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I want to tell you a story about two women that married stars.

Once upon a time there were two young female weasels that were out walking and they started to think about whom they would eventually marry. They wanted to find suitors who would take good care of them. Day after day, this was constantly on their minds. One day, they lay down in a field and continued to talk about marriage. They lay there all day until finally it was dark and the stars started to twinkle in the sky. They continued to lie there and watch the stars in the sky, in particular, two stars that they paid close attention to.

The older sister said to the younger one, "Do you see that big star twinkling in the sky? That's the one I want for my husband." They continued to watch the stars.

When they arrived at the river's shoreline, they saw a crane. They start to flatter him and tell him, "Oh, you're such a beautiful bird, could you be kind enough to take us across the water? It should be easy for you with such beautiful long legs." The crane tells them that they need to pay him and they inform him that they have no money. The crane then informs the two weasels that since they said so many good things about him that he would take them across for free. He spread his wings and the weasel sisters got on and were taken across the river.

When the wolverine arrives at the river, he sees only the crane and sees that the two weasel sisters have already crossed the river so cannot continue to chase them so he relies on the crane for help. He says to the crane, "Skinny Legs, help me cross the river." The crane replies, "I'm not helping you across since you call me names." The wolverine says, "I have to because you have an ugly face, you're the most hideous of all birds and look at your legs, how skinny they are." The crane is infuriated by the comments and says to the wolverine, "I'm certainly not taking you across because of you insensitive comments." The wolverine insists that the crane take him across and the crane still refuses to do so. He never took him across the river and the wolverine finally went away while the two weasel sisters were able to escape. The sisters were able to marry the stars and although they were able to marry the wolverine, they did not want him as a husband. They were longer fond of the sky.

That's the end of the legend.