

# REYNARD THE FOX



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**Ruth, Kathryn, and Allan**

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

THIS text, as a beginner's first reading book, introduces three striking features which, to experienced primary teachers, will commend themselves as essential, — repetition of words which pupils have already learned to recognize, action of intrinsic interest calling for thought, and a continuous story.

In the process of learning to read there are two stages, or phases. One is to recognize words, or "word-calling," and the other is the thinking of what these words mean. They are distinct mental processes, and many of us are discovering that it is most economical in time and effort to separate these in teaching. In learning to recognize printed words the child must center as much of his attention as possible upon this merely mechanical process. With repetition, the act of "calling" the word when its printed form is presented to the eye, becomes ever more and more automatic and requires less attention. Then begins the work of associating this word with images and other thoughts, which constitute "thinking" the word. The essential purpose of our primers is to establish word recognition, but the sentences of which they are composed do not contain material of intrinsic interest to the child. After the mere recognition of a limited vocabulary is mastered, there is need for a book which shall, by the interesting plot and images, associate these words with thought. This book is constructed to meet this latter purpose. It is intended to be taken up after the pupil has mastered a primer.

## *Introductory Note*

The number of words contained in the book is over seven thousand, but the number of different words is only about four hundred. Therefore, there is necessarily constant repetition, and the attention is attracted, not to the words as forms, but to the thought which they excite. The utmost care has been given to the selection of words which pupils have learned in their primers. To this end the words in some ten of the primers in general use have been tabulated, and so far as at all possible the words most common to these have been woven into "Reynard the Fox." The book, therefore, offers repetition of known words in connection with a story so interesting that the child is compelled to think what he reads.

The need for a story which should be continuous and sustain the interest of the pupil from day to day has been one which all primary teachers have keenly felt. Each day's lesson hitches upon the previous one, and the fortunes of the characters are followed with increasing interest.

In constructing the story, Miss Smythe has told each chapter to her receiving class from day to day, and the pupils have given it back to her. Their reactions, points of interest, and language have all been matters of careful note before she has committed herself to writing. I may say, from personal observation of Miss Smythe as a children's story-teller, that she possesses the knack to a singular degree, and her experience has given her rare intuition of the salient elements of a child's story.

"Reynard the Fox," in typewritten form, has been given to the pupils of the Training School of San Francisco State Normal with most marked success.

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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

THE scope of this little reader has been so ably set forth by Dr. Burk that further explanation seems unnecessary. A few words, however, relative to the ending of this adaptation of "Reynard the Fox" may be in order.

The moral ending of the classical story is not one to be given to children. On a recent occasion, a low third grade class, having heard the story to the point of the duel, was given the opportunity of writing a conclusion. The class, with one exception, punished the recreant Fox severely, — even cruelly, — and the majority with death.

The ending appended to this version, written by an eight-year-old girl, was chosen for its happy effect on the interested little readers who had followed so closely the fortunes of Reynard and those associated with him.

This adaptation has been prepared with the belief that the children who become acquainted with the wily Fox will in later years take keen enjoyment in the classical story.

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# REYNARD THE FOX



## *Reynard the Fox*

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Reynard	animals	dirt
others	even	mean

### THE KING'S PARTY

The Lion was the King of all the animals.

One day the King gave a party. He wanted all the animals to come to it.

The Wolf, the Bear, and nearly all the others were there.

Even the birds came.

One animal did not come.

That was Reynard the Fox.

The Wolf walked up to the King.

He said, "O King, you wanted us all to come to your party.

And we are all here but one.

## *The King's Party*

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That one is Reynard the Fox. He never does what you tell him to do.

He has been very mean to me.



I will tell you what he did to me.

He went to my house when I was not at home.

He put dirt into my babies' eyes.

And now they cannot see.

Look at them."



## *Reynard the Fox*

Puss	angry	afraid	walk
Fido	should	hungry	mill

### FIDO'S STORY

Then little Fido came up to the King.

He was a pretty little dog.

He said, "O King, let me tell you what Reynard did to me.

We are all afraid of him.

One day I went for a walk.

I came to a mill.

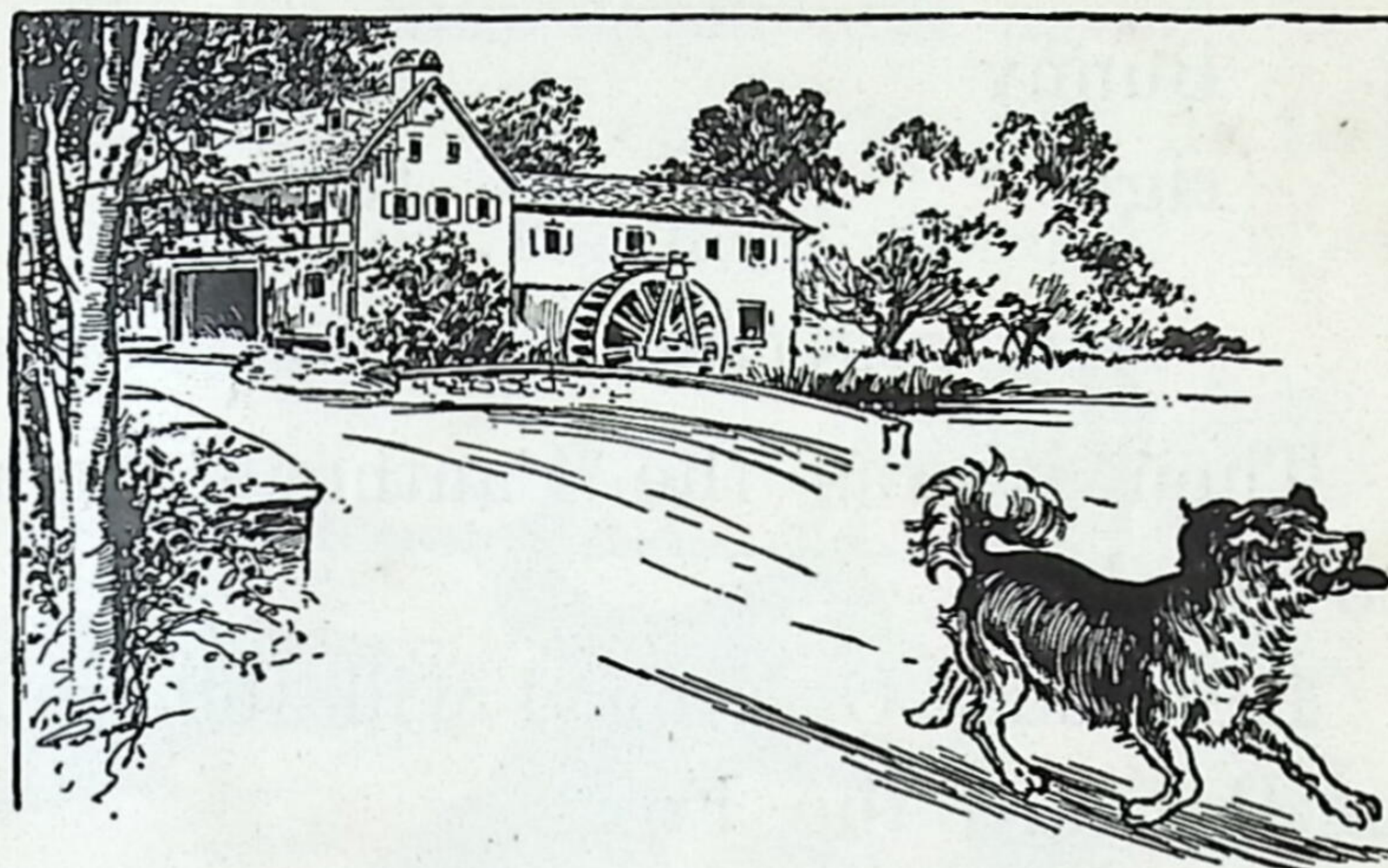
I saw some meat there, and I took it.

It was all I had to eat; and I was very hungry.

But Reynard took it away from me.

It was not his.

## *Fido's Story*



It was mine, and it was all I had."

Then Puss came up.

He said, "O King, even you may be afraid of Reynard.

He will hurt any one he can.

But I do think Fido should keep still about that meat.

The meat was mine.

And I am the one to be angry about it."

Bunny  
right

crying  
turn

THE PANTHER'S STORY

Then it was the Panther's turn to speak.

He said, "O King, I will tell you of Reynard the Fox.

I will tell you what he did to little Bunny.

One day I was walking in the road.

I heard some one crying near me.

I looked to see who it was.

And there Reynard had poor little Bunny by the ears.

He held him by the ears and hit him.

He hit him again and again.

If I had not come up just at the right time, Reynard would have killed him.



Poor little Bunny!

He never hurts any one. Look at him.

See where Reynard hurt him.

This is not the right way to do. Is it, O King?"

Badger            cousin            such  
about            almost            sly

THE BADGER'S STORY

Then Reynard's cousin, the Badger, came up.

The Badger was almost as sly as Reynard.

He said, "O King, I want to say something.

It is not right to say bad things about those who are not here. Do you think so?

My dear cousin Reynard is at home.

Do you think such things would be said if he were here?

I think not.

