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Coyote and Old Lady
One day long ago, Old Lady was fishing on the Snake River. There were a lot of fish. Old Lady said, "I have caught enough fish to last me one whole moon."
While she was fishing, Coyote watched Old Lady. His mouth started watering. He said, "I wonder how I can get myself a dinner?"
Coyote thought it best to try his "coyote charm."
Out he stepped from behind the brush.
"Hello, you beautiful woman," he said with charm.
Old Lady was startled by Coyote.
She listened to all the nice things he had to say.
She thought he was very nice!
Then she came to her senses and said,
"What is it you really want?
Tell me no more lies!"
Coyote said, "I want to help you clean your fish. But first we will need firewood. He told Old Lady to go one way, and he went the other way into the woods."
Coyote picked up a branch and ran back to Old Lady's fish. Old Lady was nowhere around. He threw down the firewood and picked up the basket of fish. The basket was very heavy.
Coyote took a step.
He tripped over the firewood.
The basket of fish went flying into the river.
"Oh, no!" cried Coyote.
"How will I catch them?"
Coyote knew the river was swift.  
He wondered if he could dam the river.  
He ran ahead and began to throw lava rocks into the river.
The first dam did not stop the fish.
The water flowed over the dam.
The fish went over the top and down the river.
That dam is now Idaho Falls.
Coyote ran further down the river.
He built another dam.
The water went over the top again.
The fish went over the top again.
The second dam is now American Falls.
Coyote was getting angry.
He mumbled and grumbled.
"This time I will make sure it does not happen again,"
he said.
Coyote ran down the river again.
He started building a larger dam.
He waited for the fish.
This dam is now Twin Falls.
Guess what happened!
Coyote decided he should hunt honestly for something to eat.
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