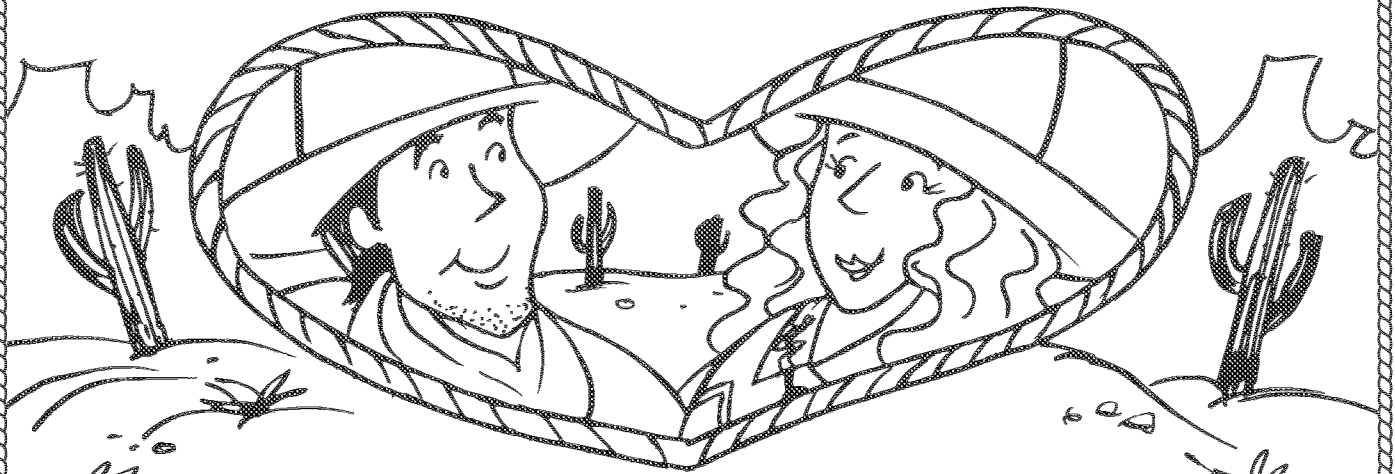


Slue-Foot Sue and Pecos Bill

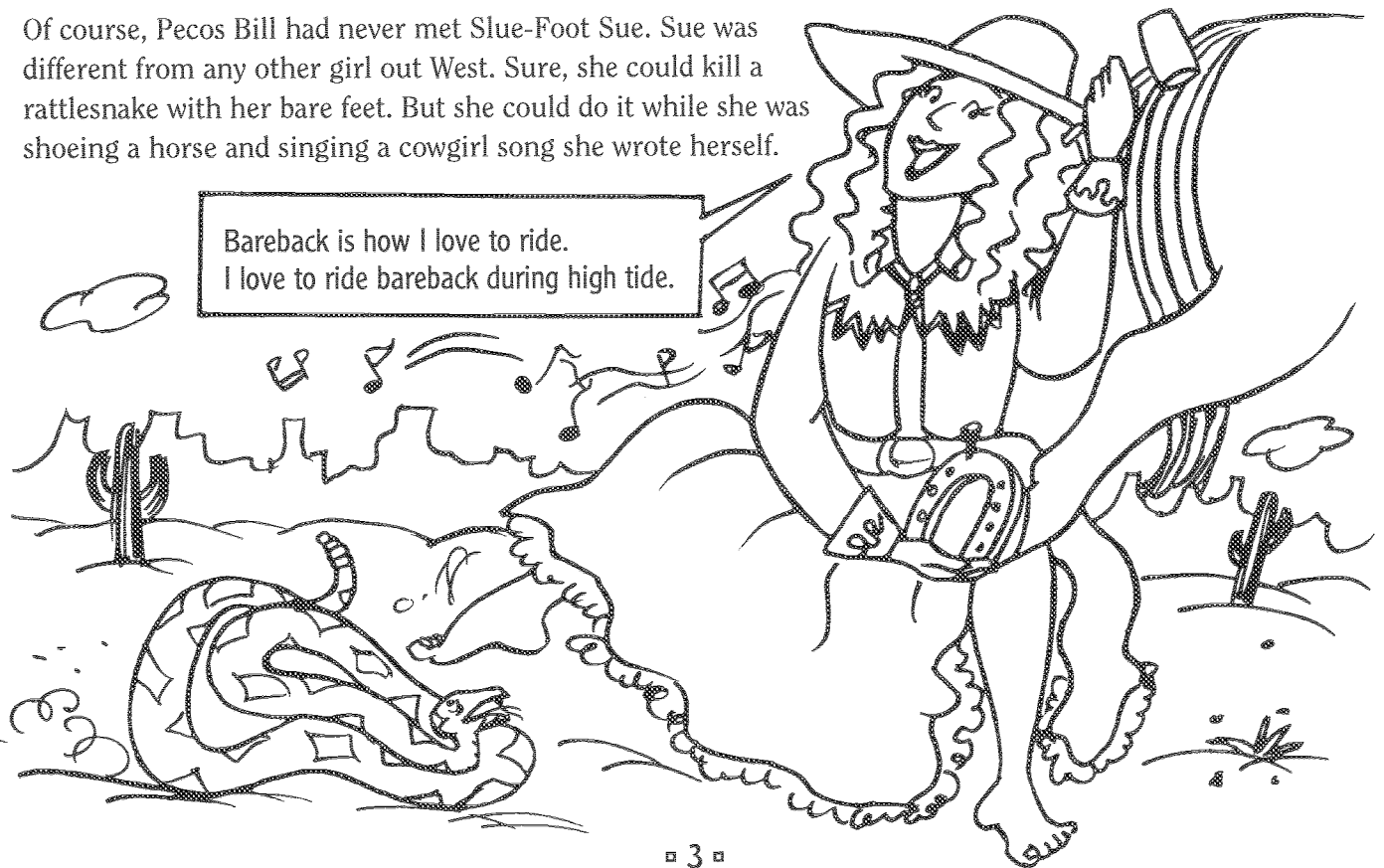


They say there's someone out there for everyone. That may or may not be true.
But it was certainly the case for Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue.