And who say these bad things about him?

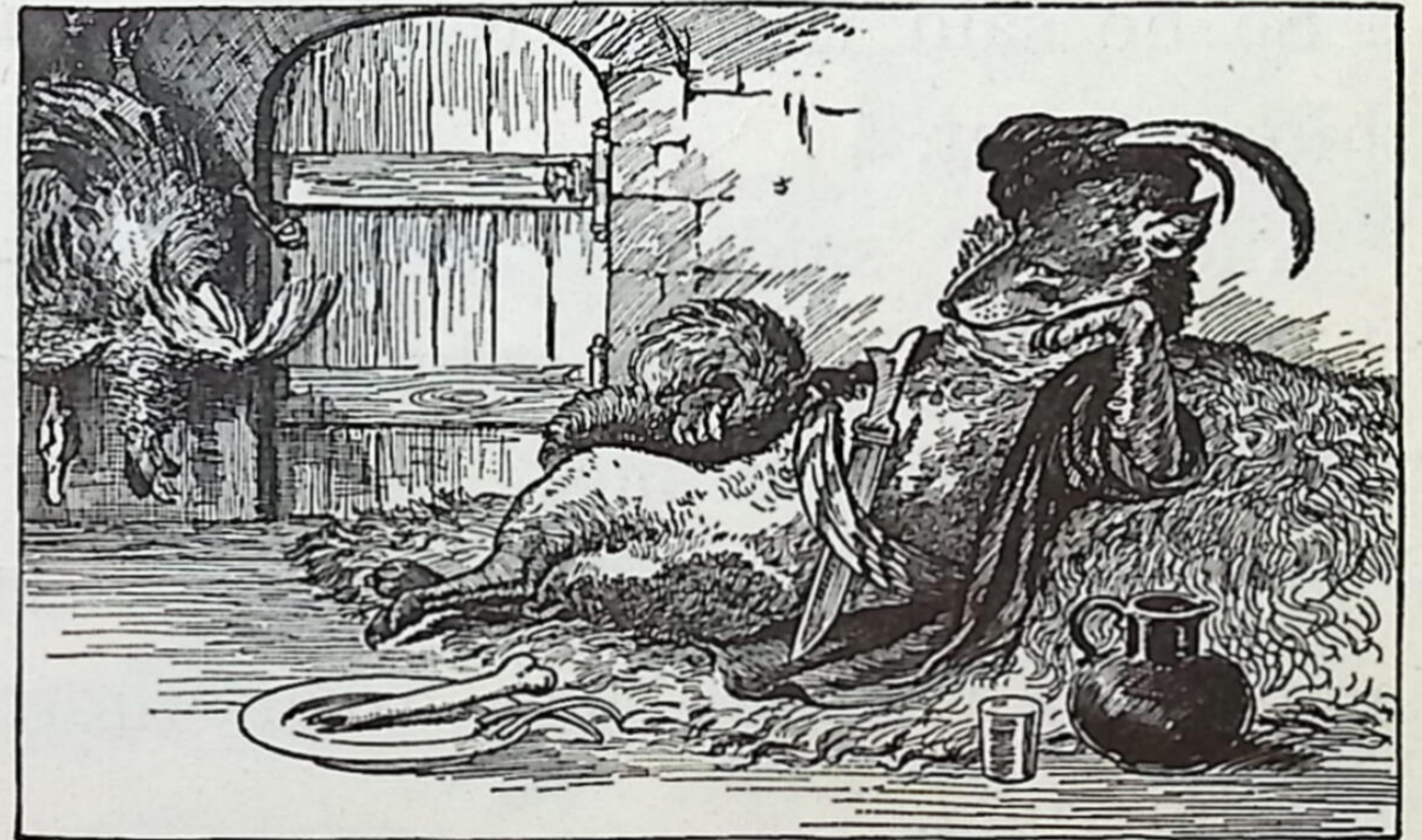
The Wolf is one.

Has he the right to do this? Is he so good?

I can tell you something about the Wolf.

I will tell you how mean he was to the Fox.

Hear my story."



## *Reynard the Fox*

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always wait half haven't  
window throw together

### THE FOX AND THE WOLF

"A long time ago the Fox and the Wolf were friends.

One day the Wolf came to see the Fox.

The Wolf was hungry. He is always hungry.

So he said that he wanted something to eat.

The Fox said, 'I haven't anything to eat. But I know where we can get a fat pig.

The Farmer killed it to-day. It hangs up in the barn, over there by the road.

## *The Fox and the Wolf*

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Come with me.'

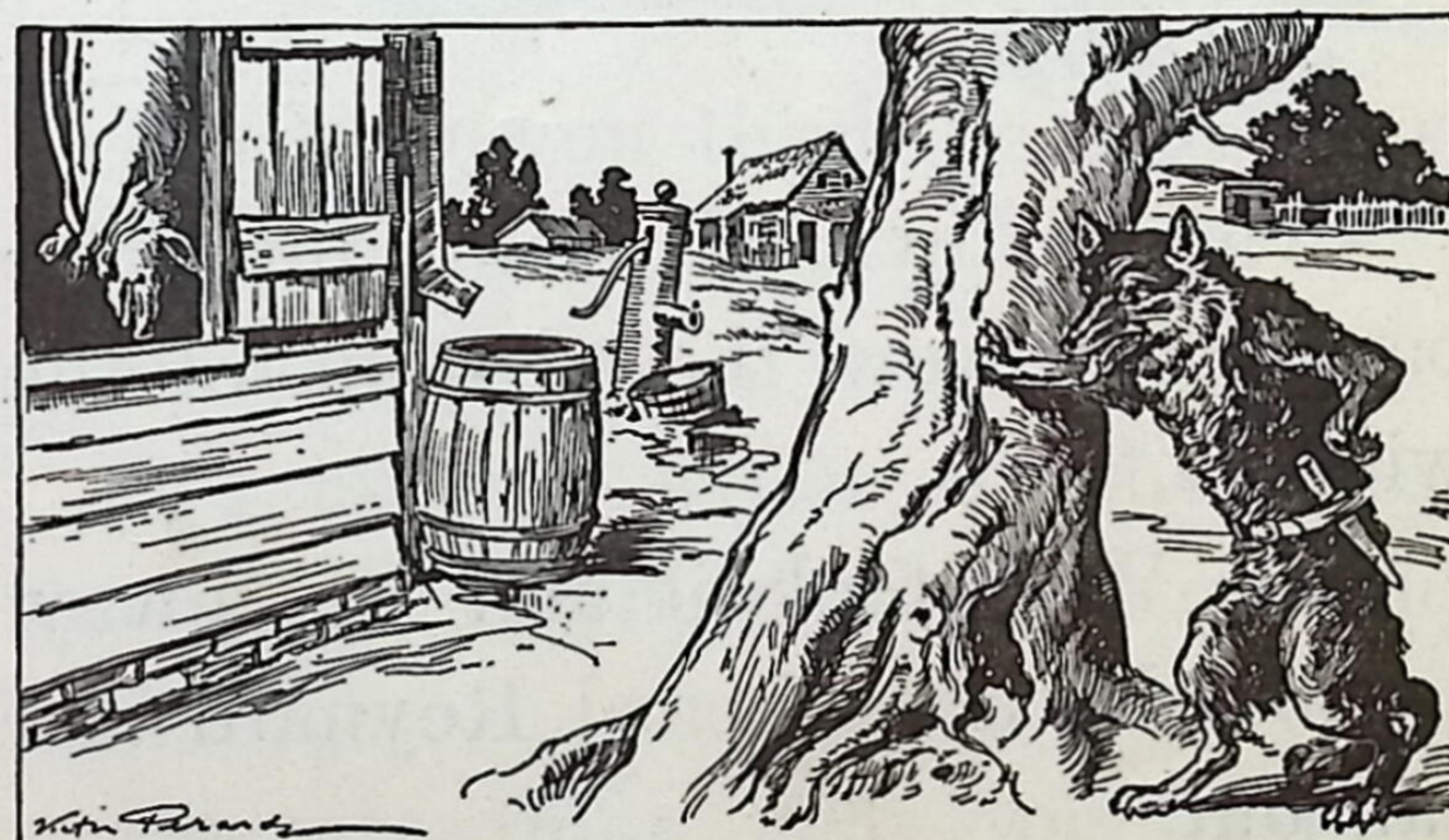
So they went together to get the pig.

'Now,' said Reynard, 'you wait by the tree.

I will go into the barn and throw the pig out of the window.

Then you must run very quickly and get it.

But you must give me half.'"



## Reynard the Fox

threw	hurt	piece
wood	meat	eaten

### REYNARD GETS THE PIG



“Then Reynard went into the barn and threw the pig out of the window.

The Wolf took it and ran away.  
But the dogs heard Reynard and ran out.

## Reynard gets the Pig

They bit him, but he got away at last.

When Reynard came to the Wolf, he told him how the dogs had hurt him.

Then he said, ‘Where is my half of the pig?’

Give it to me.’

The Wolf said, ‘I have kept the best for you.

Here it is.’

What do you think he gave Reynard?

Only a piece of wood!

For he had eaten all the meat.  
And poor Reynard did not get any that day.

