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The Fox as Witness for the Wolf

What I know is that, once upon a time, a sheep got separated from the shepherd while he was herding the flock. A sheep got separated and began to graze in a valley.

The wolf came near it and said, "I shall eat you. This is my land. Why are you grazing on my land?"

The sheep said, "All right, bring two witnesses to prove that this is your land, and then, eat me."

The wolf went away. Whom could it find as witness in the wilderness? He brought a cunning, lying fox. When they approached the sheep, the wolf-dog came to keep guard over the sheep and lay down in the grass. [Gazel for green grass seems to be a local variation.]

Now, when the fox came, when the wolf and the fox came--well, you know that the fox<sup>1</sup> is a sensitive animal. It saw the dog's nose and began to scheme. The wolf came and said to the sheep, "I shall

<sup>1</sup>Confused here, the narrator said wolf, but what follows indicates that he meant to say fox.

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