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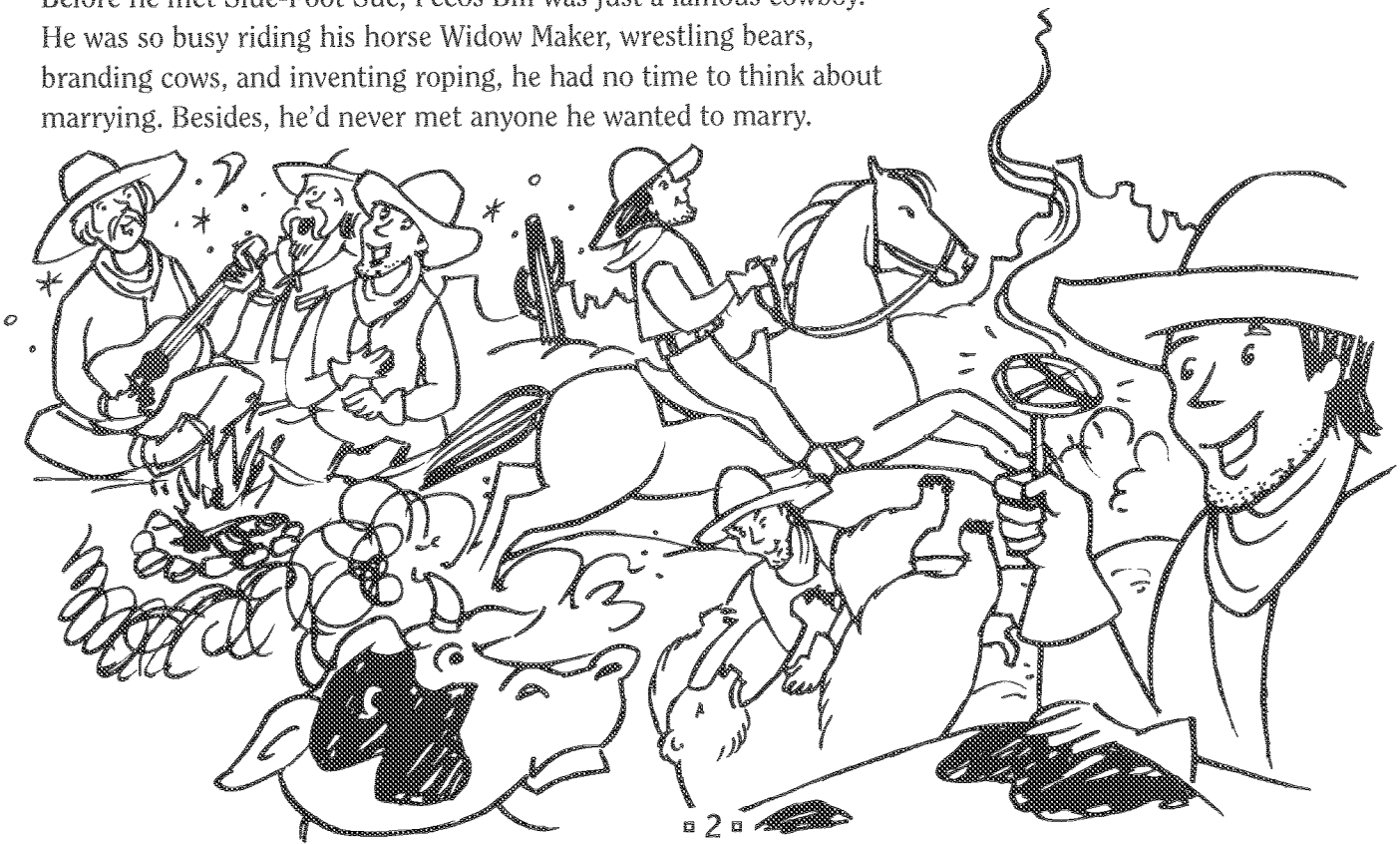
Of course, Pecos Bill had never met Slue-Foot Sue. Sue was different from any other girl out West. Sure, she could kill a rattlesnake with her bare feet. But she could do it while she was shoeing a horse and singing a cowgirl song she wrote herself.