Do you think that was right?”

## *Reynard the Fox*

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another	wagon	skin
road	still	dead

### REYNARD AND THE FISH

“At another time the Wolf wanted some fish.

He went to Reynard and said, ‘Reynard, I am hungry, I want some fish to eat.’

Reynard said, ‘Well, we will get some.

The fish-wagon will come on this road to-day.

We can get all the fish we want.’

So they went down the road.

The Fox lay down in the road. He kept very still. He looked just like a dead Fox.

## *Reynard and the Fish*

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Then the fish-wagon came along. The man saw the Fox.

He said, ‘There is a dead Fox in the road.

That is good. I shall take him home.

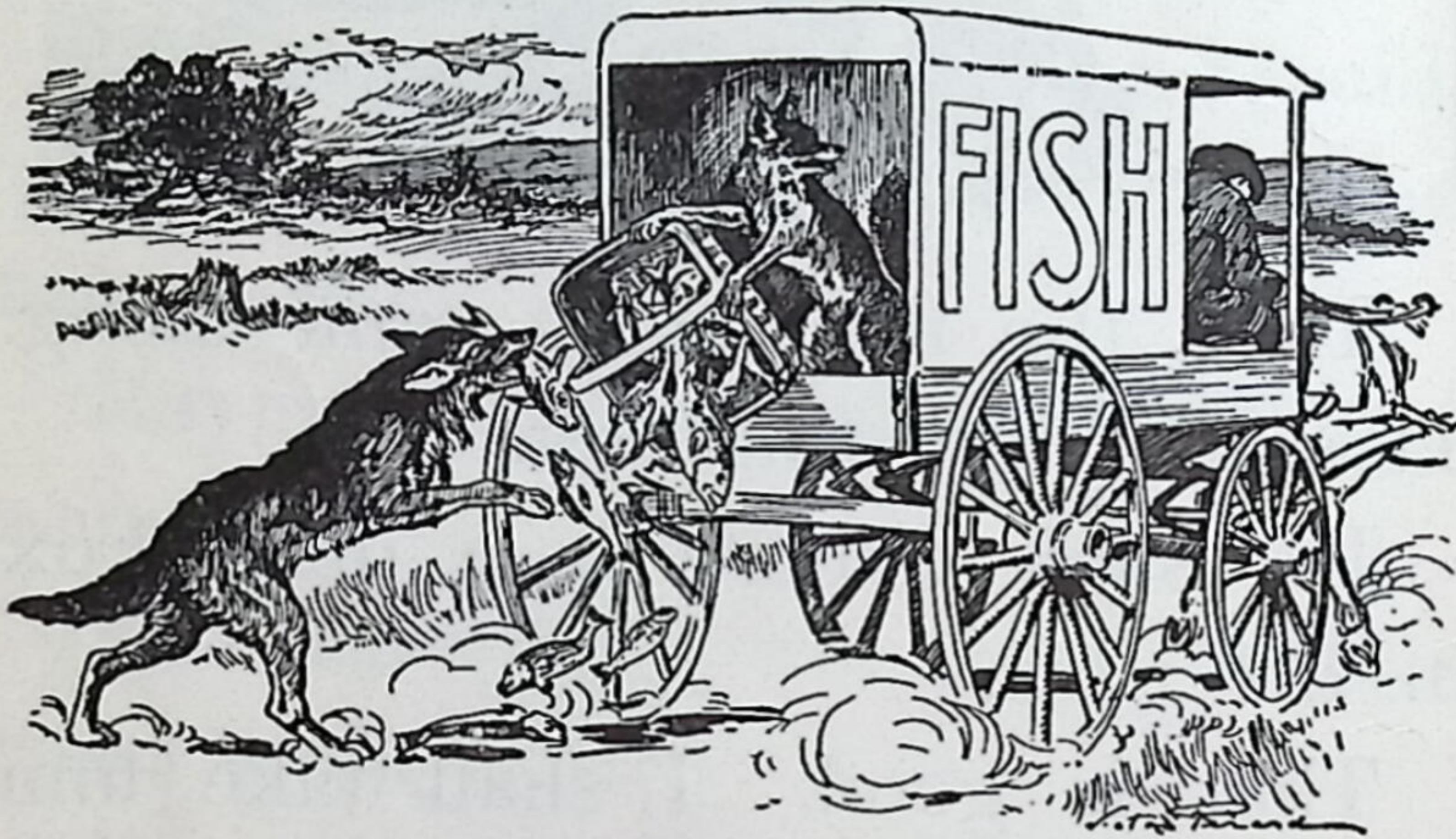
His skin will make me a good cap.’

So he threw Reynard into his wagon and went on.”

## Reynard the Fox

bones caught eaten  
behind while

REYNARD AND THE FISH—*Continued*



“Reynard lay in the wagon. He was still a little while.

Then, when the man was not looking, he jumped up.

## Reynard and the Fish

He threw all the fish out of the wagon.

The Wolf ran behind and caught the fish as Reynard threw them out.

At last Reynard jumped out of the wagon.

He ran to the Wolf and said, ‘Where is my half? I want some fish, too.’

What do you think the Wolf did then?

He said, ‘Here, Reynard, this is for you.’

And he gave him the bones. He had eaten all the fish.

There was not one for Reynard. Is that right, O King?”

laugh                      tune                      stole

REYNARD AND BUNNY

Then the Badger said, "Shall I tell you any more? I can not say anything good. The Panther's story about Bunny makes me laugh.

What does the Panther know about it? Yes, my cousin did have Bunny by the ears.

But let me tell you why.

Reynard is Bunny's teacher. Bunny wanted Reynard to teach him to sing.

But Bunny could not get the tune.

Then Reynard hit him on the ears. I think that is all right if Bunny could not sing, don't you?



Then I should think that Fido would keep still about that meat. He stole it. Puss says so.

So Reynard had a right to take it away from him, I think.

I must say, O King, that my cousin is very good.

Let him come here, and you will see."

Then the Badger went away.



Scratchfoot                      twenty-four  
Rooster      noise      children

THE ROOSTER'S STORY

Just then there was a great noise. All looked to see what it was.

There was the Rooster with some Hens. They were carrying a little dead Hen.

It was Scratchfoot. Her head was gone.

The Rooster said, "O King, hear me. See what Reynard has done.

A few days ago I was happy. I had twenty-four pretty children.

They were all big and strong. But I was afraid of the Fox and kept them at home.

One day Reynard came to see me.

He said, 'Dear Rooster, let us be friends.

I am not going to kill any more. I am going to be good.

Your children need not be afraid of me.

Let them play in the road. I will not hurt them.'"



cried                      woods                      bury

REYNARD KILLS SCRATCHFOOT



“I was very glad to hear this. My children were, too.

They ran out in the road. They went into the woods.

Then what did that Fox do? He jumped out. He caught my children, one by one.

To-day he killed my dear little Scratchfoot.” And the Rooster and the Hens cried and cried.

The King looked very angry. He said, “This is very bad. I am sorry

to hear all this, good Rooster. But I can not give you back your little Scratchfoot.

We can only bury her now. We will put a white stone at her head. On it we will say,

‘Here lies Scratchfoot.

She was a good little Hen. She lies here, killed by Reynard.’”



make            happy            hunted  
wife            Bruin            sons

BRUIN GOES FOR REYNARD

Then the King said, "My friends, I want you to help me. We can not let Reynard do so. He must come here."

So he said to the Bear, "Bruin, you must go for Reynard. Make him come back with you."

Then Bruin went for Reynard the Fox. It took him a long time, for it was a long way.

At last he came to the woods where Reynard hunted. Reynard had a fine house there.

Here Reynard lived with his wife

and two little sons. They had all they wanted to eat and were happy.



When Bruin came to the house, the door was shut. No one came to open it.

At last he called out, "Cousin Reynard, are you at home? It is Bruin. The King wants you. He will kill you if you do not come."

honey            tired            else  
                  dusty            only

BRUIN AT REYNARD'S HOUSE



Reynard heard all the Bear had to say. He laughed to himself.

He said, "I will send Bruin home soon.

He will not want me with him long."

So he went to the door.

"Why, Cousin Bruin, is that you?" he said. "I am very glad to see you.

Did you come all the way for me? How good of you!

