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The Bear and the Wolf

Ursa se magnifice iactat,
"Prae ceteris animalibus,
ego hominis amica sum,
quod humanis cadaveribus non comedo!"
Vulpes haec audit et ridet.
Tunc ursae dicit,
"O utinam eos mortuos devorares,
non vivos!"

Vocabulary

ursa - bear
vulpes - fox
magnifice - proudly, splendidly
iacto - throw; boast, discuss
prae - before, ahead of
humanus - human
cadaver - cadaver, dead body
comedo - eat
O - o! oh!
utinam - if only
utinam – I wish
mortuus - dead
devoro - devour, consume
vivus - living, alive



Translation

A bear is discussing himself proudly,
"Before the rest of the animals,
I am a friend of man,
because I do not eat bodies of a human."

The fox hears this and laughs.
Then he says to the bear,
"Oh! I wish you might (or, would) consume them dead,
not living!"