Bareback is how I love to ride.
I love to ride bareback during high tide.

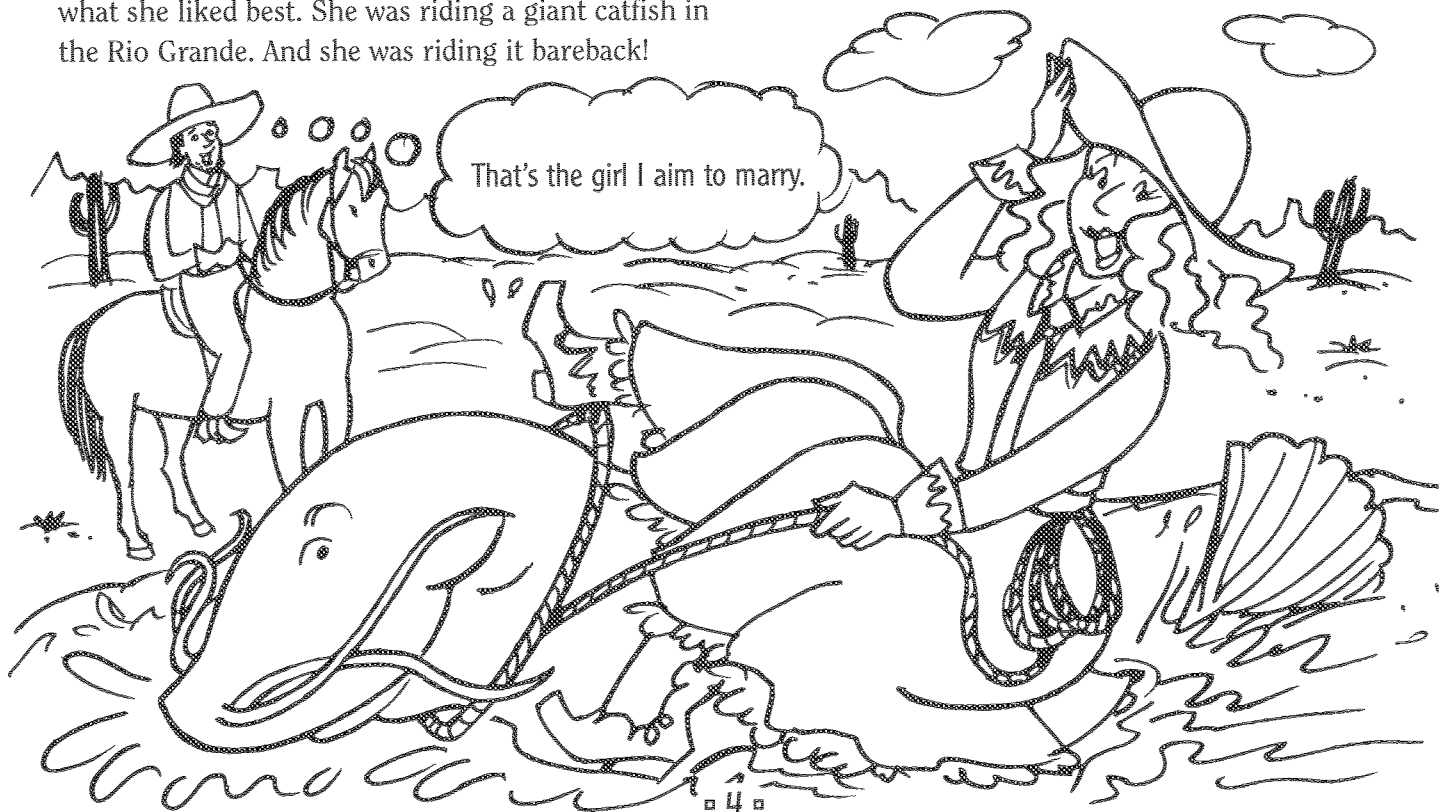


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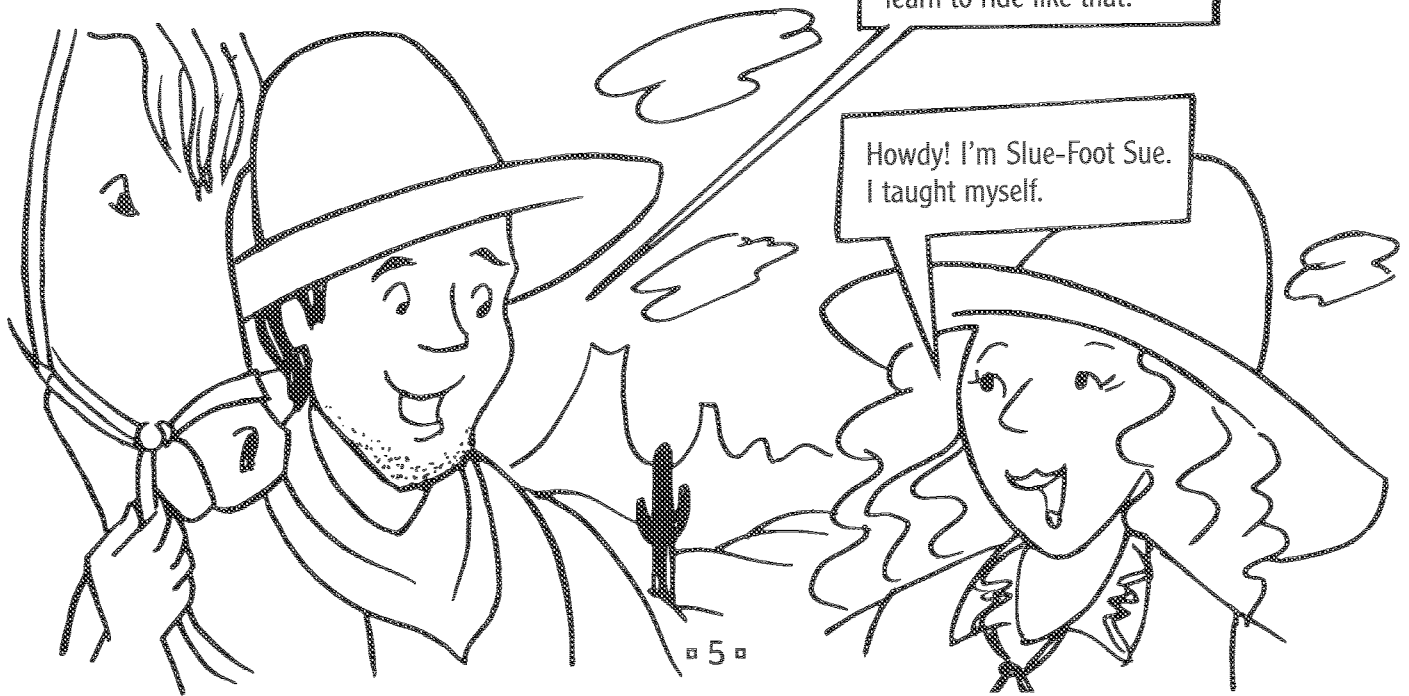
Before he met Slue-Foot Sue, Pecos Bill was just a famous cowboy. He was so busy riding his horse Widow Maker, wrestling