The wolf then charged at the man. "Is that a man?" asked the wolf. The wolf answered, "If I could see a man just once, I would attack him nonetheless." Afterwards came a little boy on his way to school.

Finally a huntsman came by with his double-barreled gun on his back, and a sword at his side. The fox said to the wolf, "Look, there comes a man. He is the one you must attack, but I am going back to my den." When the huntsman saw him he said, "Too bad that I have not loaded with a bullet." Then he aimed and fired a load of shot into his face.

"No, he will yet become one."

"No," answered the fox. "He has been one."

"I can help you to do that," said the fox. "Come to me early tomorrow morning, and I will show you one."

"Is that a man?"

Once upon a time the fox was talking to the wolf about the strength of man, how no animal could withstand him, and how all were obliged to employ cunning in order to protect themselves from him.

The wolf arrived on time, and the fox took him out to the path which the huntsman used every day. First an old discharged soldier came by.

"Well," Brother Wolf, said the fox, "how did you get along with man?"

"Oh," replied the wolf, "I never imagined the strength of man to be what it is. First, he took a stick from his shoulder, and blew into it, and then something flew into my face which tickled me terribly. Then he breathed once more into the stick, and it flew up my nose like lightning and hail. Then when I got next to him, he drew a naked rib out of his body, and he beat me so with it that he almost killed me."

The wolf pulled an awful face, but did not let himself be frightened, and attacked him again, on which the huntsman gave him the second barrel. The wolf swallowed his pain and charged at the huntsman again, who in turn drew out his naked sword, and gave him a few blows with it left and right, so that, bleeding all over, he ran howling back to the fox.

"See what a braggart you are," said the fox. "You throw your hatchet so far that you cannot get it back again."