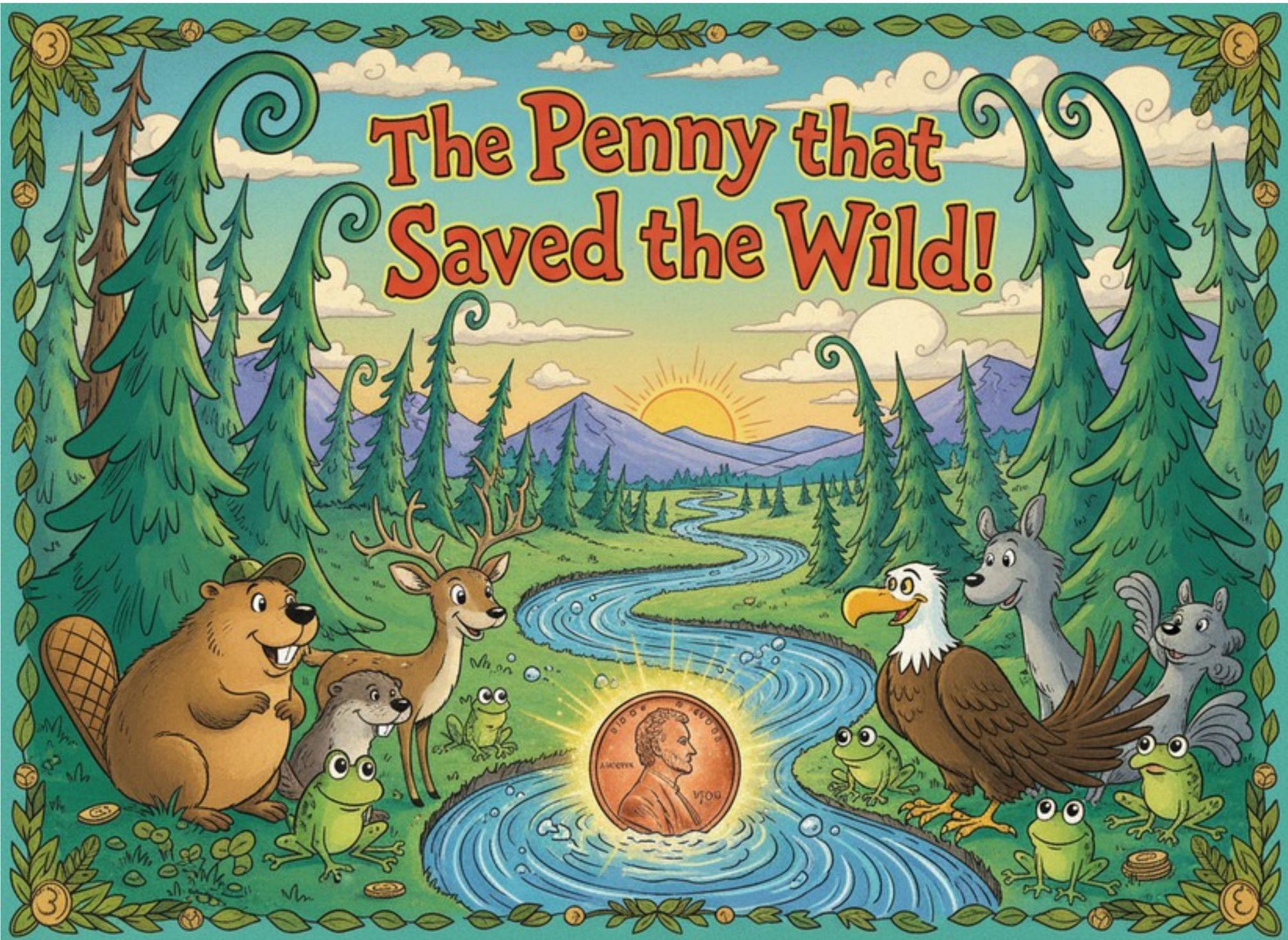


# The Penny that Saved the Wild!



**In Oregon's woods  
where green rivers bend,**

**Lived critters galore  
—each one a friend!**

**The otter would giggle,  
the bobcat would pounce,**

**The beaver would build  
with a splish and a bounce!**



**But one sunny day,  
oh, what a fright,**

**The flowers grew fewer,  
the streams  
lost their light.**

**The critters all gathered  
by forested glen,**

**And whispered,  
“What happened?  
