

# **The Hunter and the Cave**

A Delaware Story  
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He said it's really snowing, and this man says he's going to go hunting. So he saw a coon track, fresh. He said, "I'm not quit you 'til I catch up with you." So he kept on tracking him. "It's a fresh track. He must be pretty close. I might be getting close to him."

So he finally went in a cave, got a hole in that cave. He went in. So he said, "Pretty soon it's so dark I can't see nothing. I just kept going. Pretty soon I seen a kind of light. I guess it was getting pretty close to where to come out."

When he came out he said it was summertime over there. Everything allready raised when he plant garden. He had corn, everything, pumpkin, leans, anything he could think of.

So this man told 'em what happened. He said, "I followed the coon, and he brought me over here. He came this way, but I never did catch up with him. I don't know where he went."

So they told him, "Well, sometimes it happens that way." Well, he said, "Before you go back I'd like to have you eat dinner with us. Have something to eat before you go back." (The man said), "OK!"

So he said when they get ready to go back, "I'm going to give you some roasting ears. Take it home. feed your family, your wife and your or your mother and dad." He said, "OK!". They give him some corn. I don't know how they give him. didn't say. So he went back, and that's the time made a mistake when they told him, "You come back in four days." said, "All right!".

When he went back he told what had happened. He said, "They told me, 'Come back in four days. '"He said, "OK, we'll get ready in four days. We'll go back."

So they went back in four days, and they couldn't see that cave where they went in. There's no cave. So he missed it. They told him to come back in four years instead of four days.

So that's the story - the end of it.