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As she spoke they heard a howl from outside the den. It was the coyotes! "We know you are in there Fox's! Let us in!" they yelled. Mr. Fox poked his head and said, "Listen. Can't we be friends? I can show you all the great places in the valley, I know the area." "Why would we want to be friends with you," they asked. "You are a fox! We are the mighty coyotes!" "You are mighty sir," Mr. Fox said. "That is why I think we can get along instead of being enemies. We can work together."

Mrs. Fox lay huddled with her babies, worried about Mr. Fox. Outside the coyotes could be heard whispering to each other. "Fine!" they said. "We will make a deal. We need a guide who knows the valley. Show us the way and your family can stay." Mr. Fox left with the coyotes and showed them all the ins and outs of the valley. When Mr. Fox returned to his den he told Mrs. Fox, "It's funny. I thought they would be mean and nasty. They are actually quite nice." Mrs. Fox laid her head down and said, "It just goes to show you. You never know who your friends might be."

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Who did Mr. Fox call mighty?

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Who did Mr. Fox call mighty? The Coyotes

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Answers will vary. Scared, worried, protective, etc.