Oh, where have we been?”**



**A wise old heron  
flapped down with a sigh,  
“Our home needs some help  
or it’s goodbye!**

**The forest feels thirsty,  
the meadows are bare—**

**We need a small something  
to show that we care.”**

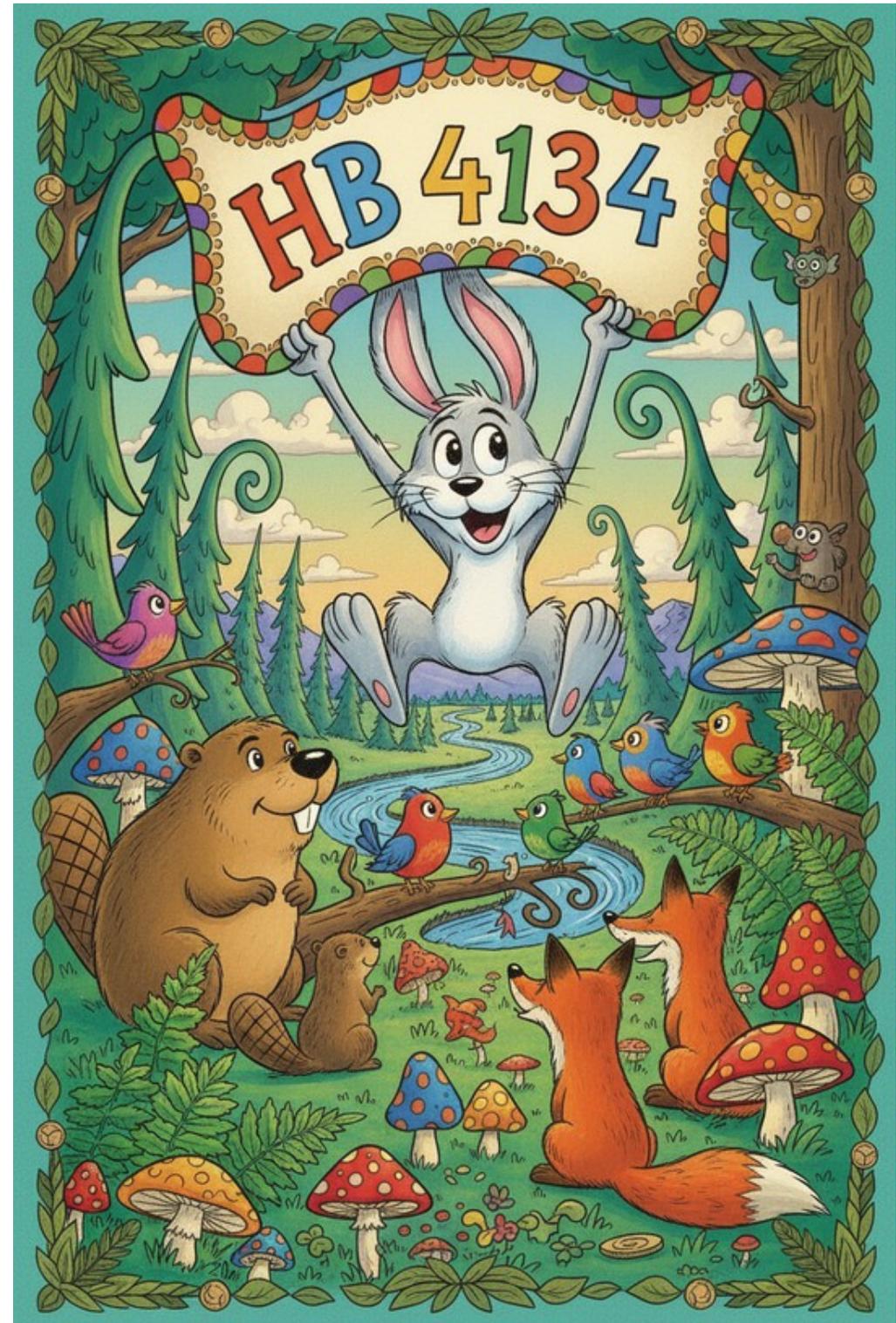


**Then up hopped a bunny  
with a twinkle and grin,**

**“I heard of a bill  
that could help us again!**

**HB Four-One-Three-Four—  
that’s its name!**

**For a 1.25% gift,  
we’ll play a fine game!”**