bears, branding cows, and inventing roping, he had no time to think about marrying. Besides, he'd never met anyone he wanted to marry.



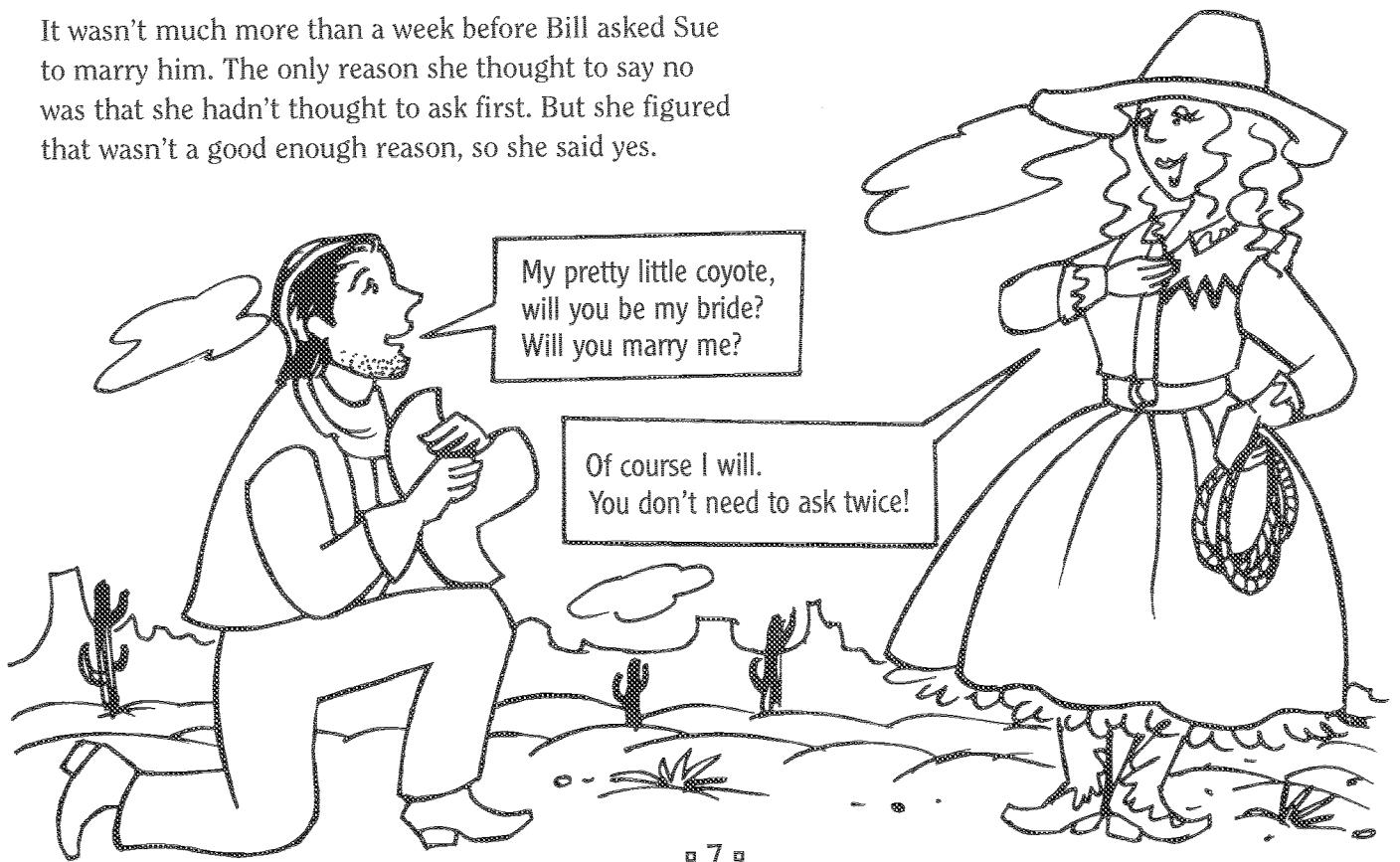
When Pecos Bill first saw Slue-Foot Sue, she was doing what she liked best. She was riding a giant catfish in the Rio Grande. And she was riding it bareback!



