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Then Omeemee saw a fox, and she said, "Fox, I wish you would tell that muskrat to ask the duck to bring back to me that big black squirrel I shot." But the fox said, "The muskrat would swim away under the water if I went near him—he's afraid of me, so I shall not do what you want me to do."

Then Omeemee saw a wolf, and she said, "Wolf, I wish you would order that fox to tell the muskrat to ask the duck to bring back to me that big black squirrel I shot." But the wolf said, "Fox and I are not very good friends just now, so I shall not do what you want me to do."

Then Omeemee saw a lynx, and she said, "Lynx, I wish you would coax that wolf to order the fox to tell the muskrat to ask the duck to bring back to me the big black squirrel I shot. But the lynx said, "People like you want to kill all the rest of us. Now, if you will promise that you will not try to kill any of us for a whole moon, I shall speak to the wolf."