**“It’s tiny!” cried Squirrel.  
“It’s small!” echoed Wren.**

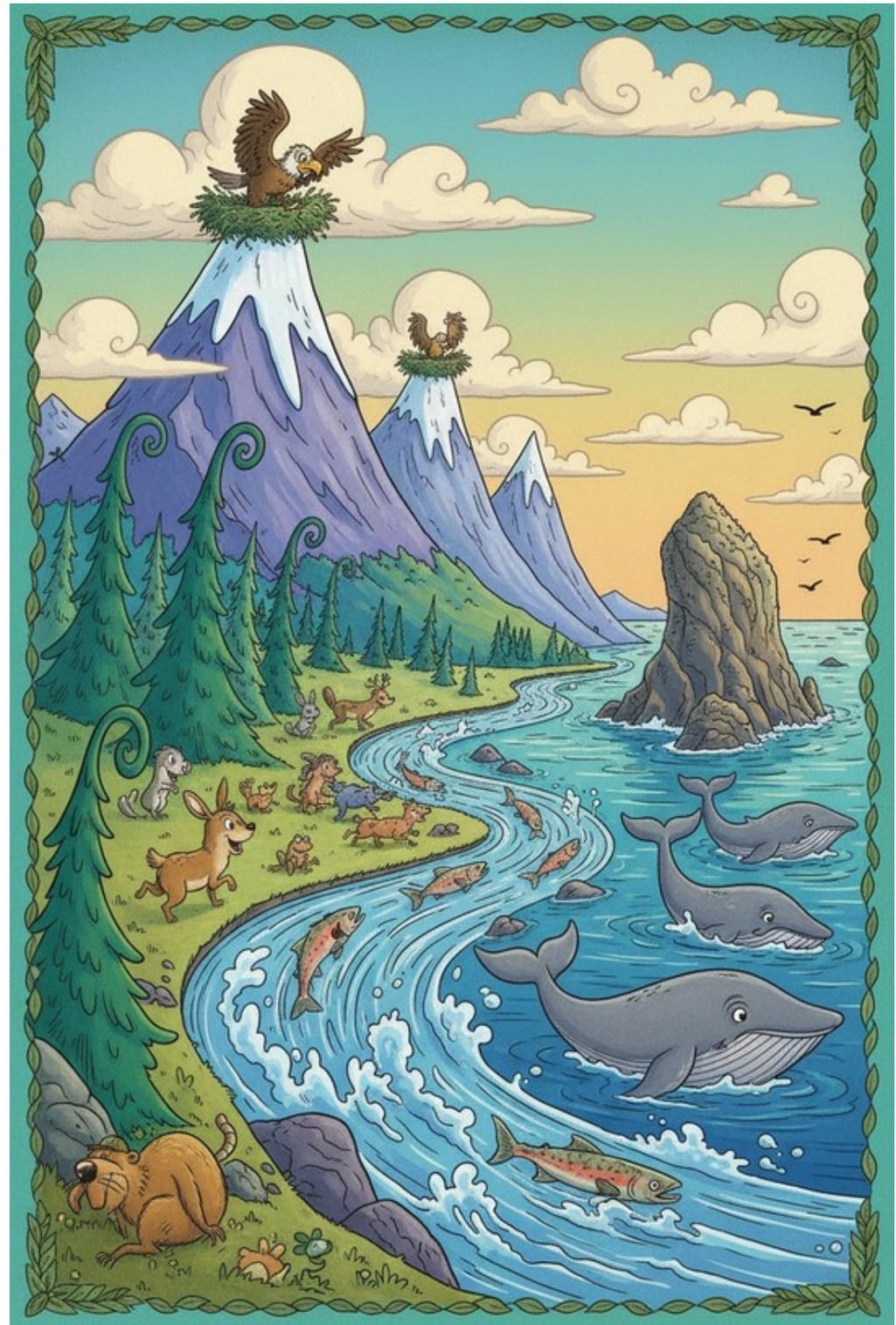
**“It’s just a wee bit  
from women and men!**

**A penny from dollars,  
a sprinkling of cheer,**

**To keep our wild home  
bright every year!”**



**They scampered  
and fluttered  
from mountain to coast,  
To tell every creature  
from Hat Rock to Post.  
“Let’s tell the high eagles  
who nest near the peak,  
Where snow kisses clouds  
and the cold rivers speak!”**



