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### Coyote Master of Death Reflection

“Let it be that way when a person dies. That way he will indeed die for all time.”

(Kalapuya31-32)

While reading this, I couldn't help but think of all the people who died in the last couple of years. Kobe and Gianna Bryant, Chadwick Boseman, and the Queen of England all tragically passed away in these difficult last few years. One thing about death that concerns me is how it affects others. For example, hundreds of people may have died in this passing moment. People's whole worlds have fallen apart, yet the Earth continues spinning, and others continue their lives as if nothing happened. Coyote, at the beginning of the text, becomes very hypocritical. When Panther's daughter dies, he appears sympathetic but tells her she can't return from the dead. When Coyote's daughter falls ill and passes, he immediately tries to find a way to bring his daughter back to the land of the living. When that fails, he tries to go with her.

Something that I learned in Interpersonal Communication is that we only understand about 25-50% of someone else's point of view. This concept encapsulates how we can't truly understand tragedy and loss until it is individually experienced. Coyote didn't learn the despair that the death of a child could bring until his child passed away. This is why empathy is integral to genuine communication. Panther's words of advice held a significant amount of weight because he had been through Coyote's situation.