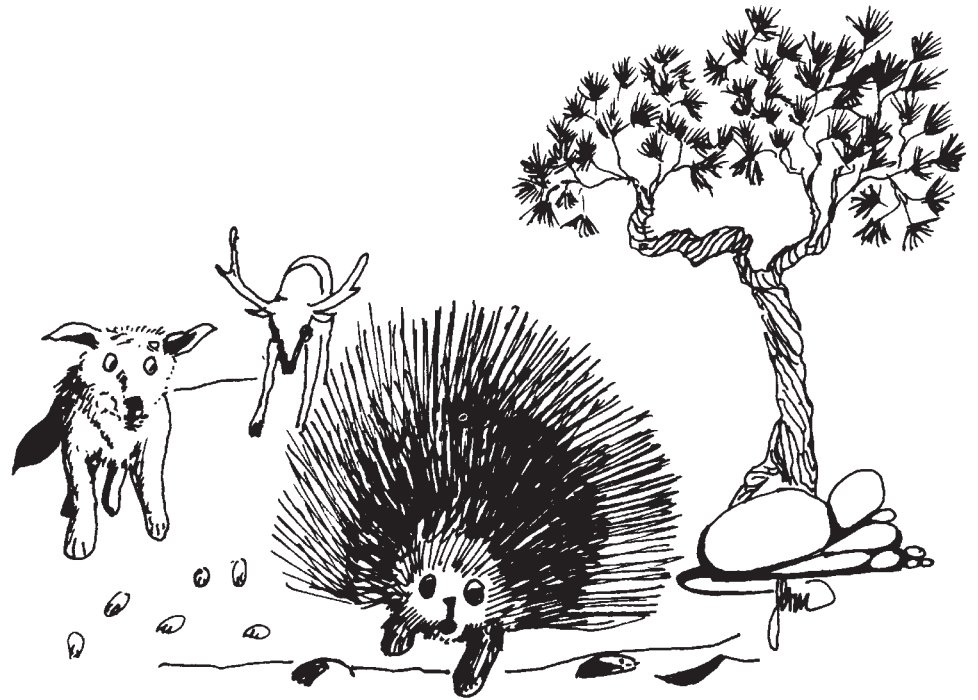
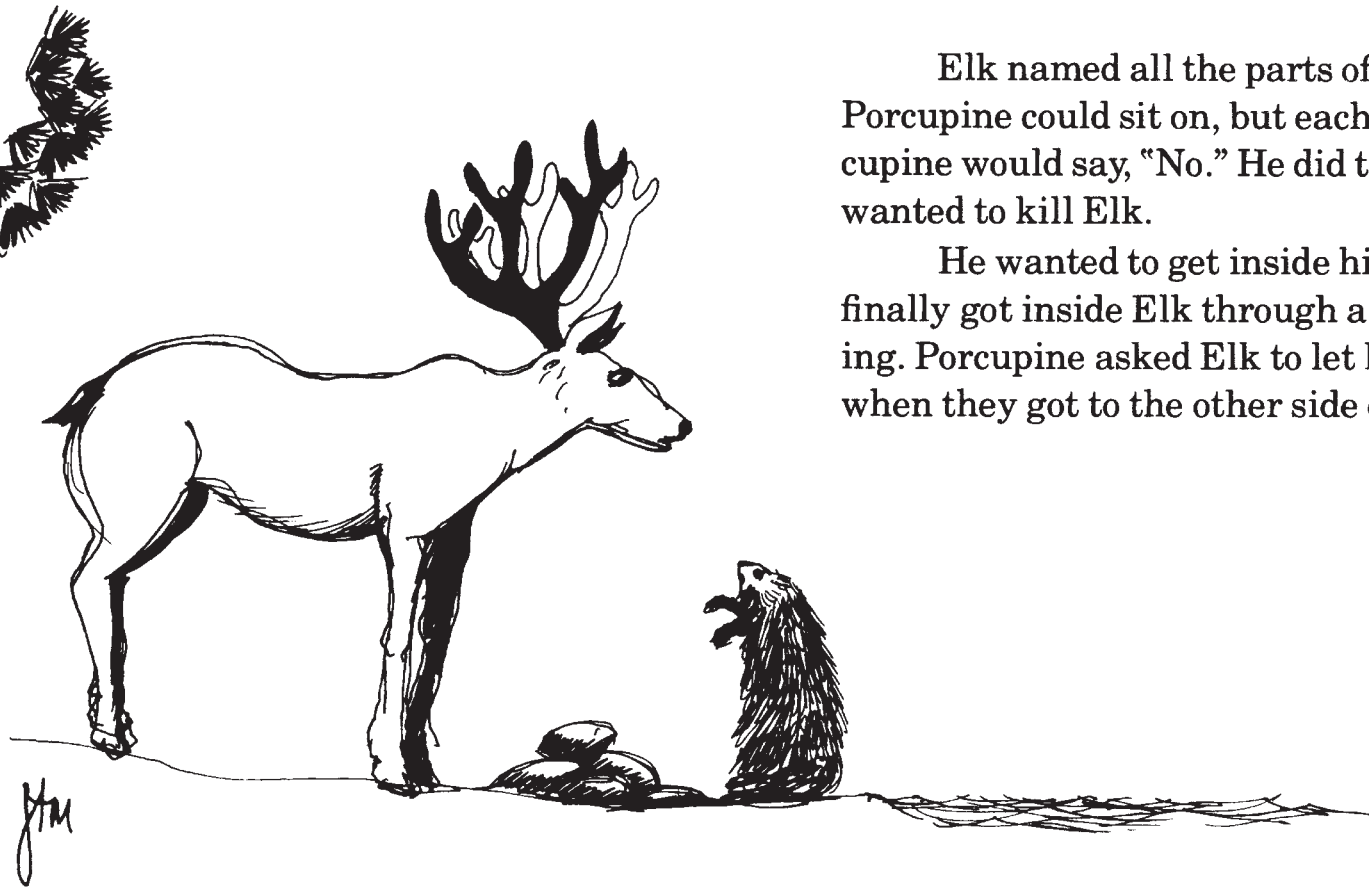


