Long, long ago...

Elephants were very different animals...

They had bulbous noses as big as a boot!

This never bothered the elephants much, since they'd always managed to get by...

One day, baby elephant—curious as ever—began to wonder aloud...

What do you eat?

Her curiosity took her all over the grasslands—

—to every creature of land and water—

—and finally to the river's edge, where crocodile asked...

Come closer, and I'll tell you what I eat...

I eat...

You!

Crocodile pulled on baby elephant's nose—

—and baby elephant pulled right back—

—until finally...

She was safe! But—

Because of crocodile's trick, she was different from before...

Her nose was now long and flexible—great for all kinds of new, neat stuff!

Soon all the other elephants noticed the helpful change—

And, one-by-one, went to crocodile to get one for themselves!

All elephants born after that day have long, flexible, and very useful noses, and have ever since!
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Nice To Run Into’Roo

LONG, LONG AGO...

KANGAROO WAS A VERY DIFFERENT ANIMAL...

SLIM-LEGGED AND SLOW-MOVING, WITH THICK GRAY WOOL, SHE HAD NO INTEREST IN RUNNING AROUND ALL DAY LONG...

BUT THAT DID NOT MATTER TO DINGO...

BECAUSE DINGO WAS VERY HUNGRY.

AFRAID, KANGAROO RAN AWAY...

--AND DINGO RAN AFTER HER.

THROUGH FORESTS...

SHE RAN!

AND DESERTS...

SHE HOPPED!

OVER MOUNTAINS...

SHE SCRAMBELED!

AND RIVERS...

SHE LEAPT!

ACROSS GRASSES AND SHRUBS...

HER HIND LEGS GROWING STRONGER...

HER FRONT LEGS GROWING SMALLER...

HER WOOL BLOWN AWAY...

WHILE HER TAIL GREW THICKER...

AND JUST WHEN IT SEEMED KANGAROO WAS DONE FOR...

SHE USED ALL HER NEW ATTRIBUTES--

LONG, STRONG FEET AND LEGS...

A THICK, POWERFUL TAIL...

AND SLEEK FUR...

AND FINALLY LEFT DINGO IN THE DUST!

AND ALL KANGAROO’S CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN TOO, HAVE BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE...
Level Up

LONG, LONG AGO...

LEOPARD TRAINED CUB TO HUNT WHAT THEY COULD FIND.

TODAY, I WILL TEACH YOU TO HUNT HEDGEHOG AND TURTLE...

FROM THE NEARBY BUSHES, HEDGEHOG AND TURTLE OVERHEARD THE LESSON, AND FEARED THEY WOULD SOON BE CAUGHT--

THEY CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO FOOL THE CUB.

HELLO THERE, HEDGEHOG!

GOOD TO SEE YOU, TURTLE!

JUST LIKE HE HAD LEARNED, CUB TOSSED "HEDGEHOG" INTO THE WATER. BUT IT WAS TURTLE, AND SHE SWAM AWAY TO SAFETY.

THIS CONFUSED CUB GREATLY...

THEN HE TRIED TO SCOOP "TURTLE" OUT OF HER SHELL, BUT IT WAS HEDGEHOG, AND HIS SHARP PRICKLES POKE CUB'S PAW PAINFULLY!

TIRED AND DEFEATED, CUB RAN BACK HOME.

TURTLE AND HEDGEHOG HAD WON FOR NOW--

BUT THEY KNEW THIS TRICK WOULD NOT WORK AGAIN.

THEY TRAINED OVER AND OVER...

TURTLE LEARNED TO CURL SO WELL, THE PLATES OF HER SHELL BEGAN TO CHANGE...

HEDGEHOG BECAME SUCH A GOOD SWIMMER, HIS STICKY-PRICKLY'S CHANGED TOO...

THEY DECIDED TO LEARN EACH OTHER'S SKILLS.

DAY AND NIGHT...

AND WHEN CUB RETURNED TO HUNT HEDGEHOG AND TURTLE--

BOTH COULD CURL...

TOGETHER, THEY HAD BECOME SOMETHING NEW, AND LEOPARD AND CUB NAMED IT "ARMADILLO."

AND THE ARMADILLOS, NOW LIVING ALONGSIDE THE TURTLES, HEDGEHOGS, AND LEOPARDS OF THE WORLD, HAD ARMADILLO CHILDREN--

HE FOUND NEITHER...

AND BOTH COULD SWIM... AND ARMADILLOS HAVE EXISTED EVER SINCE.