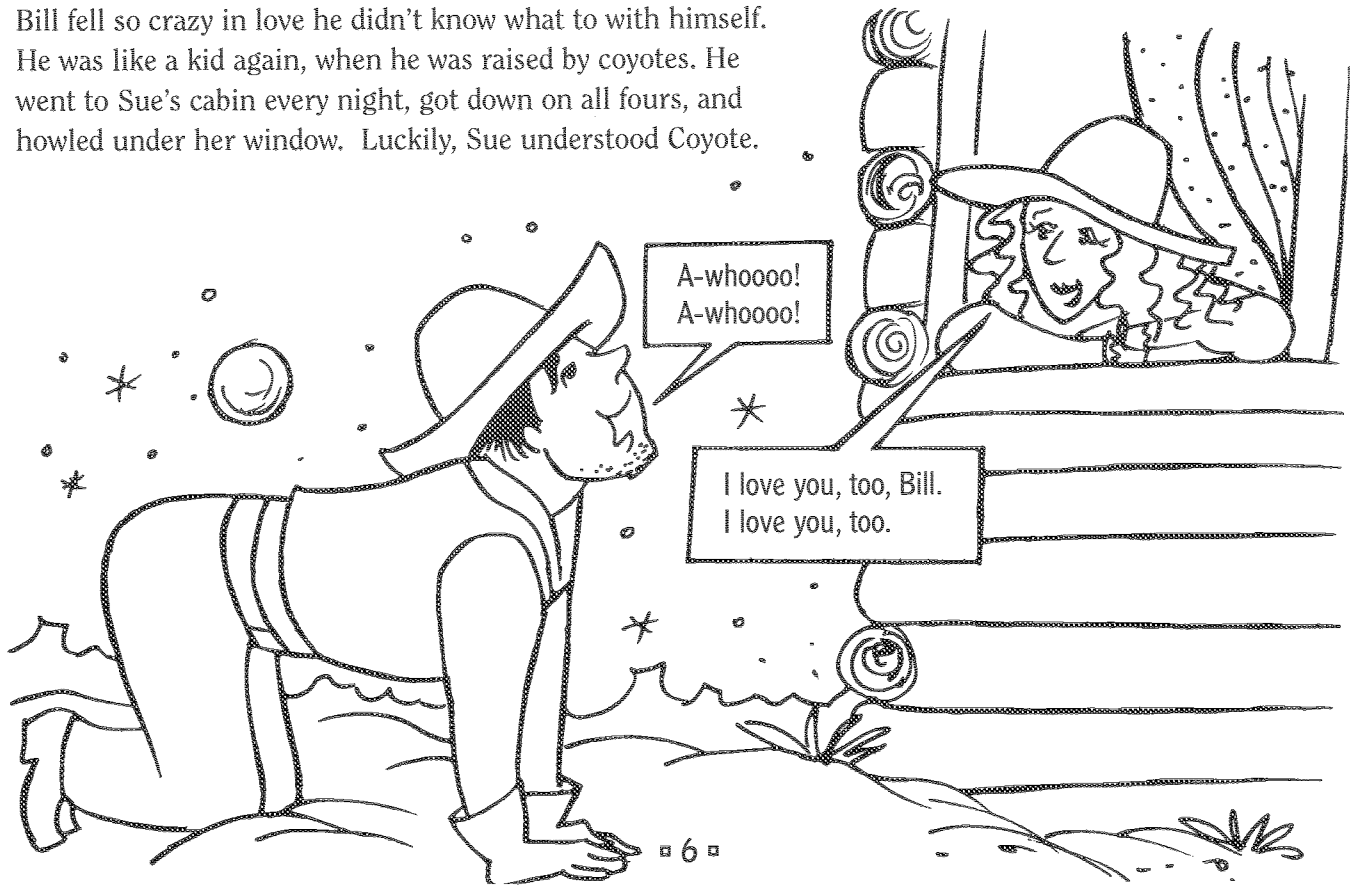
Bill waved and called to Sue. When Sue looked ashore, she nearly fell off her catfish. Bill was the biggest, boldest cowboy she'd ever seen. And Widow Maker was the handsomest horse. Sue steered her catfish to the riverbank. She slid off and nearly landed in Bill's arms. Neither one seemed to mind much.



