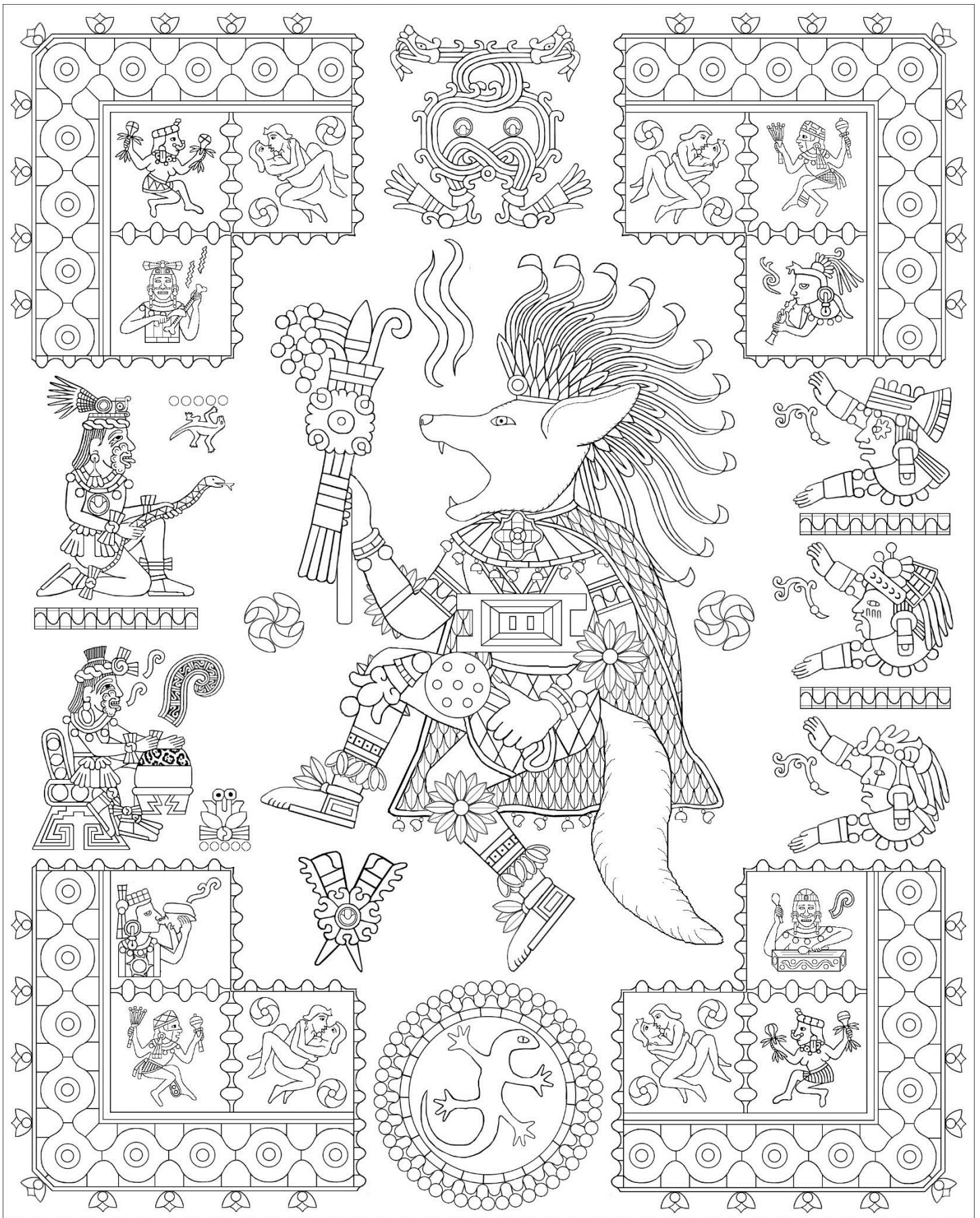


AZTEC ICON #6 – HUEHUECOYOTL, The Old Coyote



HUEHUECOYOTL

HUEHUECOYOTL (Old Coyote) {*hwe-hwe-koy-otl*} is the trickster god of mischief and pranks and can lead one into trouble. (His tricks on other gods often backfired.) Patron of the day Lizard, along with Macuil Cuetzpallin (Five Lizard), he's a deity of sexual indulgence, and with Xochipilli and Macuil Xochitl (Five Flower), he's also a deity of music, dance, storytelling, and choral singing. Personifying astuteness, pragmatism, worldly wisdom, male beauty, sexuality, and youth, he's a balance of old and new, worldly and spiritual, male and female, and youth and old age. He is a shape-shifter, turning into animals or humans with sexual partners female or male of any species. Among his male lovers were Xochipilli and Opochtli, god of hunting. He brings unexpected pleasure, sorrow, and strange happenings, and people appealed to him to mitigate or reverse their fates.

SOURCES

The Old Coyote was also an extremely popular deity, always portrayed with the animal's head. I chose a naturalistic head and drew him from the Borbonicus model in a feather-working fantasy.



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The last figure of the drummer is Five Flower, and I added a slightly obscene version of Five Lizard with the standard serpent as a symbol of sex. The flourishes are symbols of sound/singing.