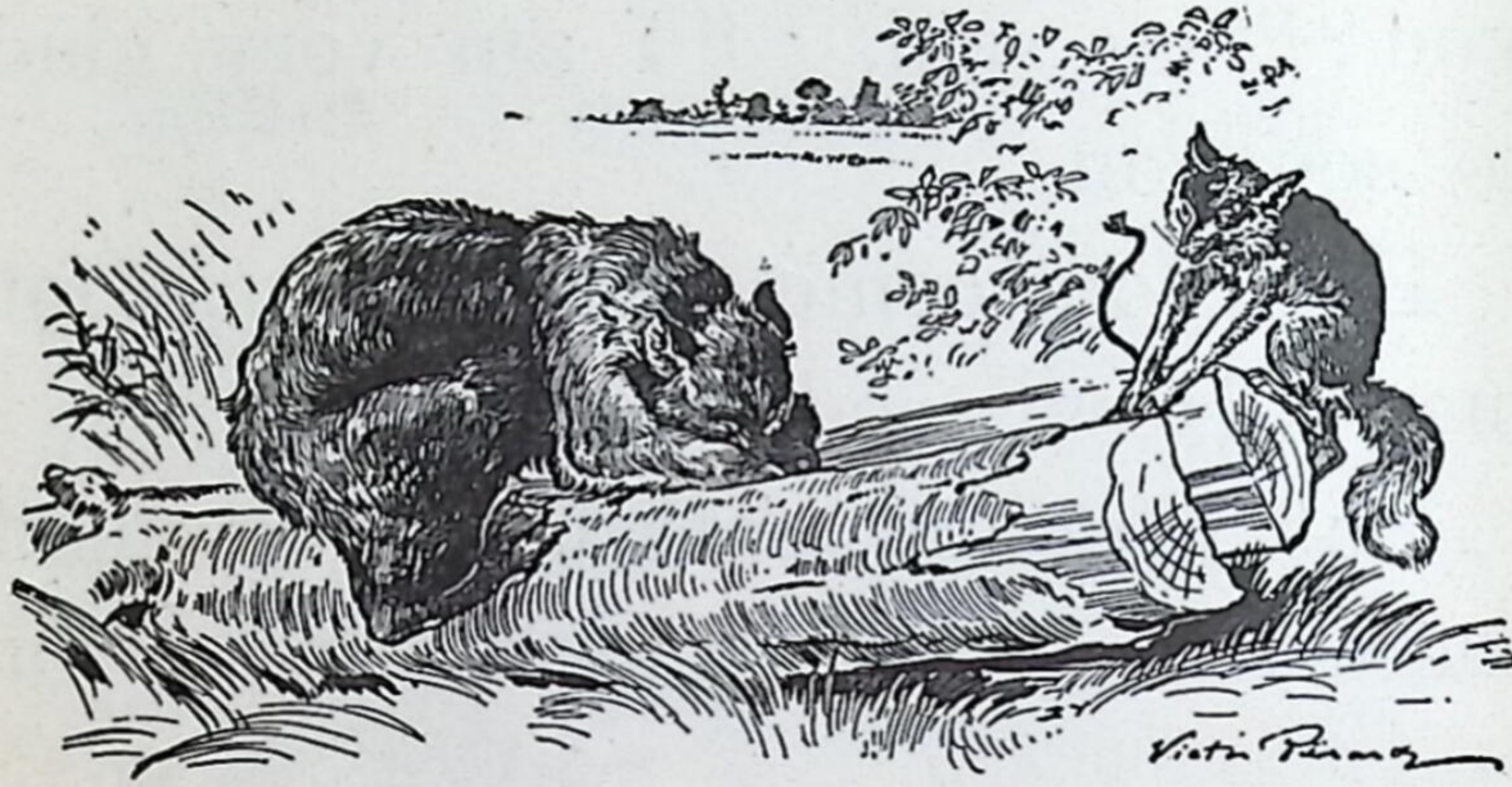
But why did not the King send some one else? It was too far for you.

You are very tired. See how dusty your coat is! And your hair is all wet.

Come in, come in. You must rest to-night.

Are you very hungry? I wish I had something for you to eat. But you know how poor I am. I will go and see what I can find for you."

BRUIN GOES FOR HONEY



“Well, I can give you only a little honey. And I know you do not like that.”

“Honey!” said the Bear, “I like it better than anything else. Oh, give me some honey.”

“Do you like honey so well?” said Reynard. “I am glad, for I can give you all you want. Come with

me. It is not far. The Farmer has more honey than you can eat.”

“Let us go, then,” said the Bear. And they went for the honey.

It was night, and Reynard knew the Farmer was in bed.

That day the Farmer had cut down a tree and made a trap.

The sly Fox took the hungry Bear to the trap.

He said, “My dear Bruin, here is honey. Put your nose far down into that log. Do not eat too much. It is very sweet.”

The Bear put his fore paws into the trap. He put in his head up to his ears. Then sly Reynard pulled the trap and Bruin was caught.

## *Reynard the Fox*

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Farmer sticks pulled ax

### THE FARMER HEARS BRUIN

Bruin could not get away. His paws hurt him so that he cried out.

He said to the Fox, "Come, Reynard, and get me out."

But Reynard only laughed and ran away.

He said, "Have a good time, Bruin. Eat all you want."

Bruin made so much noise that the Farmer heard him.

He jumped out of bed and took his ax.

When he saw the Bear, he ran to get his men.

"Come," he said, "a Bear is in

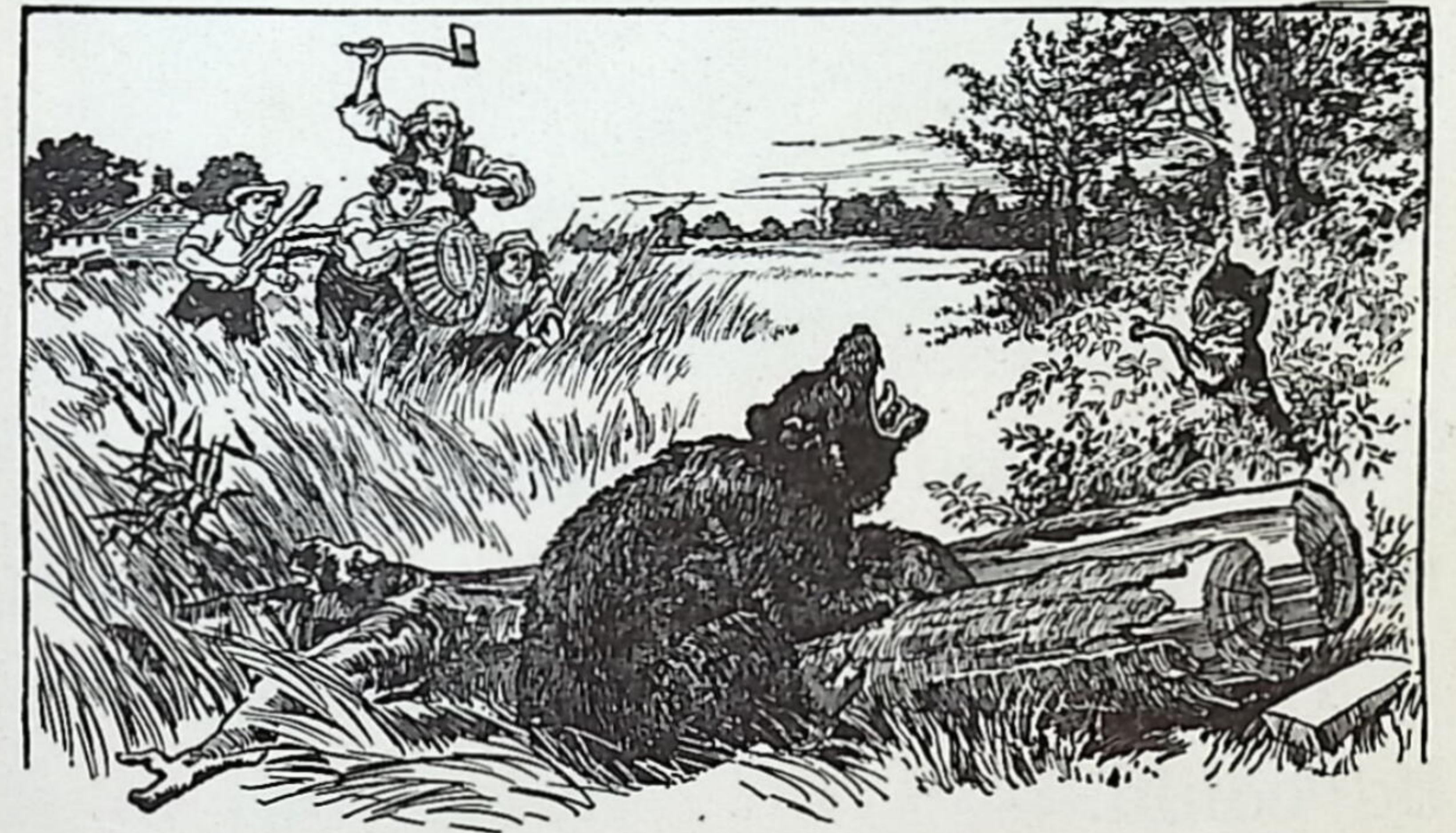
## *The Farmer hears Bruin*

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my yard. Come and help me kill him."

The men ran as fast as they could. They all had sticks to hit the poor Bear.

The Cook heard the noise and ran out, too.



The Bear pulled and pulled. But he could not get away. Then he pulled again.

river                      claws                      thought

BRUIN GETS OUT OF THE TRAP



Bruin said to himself, "I shall never get away from here."

Then he pulled again as hard as he could.

This time he got his head out of the trap.

He gave another pull, and got

his paws out. But his claws were left in the trap.

His head and paws were all bloody.

His head and paws hurt him so that he ran to the river. It was near by.

He thought the cold water would help him.

All the men ran after the Bear. They hit him with sticks and stones.

Just then the Cook fell into the river.

Some one cried, "See, the Cook is in the water. We must get her out!"

