

## **Runt**

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**Leader:** The first wolf born in Runt's pack, described as a vigorous male

**Sniffer:** The second pup born in Runt's pack, a female, named because she wrinkled up her nose.

**Runner:** A female pup with spindly legs that kept moving.

**Thinker:** A male pup named because he had a furrowed brow.

**King:** Runt's father, and leader of the pack. He was black with a white star on his chest.

**Silver:** Runt's mother, silver-gray wolf

**Helper:** Older brother of the new pups, he befriended Runt when the others shunned him.

**Hunter:** Older sister of the pups

**Bider:** An adult male who was once king of his own pack but was overthrown. He's a good hunter and now is part of King's pack.

**Runt:** The last pup born, much smaller than the others. He tries desperately to find a place in the pack.

**Goldie:** The human's dog, that lives like a prisoner according to Runt.

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1. Where does "Runt" take place? In the forests of Northern Minnesota
2. What are the names of Runt's parents? His father is named King and his mother named Silver.
3. Who was the first pup born in Runt's litter? Leader
4. How many pups were in Runt's litter? Five
5. How many brothers did Runt have? Three
6. What were the names of Runt's brothers? Helper, Leader and Thinker
7. How many sisters did Runt have? Three

8. What were the names of Runt's sisters? Hunter, Sniffer, and Runner
9. What did Runt look like? He was black with a white star on his chest, just like his father.
10. How long did it take the pups to double their weight? One week. How long did it take to triple their weight after that? Three weeks.
11. What did Runt think held up the sky and whispered to one another? The trees
12. Who described Runt as "the good looking black fellow...the one who takes after me"? Raven
13. Who does King believe is just biding his time, waiting to take over the pack? Bider
14. How fast can the wolves run for up to half the day? Five miles per hour.
15. How did Runt get lost? He ran after the hunters.
16. Who showed Runt the way back home, after he got lost running after the hunters? First, a silver wolf from another pack led him back to his own territory. Then he followed Bider the rest of the way home.
17. What lie did Bider tell King when he and Runt returned to the pack? He said Runt had run away and that he had rescued him.
18. What did Runt do when Helper announced a storm was coming? Runt stayed out in the storm until lightning struck a tree. Then he ran as fast as he could in no particular direction.
19. Why did Bider call King a coward? Because King has never been near a human.
20. Why did Runt think he should be called "Brave One"? Because he walked right up to a human's "nest" and sang to him.
21. Who told Runt that she was the most dangerous animal in the forest? Porcupine
22. Who died due to Porcupine's attack? Thinker
23. How did the humans help Runt? They pulled the porcupine quills out of Runt's face.
24. When Runt was with the humans, who did he mistake for his mother? Goldie, the human's dog.

25. What did Runt think about Goldie's life as a pet? He thought she lived like a prisoner.
26. How did Silver and the other wolves know Runt had been with the humans? They smelled the humans on him.
27. Why did the wolf family need to set off for a new home? They needed a new hunting range and the pups didn't need the protection and warmth of the den anymore.
28. Which of the wolves felt sorry for Runt and spent time with him? Helper
29. As the wolf pups grew up, their eyes changed colors. What color were their eyes and what color did they change to? They were blue and they changed to a deep yellow.
30. What animal did Runt and his family chase on the pups' first hunt? A moose
31. What part of the moose's body did Helper latch onto? He latched onto the moose's nose.
32. Who died during the moose hunt? Helper
33. Who does Bider call a coward? King
34. What animal did Bider want Runt to convince King to kill for food? Cows
35. What talisman did Bider and Runt take back to King? A cow's tail
36. Why did Runt want the weather to be colder so the lake would be frozen? He wanted the lake frozen because pawed animals like wolves have the advantage over hoofed animals. It would be easier to chase and kill them.
37. Why didn't the wolves stay to feast in the raspberry patch? Because a black bear arrived.
38. What food did Bider offer King? Cow
39. Did King eat the food Bider offered him? No
40. Who stopped Runt from eating the cow Bider had killed? Raven
41. Why did Raven stop Runt from eating the carcass Bider was feasting on? Because it was poisoned by the humans.

42. What did Runt learn about humans? That they were a mix of good and bad, just like wolves.
43. What did Runt learn was the main strength of the wolf pack? That they worked together in all that they do.
44. What new name did King give to Runt? Singer

### **In what book.....**

Does the main character change his name?

Does a porcupine kill a wolf?

Did two of the main character's brothers die?

Does the main character run from a storm and gets lost?

Does the main character try to find a place in his family?