

Orion - The Wolf and the Crane (Tachi Yokuts Tribe)

Wolf was a good hunter, but he was also selfish. He went out hunting every day, but he brought nothing back for his wife, Crane, and their two boys. Wolf's family had a hard time finding enough to eat without his help.

One day when Wolf was hunting, Crane ran off with her two boys, hoping to find a better place to live. When Wolf returned home and discovered that Crane and his sons were gone, he became enraged. He decided to follow them and kill them. Because he had a good nose for tracking game, he soon picked up their scent and was on their trail.

Wolf was a fast runner, and soon he could see Crane and the boys before him. He tried to shoot her with his bow and arrow, but she was flying too high. He followed his wife until she had to come down to rest. Then he shot her. When he walked over to where she lay and pushed her with his paw to see if she was still alive, she revived enough to impale him with her long, sharp bill. Though he fended her off and tried to pierce her with an arrow, she was able to knock him down and stab him until he was dead.

With only a quick look back at Wolf, Crane and her boys flew off. They flew high into the sky until they turned into stars. Crane is in front and the boys are following here - they are the three stars of Orion's belt.