So they left the Bear and ran to help the Cook.

sore                      neither                      tired

**BRUIN GETS AWAY**

It was a good thing for Bruin. While they were helping the Cook, he got away.

But he could not go very fast. His feet were very sore.

His ears and eyes hurt him so he could neither hear nor see.

So he fell into the water. He said to himself, "Now I shall die, for I cannot swim."

But he did not die.

He went down the river a little way.

Then he went over and got out on the other side.



He lay down to rest, for he was very tired.

He looked up, and there was Reynard.

Reynard had just killed a hen, and he wanted a drink. He did not see Bruin.

He said to himself, "Well, I shall never see that Bear again. How glad I am I took him to the trap!"



## *Reynard the Fox*

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before                      bring

### BRUIN MEETS REYNARD

When Reynard looked up, he saw Bruin.

He said, "Why, Bruin, what are you doing here? Where did you get your red cap? I never saw you with it on before.

"Did you know you left something in the trap?"

Bruin did not stay to hear more. He felt too sick to go on. But he went.

His feet hurt so, that it took him a long time to get to the King.

The King said, "Is that Bruin? How sick he looks!

## *Bruin meets Reynard*

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Why, Bruin, who has hurt you so?"

And Bruin said, "It was Reynard the Fox."



When the King heard it, he said, "You all hear what Reynard has done.

Now, Puss, you must go for him. Bring him with you."

outside                  cross                  mouse

PUSS STARTS OUT



Puss did not want to go, but he went.

When he came to the house, Reynard was outside.

Reynard said, "Why, Puss, is that you? I am glad to see you."

But he told a lie, for he was not glad.

He said to himself, "Puss has come for me to go to the King. But I must send him away."

Then he said aloud, "I know what you have come for, Puss. You want me to go to the King."

Well, you stay all night. Then I will go with you.

I would not go with Bruin. I was afraid of him. He is so big and cross. But I like you.

You must have something to eat. What shall I get for you? I have some honey. Do you like honey?"

"No," said Puss, "I do not like honey. But I should like a good fat mouse."

wagons          carry          chickens

PUSS AT REYNARD'S

"Do you like to eat mice?" said Reynard.

"Well, I can give you all you want.

They are in the Farmer's barn. Come, let us go."

So they went to the barn.

Reynard had made a hole under the barn.

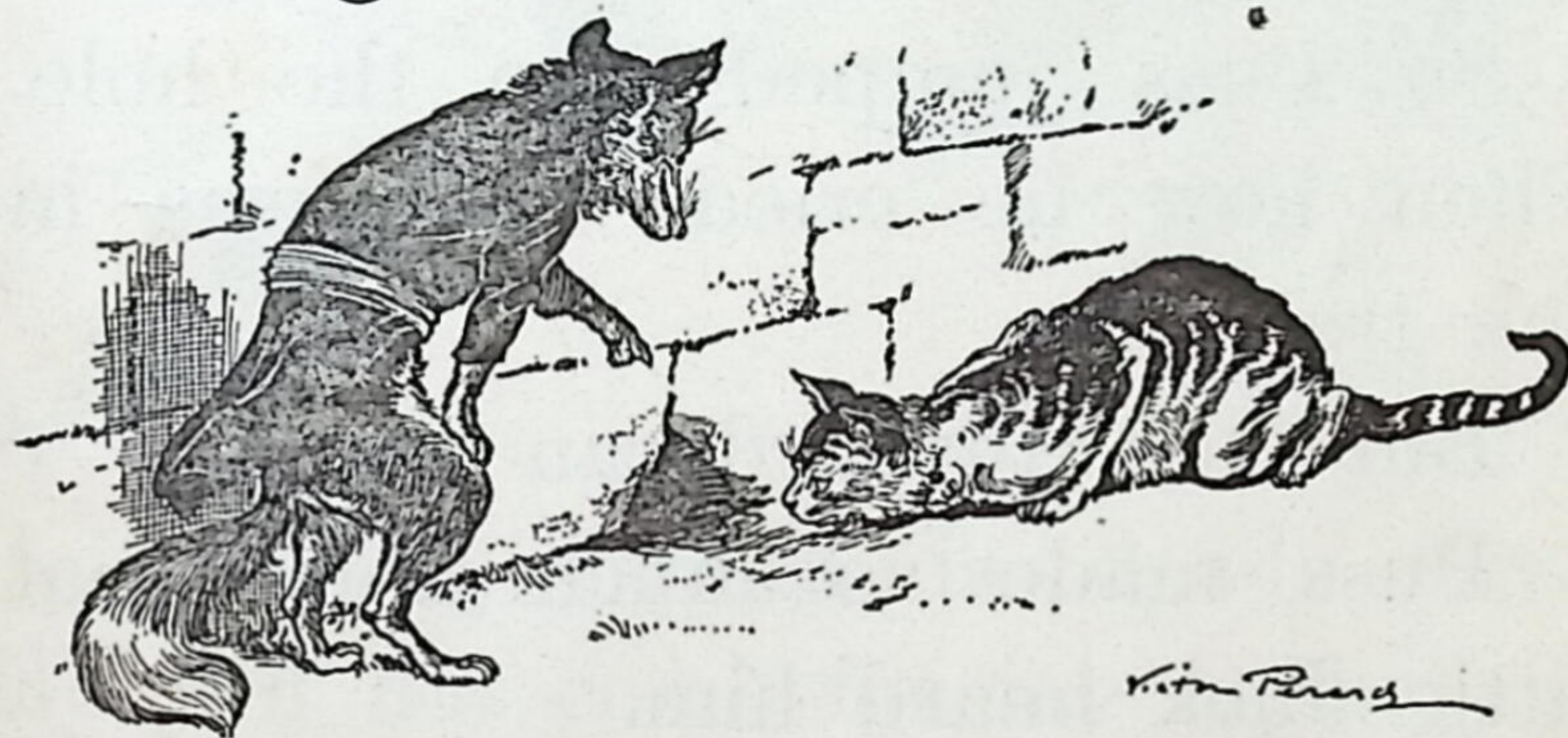
He had gone in this way to get the Farmer's chickens.

Jack, the Farmer's boy, found this out.

So he made a trap to catch the Fox.

Reynard had seen the trap that day.

When they came to the barn, Reynard said, "Do you hear the mice, Puss? Just hear their little feet! There are so many of them. You could not carry them all in two wagons.



Now this is the way. Go in this hole."

But Puss was afraid. He said, "You go in, Reynard."

## *Reynard the Fox*

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there	dead	barn
hole	glad	trap

### PUSS IS CAUGHT

Reynard said, "Don't be afraid, Puss.

The mice are in there. Go in. I will wait here for you."

So Puss jumped into the hole. Then how he cried! He was in the trap.

But bad Reynard ran away.

Puss made so much noise that little Jack heard him.

He ran to the barn and saw Puss in the trap.

He said, "Now I have the one who caught my chickens."

## *Puss is Caught*

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And he hit poor Puss again and again.

Reynard saw it and was very glad.



He said, "Puss is dead now. He will not come for me again."

But Puss was not dead.

He jumped up and ran away. He was all bloody and sore, but he could run.

without hearing

THE BADGER GOES FOR REYNARD

He came crying to the King and told his story.

The King was very angry when he heard it.



He said, "Reynard is a bad Fox. He is too bad to live. I will have him killed."

Then the Badger came to the King.

He said, "Will you kill Reynard without hearing his story? Let me go for him. I can get him."

The King said, "Go and get him."

So the Badger went for Reynard the Fox.

At last he came to Reynard's house.

He called out, "Open the door, Reynard, for it is I.

Let me in. I have something to say to you."

Reynard opened the door and looked out.

When he saw the Badger he said, "Come in, Cousin. I am glad to see you."

Mrs. supper to-night

THE BADGER AT REYNARD'S



The Badger went in and saw Reynard's fine house.

Mrs. Reynard and the two little ones were at home.

They were glad to see the Badger.

Then Reynard said to the Badger, "I know what you came for, Cousin Badger."

"I have come from the King," said the Badger.

"I know it," said Reynard.

"And I have come for you," said the Badger.

"I know it," said Reynard.

"Don't you think it is time for you to do what the King wants?" said the Badger.

"Yes," said Reynard, "I do. You stay here to-night.

Then I will go with you to the King."

So the Badger said, "That will do."

Then they all ate their supper and had a good time.

When it was night they went to bed.

better                      mother

REYNARD GOES TO THE KING

The next day Reynard said to his wife, "I must go with Badger to the King.

Take good care of the children. Don't let them go out of the house."

And he said to the little ones, "Be good children. Do what your mother tells you.

When I come back, I'll bring you something."

Then the Badger and Reynard went off.

On the way, Reynard said, "What will the King do to me?"



I am afraid of him.

I was very mean to Puss and to Bruin. I have been as bad as they say."

"Is that so?" said the Badger. "Tell me all about it. Tell me what you have done."

And he told him all.

Then Reynard said, "I feel better now."

chase

very

ON THE WAY

So they went on.

But when they came to a farmhouse, Reynard would chase the chickens.

He would have killed them, too, but he was afraid of the Badger. For the Badger said, "You told me, Reynard, you would not do so any more."

