

Creative Writing: Why Lynxes Have Tufted Fur-Tipped Ears

Long ago, before humans roamed Earth, it was ruled by animals. Four creatures were chosen for the Great Council to keep the world in balance. Within this Great Council was Wise Bear, Graceful Falcon, Clever Fox, and Stealthy Lynx. One day, Wise Bear called upon these animals for a meeting. News was that there was a disruption between the creatures of Earth.

Wise Black Bear assigned each animal a direction to search for this disruption. Wise Bear to the North, Graceful Falcon to the East, Clever Fox to the South, and Stealthy Lynx to the West. At once Wise Bear headed to the North, shaking the ground underneath her strong strides. Graceful Falcon took to the sky with a swish of his powerful wings, bringing dust flying around him as he soared towards the East. Clever Fox quickly slinked away out of sight into the South. Last but not least, Stealthy Lynx headed toward the West. Although Lynx could not take to the skies, or bound across streams and acres with the strength of Bear, and certainly did not have the cunning of Fox, she was blessed with a more concealed power. Lynx had incredible hearing, which was her proudest trait. She had silky flowing hair flowing from the tips of her ears that trailed behind her as she walked.

Starting towards the West, Lynx covered ground fast with her enormous paws. After traveling for three days, Lynx stopped at a small pond to rest and soon fell asleep. Hidden within the tall grasses were two rabbits, who giggled and laughed at Lynx as she slept. Unbeknownst to them, Lynx's great hearing took in all their words.

"How ridiculous Lynx is with her abnormally big paws" Rabbit One whispered.

"They do look absurd along with those ears that hardly fit her head. It should be us sitting on the Great Council, not her!" Rabbit Two exclaimed in indignation.

Before they could say another word Lynx rose, and they scampered off to safety. Anger flowed through Lynx's veins at this disrespect, and she was about to chase after the two rabbits when an idea hit her. Continuing on her journey West, Lynx passed a lone Coyote.

"Not far behind me were two white rabbits questioning your strength and cunning" Lynx whispered as she passed. Coyote was furious and immediately took off in search of these two rabbits.

Continuing on her journey Lynx was still not content, and nurtured her wounded pride. As she passed a Songbird she casually said, "I heard Mouse speaking of your singing, and insulting your voice, saying you were off tune."

Songbird flapped with indignation and flew off their perch in search of Mouse.

Continuing her journey, Lynx began enjoying spreading bits of gossip and rumors. Finally, after five days of traveling, she returned to meet the Great Council. Wise Bear looked up in dismay at Lynx as soon as she came into view.

"Word has circled Earth that all the animals are at war with each other. I was told by Graceful Falcon that you are the cause of this," Wise Bear said as she towered over Lynx. "This irresponsible and disruptive behavior cannot be tolerated by the Great Council and we, therefore, banish you. That alone is not punishment enough for disrupting Earth. You will forever be reminded of your lying and gossiping." With that Wise Bear swiped her mighty paw, severing Lynx's luscious hair-tipped ears. Now they were mere tufts that all Lynxes would bear as a reminder of what their pride had cost them.

