Skunk

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Page 1 A long time ago, how was Skunk? He was very bad. He used to kill the people with a really bad smell. And he would fart and then he killed the people and they were afraid of him.

Page 2 Right away, the people got together. A lot of them got together and then they talked about Skunk.

Page 3 “How are we going to kill him? So that he cannot kill the people. How?”

Page 4 They talked for a long time. Finally, this very old man came and he said to the group, “We should just burn Skunk in the butt, and he will not be able to kill the people.

Page 5 “How, now, are we going to burn him in the butt?” said one man.

Page 6 We could do it with a big rock, and we could make a fire and heat the rock up. We could make a big fire until it is very hot.”

Page 7 And on a hill, they made a fire for the rock and there was someone on watch.

Page 8 Pretty soon, he said to the people, “He’s coming! Skunk is coming!”

Page 9 They ran, and then, there they were waiting. They were going to push the rock and roll it. It was going to roll onto Skunk.

Page 10 There, the old man was on watch and he said, “Push it!”

Page 11 And the man pushed it, and the hot rock rolled on Skunk and it burned. And now, the people were not afraid of him, and they knew it from a long time ago and this what was said.

Page 12 The one man said, “Skunk is not strong now. He cannot kill the people now. He is weak. We have burned him in the butt.”

Page 13 He was burned in the butt and that must have made him weak. Now, he cannot kill the people. Now, that is how he is today.

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