"Yes, that is so," said Reynard. "I am very bad, but I cannot help it."

At last they came to the King.

The animals all said, "Reynard has come! Reynard has come!"

What do you think the King will do to him?

Let us go and see."

But Reynard did not look afraid.



He laughed and talked with all the animals.

He made them all laugh.

So they did not know how afraid he was.



fault                      because                      hate

REYNARD AND THE KING



All the animals were in a ring around the King.

Reynard went up to the King.

He said, "O King, you are very great.

Hear what I have to say.

All these animals hate me because I love you."

"Be still," said the King, "you talk too much.

You do not do what I tell you.

You did not come when I sent for you."

Reynard said, "O King, I do love you.

I want to do as you say.

Is it my fault that the Farmer hurt Bruin?

I told him to take care, but he would not. And it was the same with Puss."

That was the way Reynard talked. When the other animals told how mean he was, he told more lies.

The King did not know what to do.

## *Reynard the Fox*

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climbed                      speak  
glad                            many

### REYNARD AND THE ROPE

But at last the King said, "Reynard must die. Take him away and hang him."

When Reynard's friends heard that, they were very sorry.

But the Wolf and Bruin and Puss and many others were glad.

All went to see them hang Reynard.

Bruin was afraid he would get away, so he kept very near.

At last they came to the place. They put a rope around Reynard's neck, and Puss climbed the tree.

## *Reynard and the Rope*

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Then Reynard said to himself, "I am afraid I can not get away this time. But I shall try."



He looked at the King. He said, "I know you are going to kill me. But let me speak first.

I want to tell how bad I have been."

The King said, "You may speak."

steal                      always                      cave  
kill                        learned                      full

REYNARD'S STORY



Reynard said, "When I was very little I learned to steal.

I learned to kill little animals, too.

One day I killed a little lamb and ate it.

It was very good.

After that I killed little goats and birds and hens.

At that time the Wolf and I were friends.

He went with me to hunt. He would kill the big animals. I killed the little ones.

But the Wolf always took more than half.

Sometimes he took all, and I did not get any.

One day I found a cave full of gold."

The King said, "What?"

Reynard said, "One day I found a cave full of gold."

The King said, "What is that about a cave full of gold?"

Come here. Tell me about it. How long ago did you find it?"

gold  
after

himself  
hiding

REYNARD TALKS TO THE KING

Reynard was glad to hear the King say, "Come here."

He said to himself, "Now I shall get away.

They will not kill me this time."

He took the rope off his neck and went near the King.

Reynard said, "I will tell you all about it.

The gold can not do me any good now.

My father found it, but it did not do him much good. He did not take it out of the cave.



He did not tell me about it, but I found it.

One dark night I saw my father go out of the house.

He did not see me, for I was hiding.

I went after him.

It was a long way, up hill and down hill."

## *Reynard the Fox*

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crowns            rings            around

### REYNARD FINDS THE CAVE

“At last my father came to a tree. He looked all around. He did not see any one.

He made a hole under the tree. He looked around again, but he did not see me.

Then he went into the hole, and was gone a long time.

When he came out he went home.

Then I went to the tree and found the hole. I went in.

Oh! I had never seen so much gold. There were rings and crowns. There was more than a house full.

No one here ever saw so much gold.

## *Reynard takes the Gold*

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I went home and told my wife. We took away all we could that night.”

truth

pay

### REYNARD TAKES THE GOLD

“The next night we went again. Every night we took some, till we had it all.

It was a good thing we did so. For in that way I helped you, O my King.”

“You are telling lies again,” said the King.

“Oh no, I am not,” said Reynard; but he was.

“I will tell you how I helped you,” said Reynard.

## *Reynard the Fox*

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“One night I went after my father again. He did not see me, but I kept very near him.

He went to a place where Bruin and Puss and the Wolf were.

There were other animals there, too. But I did not know them.

It was hard to hear what they said. I could not hear all. But I heard this.”

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### HOW REYNARD HELPED

“They said they did not like you. They did not want you to be King any more.

The Bear was to be the King.

They were going to send all over for help.

## *How Reynard Helped*

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All the wolves said they would come. All the cats and bears said they would fight, too.

My father was to pay them. But they would not come till they had their pay.

When my father went to get the gold, it was gone. So he could not pay the animals, and they would not come.

That is the way I helped you.

Now I am going to die, and you may have the gold. Then you will know how I love you.”

The Queen said, “I think Reynard tells the truth this time.”

“I think so, too,” said the King.  
“I will let him go.”

spring                  lonely                  owl

BRUIN AND PUSS IN JAIL



Then the King said, "Take Bruin and Puss and the Wolf to jail."

Reynard's friends were glad when they heard this.

But the Wolf said to Bruin, "You see Reynard's lies have helped him again."

Then the King called Reynard to him. He said, "Now, Reynard, where is the gold?"

Reynard said, "I will tell you. You go down this road till you come to a big wood. It is a long way from here.

In this wood there is a spring. You go by the spring.

Then you will come to a bush. You must go by the bush.

Then you will come to a lonely place. Only an Owl lives there.

In this lonely place you will see two trees. Then you will be near the cave. The cave is under the trees.

I should like to go with you, but I can not."

## *Reynard the Fox*

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alone                      goat  
cave                        knows

### REYNARD GOES HOME

The King said, "You will have to go with me, Reynard. I can not find the place alone."

Reynard did not like to hear this.

He said, "I can not go, but there is Bunny.

He knows the way to the big wood. He can go.

Shall I call him?"

"Do so," said the King.

Reynard called, "Bunny, come here."

And Bunny came.

## *Reynard goes Home*

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"Do you know the way to the big wood?" said Reynard.

"Oh, yes," said Bunny. "I have been there many times."



"Very well," said the King. "You may go home, Reynard. Bunny will take me to the cave."

Then the King told some of the animals to go a little way with Reynard.



Billy                      never                      grass

BUNNY AT REYNARD'S

Bruin and Puss could not go, for they were in jail. They were glad they did not have to go.

Bunny and Billy the Goat went. Some other animals went, too.

By and by some of the animals said, "We must go back now."

Reynard said, "O Bunny, don't go back.

You and Billy come with me. I like you both. You are so good and kind. You never kill anything. You can help me to be good."

So Billy and Bunny went with him.

At last they came to Reynard's house.

Then Reynard said to the Goat, "Billy, you stay out here. See how much grass there is! You may eat all you want:

I want Bunny to go into the house with me. My wife will want to see him."

Bunny was afraid not to go in, so he went.



## *Reynard the Fox*

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Rabbit                      neck

### POOR BUNNY

Pretty soon, Reynard said to his wife, "Do you see that Rabbit? The King gave him to me."

Then poor little Bunny was very much afraid.

He tried to run away, but Reynard caught him.

Bunny cried out, "Help, Billy! Help!"

He called again and again.

But Reynard bit him in the neck and killed him.

Then Reynard said to his wife, "Come, we will eat the Rabbit. He is fat and good to eat."

## *Poor Bunny*

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By and by, Billy the Goat came to the door.



He called out to the Rabbit, and said, "Come, Bunny, it is time to go home."

Reynard went to the door.

He said, "You may go home, Billy. Bunny is going to stay with us to-night."

anyway          wouldn't          letter

**BILLY WANTS TO GO HOME**



Billy said, "I heard him call, 'Help, Billy! Help!'"

"Did you hear him say that?" said Reynard.

"I thought you would hear him. Come in. I will tell you all about it."

"No," said Billy, "I will stay here."

"Very well," said Reynard, "I shall tell you anyway.

I had just told my wife I was going away.

She felt so bad that she cried out and fell down.

Then Bunny was afraid she was going to die, and he called to you. He said, 'Help, Billy!'

Why, Billy, I wouldn't hurt Bunny for anything. I love him too much to hurt him.

Now, Billy, will you do something for me?

I want you to take a letter to the King. He told me to send it to him."

lose  
head

tie  
hang

REYNARD TIES THE BAG

"I am afraid I shall lose it," said Billy. "I have no bag to put it in."

"That is so, Billy," said Reynard. "But here is a bag for you.

It is a good one, and you may have it."

So the Goat said, "I will take the letter, Reynard."

Then Reynard went into the house.

He put poor Bunny's head into the bag.

But Reynard did not want Billy to know that Bunny was dead.



When he came out he said, "Here is the bag, Billy. Take it with you.

Hang it on your neck, but do not look into it.

The King told me how to tie it. He will know if you look in.

It will be bad for you if you look into it.

If you do as I tell you, the King will pay you well."

tied            Good-by            every

BILLY TAKES THE BAG

The Goat said, "I am very glad to do this for you, Reynard. Now I must go. Won't Bunny go with me?"

"No," said Reynard, "he can't go. He is not well and has gone to bed."

"Good-by, then," said the Goat. And he ran off.

When the King saw him, he said, "I am glad to see you again, Billy. But what does this mean? You have Reynard's bag. I know it is his."

"Yes," said Billy, "Reynard sent



you a letter in it. It is tied as you told him to tie it."

Then the King let Puss out of jail, and said, "Puss, open this bag." Puss opened it. He took out poor Bunny's head. Then every one cried.

The King said, "O Reynard, Reynard, did you do this? Why did I let you go?"

