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Myth Expansion

In time immemorial, there was a dried salmon lying on the ground. A bird had picked it up from the river, and dropped it there. Two creatures: Ant and Yellowjacket. The first one was an ant. The second one was a yellowjacket. Ant saw a giant salmon lying on the ground, and he wanted it. He thought about the meals it would provide for his colony, and also all the glory he would get if he could get it. But he also saw Yellowjacket. The yellowjacket also wanted it because his colony was also except-ionally large, and there wasn’t enough food to feed his colony. They argued back and forth about who should have the salmon. Finally, they stopped arguing and came to blows. They were so busy fighting that they did not see the almighty spirit, coyote, coming behind them. They were too busy even to notice him commanding them to stop struggling. He told them to stop this quarrel, but they did not heed him. Instead, they kept fighting. And again. Finally, for not heeding his warning, Coyote turned them into stone, freezing them with their teeth locked together in combat. Many ants have seen the two “statues,” and they have learned valuable lessons about listening to and obeying the almighty Coyote.