

# **A Wehixamukes Story**

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Long ago there was a person who was named Wehixamukes. He talked incorrectly when he talked Delaware, and he seemed like he did not have good sense, but Wehixamukes was powerful and wise; he just acted that way because he must have wanted to fool people.

One time he went along when several men went out hunting. They told him, "You must cook and clean everything." When evening came all the men went to cut wood. The head man told him, "I am hungry. I wish I could eat some turkey that has been dipped in grease." Wehixamukes heard everything that he said.

When they returned they saw Wehixamukes repeatedly dipping a turkey in a kettle [of grease], and he still had feathers and still had his innards. They told him, "What on earth are you doing?"

Wehixamukes said, "I heard you yesterday when you said, 'I wish I could eat a turkey that had been dipped in grease.'" Again they told him, "It's not that way. First you pluck the turkey and then take out all those innards." Wehixamukes said, "I would have done so if you had told me."