

# Iktomi Gets Revenge - Duane Hollow Horn Bear - Storytelling

And so now, children, I'm going to tell you another story about Iktomi and how he gets revenge. Or he thinks he gets revenge.

Iktomi is wandering off the direction he thought coyote went, thinking he was maybe carrying some prairie chickens or he might have dropped some. He was hungry. And he comes to this shady tree over. He sees something laying there, and there is coyote, just laying as plump as can be. – sound asleep – sound asleep – or so he thinks. But coyote had seen him coming and he says,

"I'm too full to run away. I can't run away. I'll pretend that I am dead."

So he flops down on the ground and he just lays there and breathes very lightly – like he's dead.

Ikto comes over, "I told you anyone who eats my food is going to die."

And he kicks him. Coyote just lays there. He lifts his arm up, drops it, and his arm just falls down.

"Yeah he overate, and he killed himself. Well maybe I could feast on what's inside of him."

He built a fire quickly. He built a fire quickly and he goes to dragging coyote by the back legs. And coyote is being drug towards that fire. And he gets them close and he says,

"I don't know if I should say a prayer for you. I don't know what words to say for you except that anyone who eats my food will die."

And just as he's going to pick up coyote and throw him into the fire, coyote swivels around and he bites Iktomi. And he swivels around with a big skirmish, and he knocks Iktomi into the fire. And coyote runs off in the other direction howling and laughing away. And Iktomi is fighting and fighting to get out of that fire and he's a terrible mess. Smudged fire on him...smudged black marks and ashes...he's a mess. Well, that's all he could get to eat that day.