**“Tell mountain goats  
climbing where  
wild winds blow,**

**And marmots who whistle  
through bright  
mountain snow!**

**Tell elk in the meadows,  
so stately and proud,**

**That help is a-coming  
if we speak loud!”**

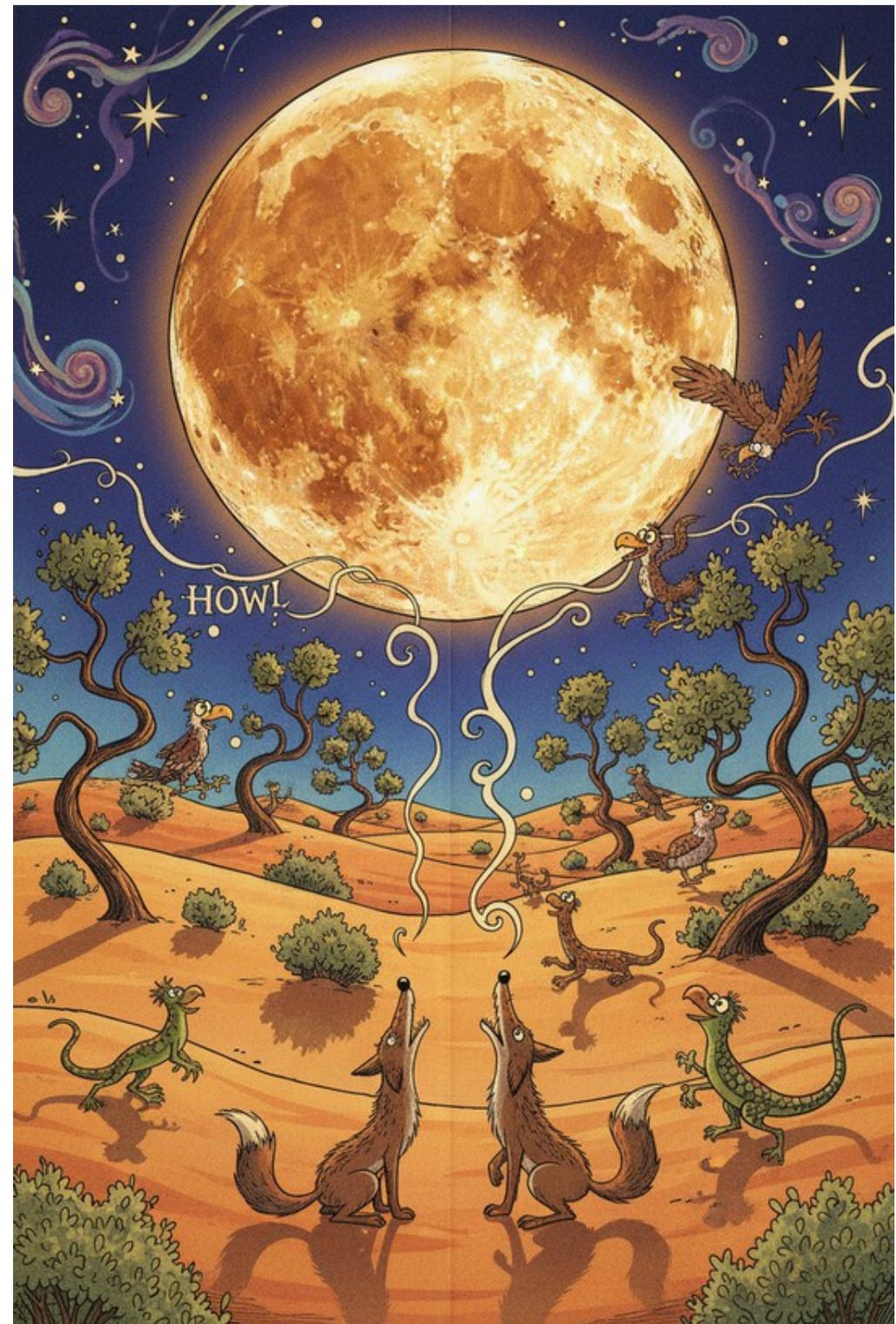


**Then down  
through the desert  
the message was passed,**

**Through sagebrush  
and sand  
where the shadows  
are cast.**

**Coyotes yipped loudly,  
“We’ll howl to the moon!”**

**A penny of care  
couldn’t come too soon!”**



**Onward they journeyed  
where sea lions play,**

**And puffins and whales  
splish-splashed in the bay.**

**“The coast needs its kelp,  
the dunes need their grass,**

**Without healthy homes,  
our joy cannot last!”**



**Imagine, dear friend,  
what a change  
it will make,**

**With cleaner blue rivers  
and frogs in the lake!**

**The salmon will leap!  
The owls will hoot!**

**The forests will dance  
in their leafy suit!**



**So when grown-ups vote,  
please clap and shout,**

**“Let’s help our  
wild neighbors,  
without any doubt!”**

**“Please “vote yes”  
in the House  
And “yes” in the Senate,**

**And we’ll fly  
the state flag  
as our glorious pennant!**



**For one little penny  
and a wee bit more,**

**Will bring back the magic  
for-ever-more,**

**With that wonderful bill  
named Four-one-three four!**

**So give a small drop,  
let goodness commence—**

**Help save the wild, with  
one-point-two-five percent!**

**This is not “The End” but . . .  
A “New Beginning” for Wildlife!**