## *Reynard the Fox*

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punish	first	lasted
blood	ten	done

### ANOTHER PARTY

Then one of the animals said, "Let us first punish Billy, for he helped to kill Bunny. Then we can all go and kill the Fox."

So, they gave poor Billy to the Wolf. And the Wolf ate the Goat.

Then the King let the Wolf and Bruin out of jail.

He gave another party. It lasted ten days.

But Reynard did not come. He was afraid.

One day a little Rabbit ran in. There was blood on his face.

## *Another Party*

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He said, "O King, I have something to tell you. See what Reynard has done.

I was coming to see you. I came by Reynard's house.

Reynard was at his door. When he saw me, he came out to talk to



me. Then he caught me by the ears and scratched me. I was afraid he would kill me.

But I got away, and here I am."

Crow                      really                      mouth

THE CROW'S STORY



Then a Crow came in and said,  
"O King, let me tell you what Reynard has done to me.

To-day my wife and I went to find something to eat.

On the way we saw Reynard in the road.

He looked as if he were dead.

I said, 'Why, is Reynard dead?'  
We went near to see if he were really dead.

My wife looked into his mouth. That was what he wanted, for he was not dead.

He jumped up and caught my wife.

Then he bit off her head.

Oh! Oh! If you had seen him eat her!"

The King was very angry.

He said, "I will not let Reynard live.

See how he does. Think of the lies he has told.

We will all go to his house and kill him."

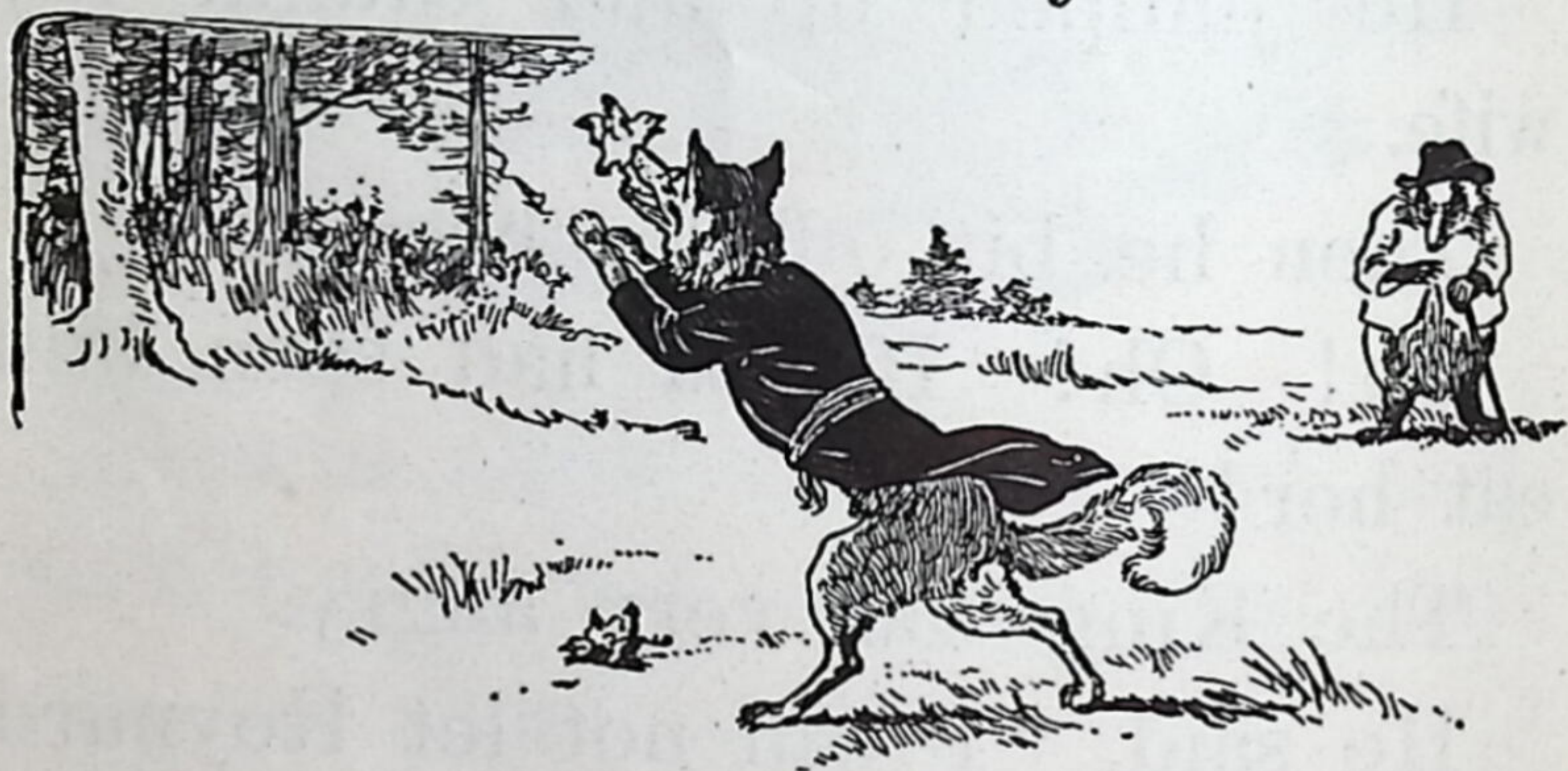
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THE BADGER GOES FOR REYNARD  
AGAIN

The Badger heard all this and ran off to tell Reynard.

He found Reynard by his house.



He had just caught two little birds. They had left their nest for the first time. But they were too little to fly, so Reynard caught them.

He said to the Badger, "How glad I am to see you!

Come in."

The Badger said, "I have not anything good to tell you.

The King is very angry with you. He says he will have you killed. The Rabbit and the Crow have told what you did to them."

"Is that all?" said Reynard. "I am not afraid.

The King will not do anything to me.

You will see.

Come into the house and get something to eat. When we have had a good sleep we will go to the King."



## *Reynard the Fox*

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wife                      walked

### REYNARD TALKS TO THE BADGER

Reynard's wife did not want him to go. She said, "Do not go, Reynard."

I am afraid the King will kill you."



Reynard said, "Do not be afraid. The King will not hurt me. I shall come back soon."

## *Reynard talks to the Badger*

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So he and the Badger went to the King.

On the way Reynard said, "I think the King will let me go again."

But I have been very bad. I have told many lies.

I killed little Bunny, and ate him, too.

Then I sent his head in a bag to the King.

I made Billy take it.

I tried to kill the Rabbit, but he got away.

I could not help it. He looked so fat and good.

And I ate the Crow's wife. She walked right into my mouth."

## *Reynard the Fox*

Monkey    sorry    wishing    Queen

### REYNARD MEETS THE MONKEY

Near the King's house they met the Monkey. He said, "How do you do, Cousin Reynard? Do not be afraid."



"But I am afraid," said Reynard. "The Crow and the Rabbit have told lies about me.

I don't care if I did hurt them. If only I can speak to the King,

## *Reynard meets the Monkey*

they will be sorry. I will pay them for their talk."

The Monkey said, "Well, I think I can help you.

Go on to the King's house. There you will see Mrs. Monkey. She is a friend of the King and the Queen.

Speak to her. She will tell you what to do."

Reynard was glad to hear this, and went on.

At last they came to the King's house. Reynard wished he were at home. But wishing did him no good.

He said, "O King, I hear the Rabbit and the Crow have been to you. I know they told lies about me."

fruit

bread

REYNARD'S STORY OF THE RABBIT

"Now I will tell you about the Rabbit.

He came by my house. He said he was hungry.

I told him to come into the house and I would give him something to eat.

I did not have much. But I gave him some bread and fruit.

He liked them and ate all he wanted.

Then my little son came in, to see if there was any fruit left.

You know how all boys like to eat!

Just as he took some fruit the Rabbit hit him.

My big son did not like that. He jumped up and caught the Rabbit by the ear, and bit him.



I heard the noise and ran in. I made the boy let go, or he would have killed the Rabbit.

And now he says I hurt his ear. That is the way he thanks me!"

## *Reynard the Fox*

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fish

telling

### REYNARD'S STORY OF THE CROW

"As for the Crow, he tells a lie, too.

He told me his wife ate too much.

She ate a big fish, bones and all. And it killed her. I should think it would!"

"That will do," said the King.

"But where is little Bunny? You killed him.

Then you made Billy bring me Bunny's head.

I thought Billy did it, and I had him killed."

"What do you say?" said Rey-

## *Reynard's Story of the Crow*

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nard. "Is Bunny killed? And is poor Billy dead? Oh, I wish I were dead, too!

I did not think Billy would do so. To kill little Bunny!"



But the King would not stay to hear Reynard talk.

He went to his room to think. He knew Reynard was telling lies again.

room

sure

MRS. MONKEY AND REYNARD



Now Mrs. Monkey was in the King's house. She was a friend of Reynard.

The King liked her very much. He liked to hear her talk.

She saw the King was angry. So she went to his room.

She said, "May I speak to you about Reynard?"

I think he is right, and I should like to help him.

Let him go this time. I am sure you will be glad if you do."

But the King did not know what to do.