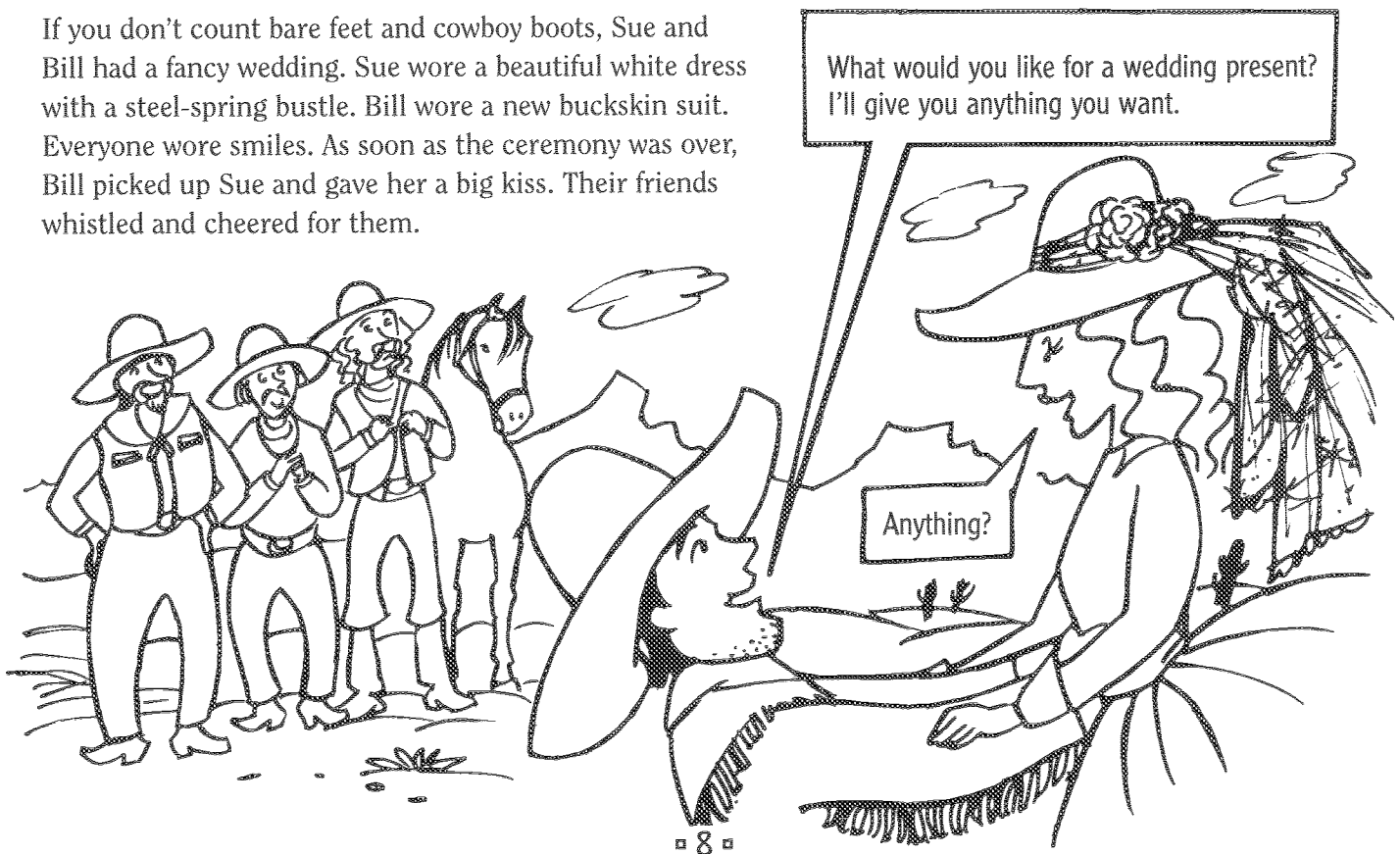
It wasn't much more than a week before Bill asked Sue to marry him. The only reason she thought to say no was that she hadn't thought to ask first. But she figured that wasn't a good enough reason, so she said yes.



Bill fell so crazy in love he didn't know what to with himself. He was like a kid again, when he was raised by coyotes. He went to Sue's cabin every night, got down on all fours, and howled under her window. Luckily, Sue understood Coyote.