How Coyote Tricked Porcupine

Porcupine was trying to cross the river where there were a lot of animals. He wanted somebody to help him across. He asked each of the animals if they could help him. The animals all said, "Na," until it came to Elk. When Porcupine asked Elk, "Can you help me?", Elk answered, "Yes."



Elk went across the swift river to the other side where Porcupine was waiting. Porcupine asked him, "Where should I sit?" "You can sit on my ears," answered Elk. Porcupine said, "But I might fall off when you shake your ears."

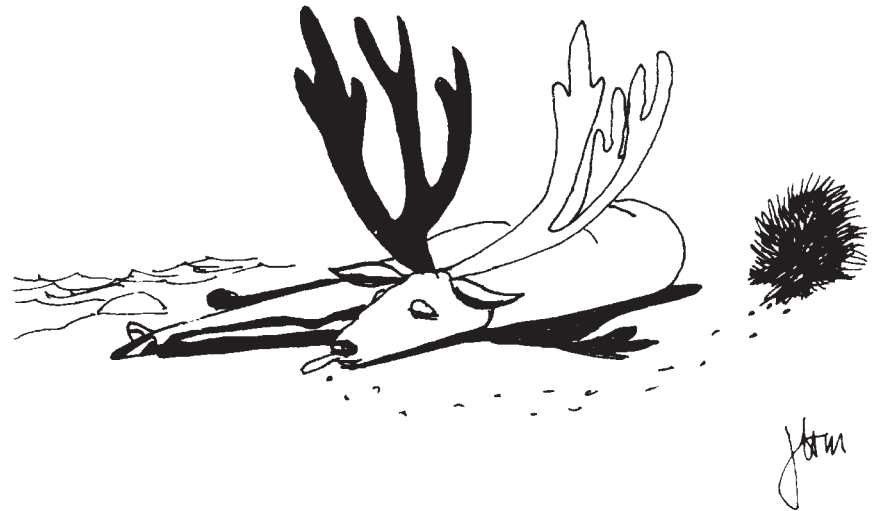


Elk named all the parts of his body that Porcupine could sit on, but each time Porcupine would say, "No." He did this because he wanted to kill Elk.

He wanted to get inside his stomach and finally got inside Elk through a natural opening. Porcupine asked Elk to let him know when they got to the other side of the river.

When they reached the other side of the river, Porcupine shook his quills and killed Elk.

After he got out, he dragged the carcass onto the bank. Porcupine started to look for obsidian with which to cut him up.





Coyote spied Porcupine looking for obsidian along the river and saw him talking to himself. Coyote asked Porcupine, "What are you talking about?"

Porcupine tried to pretend that he wasn't talking about anything. But Coyote had already overheard him talking about looking for some sharp obsidian to cut up Elk. He asked Porcupine, "Do you need a knife?" and offered his knife to Porcupine.





When they got to Elk, Coyote had a plan. He would wait until after they cut up Elk. He asked Porcupine if he wanted to make a deal. The deal was, whoever jumped over Elk the farthest would win all the meat. Porcupine tried to run as fast as he could but didn't quite make it and bounced back. Coyote ran and jumped over Elk, so he won.