So he said to Mrs. Monkey, "I will see about it."

Then he went back.

All the animals were there to hear what he would say to Reynard.

He said, "Reynard, tell me, why did you kill Bunny?"

Why did you send his head to me by Billy?"

maybe wears bright nothing

THE RING

Reynard said, "I gave a ring to Bunny and Billy to bring to you.

Billy stole it. Then he killed Bunny so he could not tell you.

Oh, to think that ring is gone! We can never find it. I wanted my King to have it."

Then Mrs. Monkey said, "Why not look for it? I am sure the King will let you.

He will give you all the help you want. Tell us about it."

"Yes," said the King, "what was it like? Maybe we can find it."

"Oh, no," said Reynard. "No

one who found it would ever give it up. It was made of gold. Nothing could hurt the one who wears it. It had in it a bright red stone.



At night the stone in the ring made it as light as day.

I found this ring in my father's cave. It was too good for any one but my King. So I sent it to him.

How angry my wife will be when she hears it is gone!"

smell            pictures            present  
looking-glass            comb

THE COMB

"Then I had in that bag a present for your wife, a comb and a looking-glass.

I will tell you about the comb.

It was made of the bones of a little animal that smells very sweet. He smells so sweet that other animals find him by the smell.

The smell is so good it keeps one well. It is like roses and pinks.

On the comb was a large blue stone with pictures on it. The pictures were made of gold."

THE LOOKING-GLASS

"Now let me tell about the looking-glass.

If you looked in it, you could see anything you wanted to. You could see things miles away.

You could see as well at night as by day.

Who would not like to have such a looking-glass?

Who would not feel bad to lose it?

The frame was of wood, a foot wide. It was full of pictures.

There were gold letters to tell about the pictures.

I will tell you what some of the pictures were."

lap Donkey wag  
works table

THE DONKEY AND THE DOG

“One was of a Man who had a Donkey and a Dog.

The Dog was very good, and the Man loved him. He sat at the table by the Man to eat.

Sometimes he sat on the Man's lap. Then he would wag his tail, and the Man would give him bread.

The Donkey saw all this. He said, ‘Why does the Man like that Dog? He never works.

I have to work all the time. I do not have much to eat, but that Dog has all he wants.

I will do as the Dog does. Maybe the Man will like me then, too.’

So he jumped into the Man's lap.



But the Man did not like it at all.

He said, ‘Take the Donkey away. Kill him. I will not have him do so.’

So they took the Donkey away and shut him up.”



Crane           biting           throat  
along           ought

THE WOLF AND THE CRANE

“Another picture was about a Wolf.

The Wolf got a bone in his throat. He could not get it out.

No one could get it out for him. At last a Crane came along.

The Wolf said, ‘Mr. Crane, do help me. Take this bone out of my throat. I will pay you anything you want.’

The Crane put his long bill down the Wolf’s throat and took out the bone.

‘My! How you hurt!’ said the Wolf.

‘Well, the bone is out now. It will not hurt you again.

Now, if you will pay me, I will go.’



The Wolf said, ‘I will not pay you.

You hurt me too much.

You ought to pay me for not biting off your head.’”

everywhere things

THE WOLF GETS ANGRY AGAIN

"It would take too long to tell of all the pictures.

But you can see any one would be glad to have such a looking-glass.

And now it is gone! Oh! Why did I give it to Billy?

And now he and Bunny are dead. And I loved them so!"

This is the way Reynard talked.

All who heard him thought he was telling the truth. The King thought so, too.

He wanted the ring and the comb and the looking-glass.

So he said, "Reynard, go and look for these things.

Hunt everywhere for them. You may have all the help you want."

Then Reynard was glad, and said to the King, "I will go."



But the Wolf was very angry.

He said, "O King, Reynard is telling lies again. He was always mean and he is mean still."

fight                      next

THE WOLF WANTS TO FIGHT

“Let Reynard fight with me,”  
said the Wolf.

“I will let him know he can not  
do so any more.”

Reynard did not like to hear this.

He said to himself, “I am afraid  
to fight with the Wolf.

He is so big and I am so little.  
He will hurt me, I know.

But I do not want him to know I  
am afraid. So I will fight with him.”

Then he said to the Wolf, “Yes,  
I will fight with you.”

The King said they could fight  
the next day.



Then Reynard went to Mrs. Mon-  
key for help.

He said, “Mrs. Monkey, what shall  
I do now? The Wolf wants to fight  
me. He is big and I am little. I  
am afraid he will hurt me.”

“Don’t be afraid, Reynard,” said  
Mrs. Monkey. “I will tell you  
what to do, and you can win the  
fight.”

So she told him what to do.

shaved oil over body

THE FIGHT

The next day all the animals came to see the fight. They made a big ring, so they could see it all.

When it was time, Reynard and the Wolf came out.

But how Reynard looked! He had done what Mrs. Monkey had told him to. He had shaved all his body but his tail.

Then he had put oil all over his body. So, when the Wolf caught him he could slip away.

Then he had his tail full of dust. When the Wolf came near, Reynard threw the dust in his eyes.

It hurt the poor Wolf's eyes so he could not see.

After a long fight, the King said, "This is not fair. Reynard shaved



his hair. You two may fight again."

So the next day they came again. This time the Wolf was shaved, too.

All the animals thought Reynard would win.

## *Reynard the Fox*

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sword          surprise          because  
often                                  sorry

### THE LAST OF REYNARD

It was almost time to stop, when the Wolf took out his sword.

He hit Reynard, and Reynard fell down.

The animals all ran to see him. They saw the cut was a bad one, and Reynard was dead.

But what was their surprise to see Bunny jump out of the cut.

They put his head on and he was alive again.

Then the Crow jumped out of the dead Fox and told her story.

Then the Wolf said, "I am sorry

## *The Last of Reynard*

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I ate Billy. But I did not hurt him. I often feel him in me. Cut me in two."

They did, and out jumped Billy. Then they put the Wolf together again.

And all were happy because Reynard the Fox could not hurt them any more.



## VOCABULARY

a	away	board	children
about	ax	body	claws
afraid		bones	climbed
after	babies	boy	coat
again	back	bread	cold
ago	bad	bright	comb
alive	Badger	bring	come
all	bag	Bruin	cook
almost	barn	Bunny	could
alone	be	bury	cousin
along	Bear	bush	Crane
always	because	but	cried
am	bed	by	cross
and	been		Crow
angry	before	call	crowns
animals	best	can	crying
another	better	came	cut
any	big	cap	
anything	Billy	care	dark
anyway	birds	catch	day
are	bit	cats	dead
around	biting	caught	dear
as	blood	cave	did
at	bloody	chase	die
ate	blue	chickens	dirt

## Vocabulary

do	feel	Goat	hit
does	feet	gold	hole
dog	fell	gone	home
done	felt	good	honey
Donkey	few	good-by	house
don't	Fido	got	how
door	fight	grass	hungry
down	find	great	hunt
drink	fine		hurt
dust	first	had	
	fish	half	I
ears	fly	hang	if
eat	foot	happy	in
eggs	for	has	is
else	fore	hate	it
even	found	have	
ever	Fox	he	Jack
every	frame	head	jail
eyes	friends	hear	jumped
	from	heard	just
face	fruit	help	keep
fair	full	hens	kept
far		here	kill
Farmer		hiding	kind
farmhouse	gave	hill	King
fast	get	him	knew
fat	give	himself	know
father	glad	his	knows
fault	go		

## Vocabulary

lamb	maybe	no	pay
lap	me	noise	pictures
last	mean	nose	piece
laugh	meat	not	pig
lay	mice	nothing	pinks
learn	miles	now	place
left	mill		poor
let	mine	of	present
letter	Monkey	off	pretty
lies	morning	often	pulled
light	mother	oh	punish
like	mouse	oil	Puss
Lion	mouth	on	put
little	Mr.	one	
live	Mrs.	only	Queen
log	much	open	quickly
long	must	opened	
look	my	other	Rabbit
looking-glass		others	ran
lose	near	ought	really
loud	nearly	out	red
love	neck	outside	rest
	need	over	Reynard
made	neither	Owl	right
make	nest		ring
man	never	Panther	river
many	next	party	road
may	night	paws	Rooster

## Vocabulary

rope	sons	teacher	took
roses	soon	tell	trap
	sore	telling	tree
said	sorry	thank	tried
saw	speak	that	truth
say	spring	the	try
says	stay	their	tune
scratched	steal	them	twenty-four
Scratchfoot	sticks	then	turn
see	still	there	
send	stole	these	under
sent	stone	they	up
shall	stones	things	us
shaved	stop	think	very
shook	story	this	
should	strong	those	wag
shut	such	thought	wagon
sick	supper	threw	wagons
side	sure	throat	wait
sing	surprise	throw	walk
skin	sweet	tie	walked
sleep	swim	time	want
slip	sword	tired	wanted
sly		to	was
smells	table	together	water
so	tail	told	way
some	take	to-night	we
something	talked	too	wear

## *Vocabulary*

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well	white	wish	would
went	wide	with	wouldn't
were	wife	without	
what	who	Wolf	yard
when	will	wood	yes
where	win	woods	you
while	window	work	your