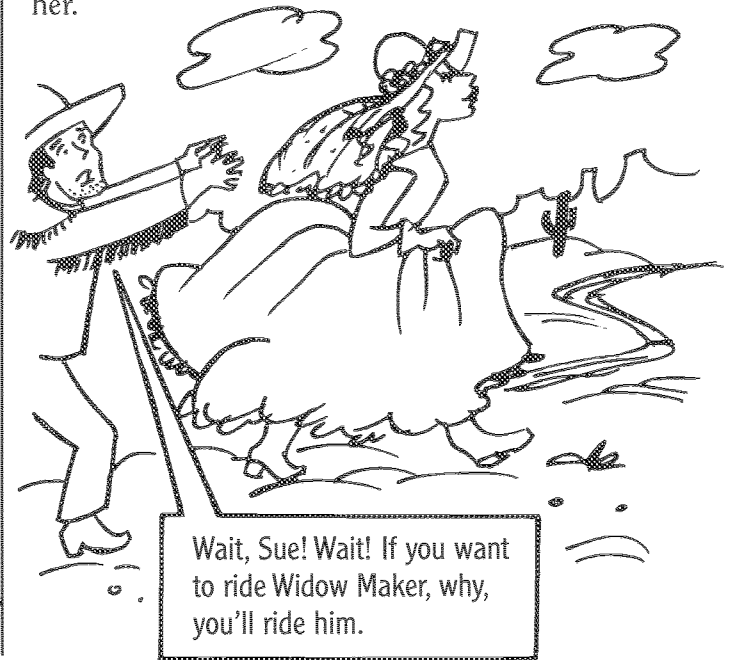


If you don't count bare feet and cowboy boots, Sue and Bill had a fancy wedding. Sue wore a beautiful white dress with a steel-spring bustle. Bill wore a new buckskin suit. Everyone wore smiles. As soon as the ceremony was over, Bill picked up Sue and gave her a big kiss. Their friends whistled and cheered for them.

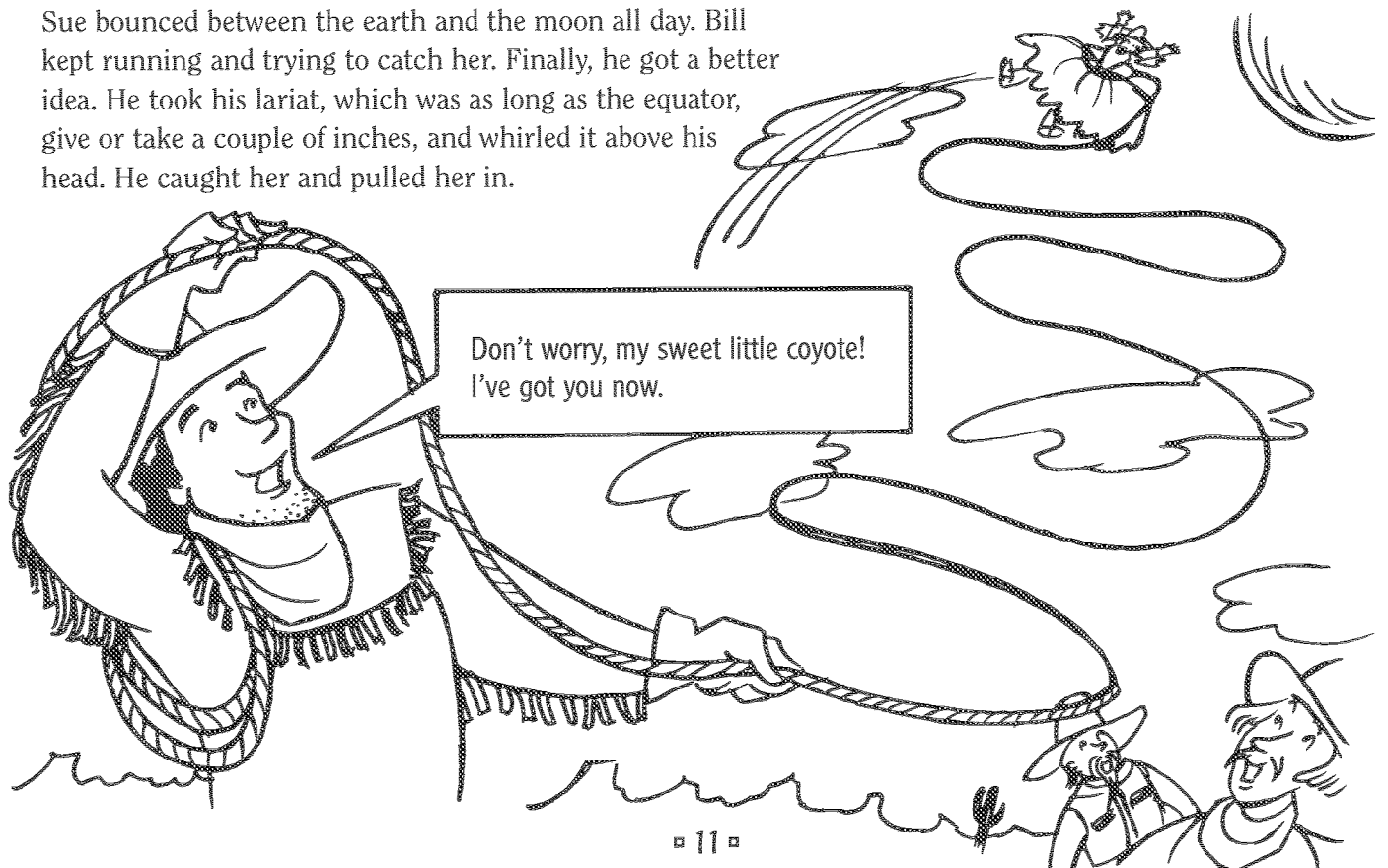


You see, ever since the day Sue first saw Bill and his horse, Sue had wanted to ride Widow Maker. But it had been such a whirlwind courtship, she had never had a chance to ask Bill if she could ride him. Now she had her chance.

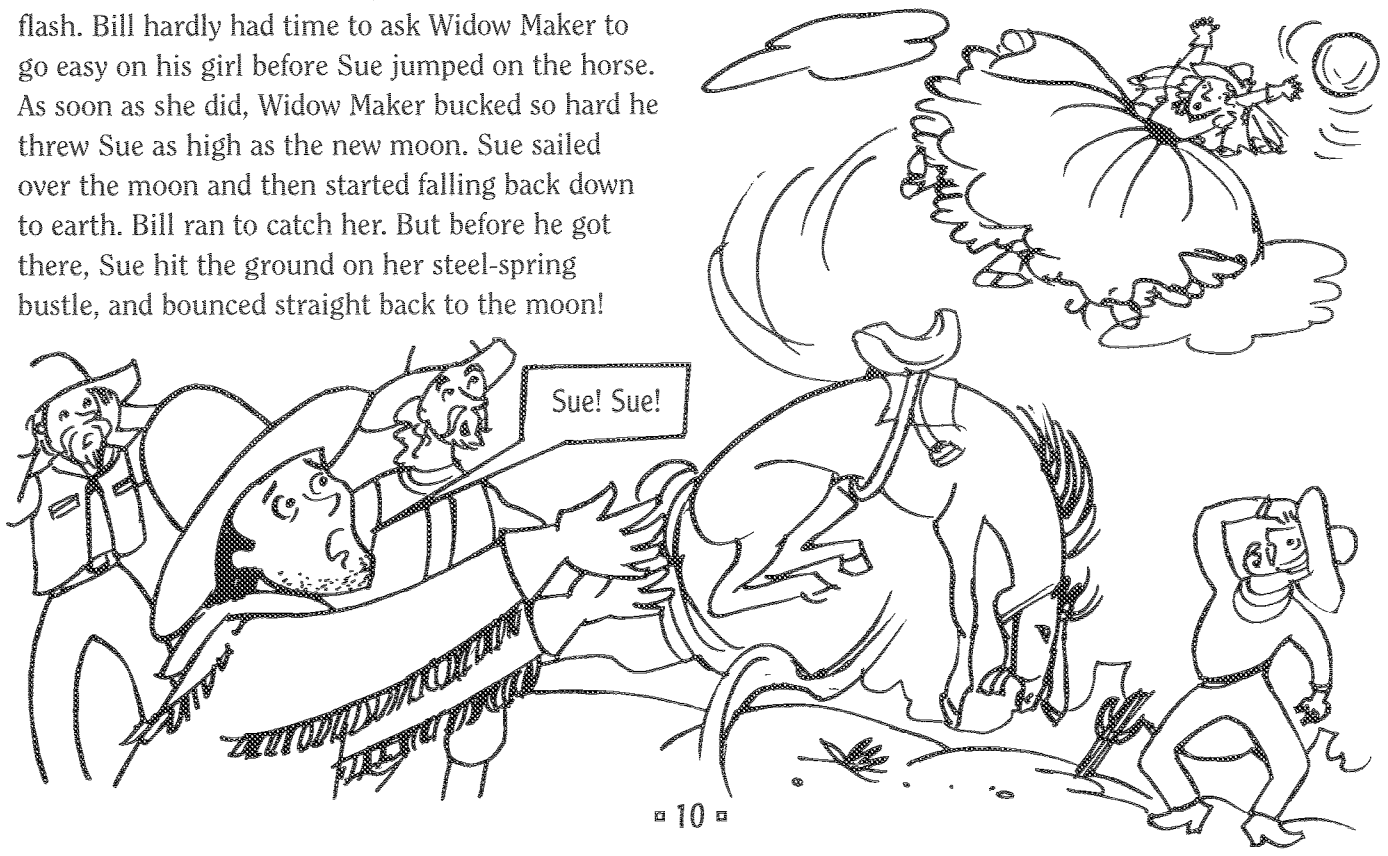
Sue did not like to be told no. When Bill refused her request, she jumped out of his arms and stormed off toward the riverbank. Bill felt like she had a lasso around his heart and was taking it with her.



Sue bounced between the earth and the moon all day. Bill kept running and trying to catch her. Finally, he got a better idea. He took his lariat, which was as long as the equator, give or take a couple of inches, and whirled it above his head. He caught her and pulled her in.



When Sue heard Bill's words, she was back in a flash. Bill hardly had time to ask Widow Maker to go easy on his girl before Sue jumped on the horse. As soon as she did, Widow Maker bucked so hard he threw Sue as high as the new moon. Sue sailed over the moon and then started falling back down to earth. Bill ran to catch her. But before he got there, Sue hit the ground on her steel-spring bustle, and bounced straight back to the moon!



After Sue's adventures in space, Texas seemed small to her. She and Bill took off to explore the world. The last anyone saw of them, they were riding giant crocodiles on the Amazon River.

