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"Well, so," Hot Gun he say, "Checotah in the county seat fight was put me in mind o' Chu-fee, the rabbit, sittin' under the cycamore tree." (Tokpafka Micco an' Wolf Warrior an' Kono Harjo get ready to pay close 'tention.)

An' Hot Gun he go on an' say, "So it was long time ago all the animals was had a big council to settle the food question. Es-te Lus-te, the nigger, was chairman o' the meetin,' an' he make suggestion like this: "Well, so,' he say, 'each animal could choose for himself what he like to eat.' All the animals was agree to that an' give Es te Lus-te, the nigger, first choice, an' he take yams an' watermelon. Sok-ha Hot-ka, the 'possum, he take the wild apple, or persimmon; Woht-ko, the raccoon, he take crawfish; Chu-la, the fox, he take birds;

Eth-thlo, the squirrel, he take nuts; Ya-ha, the wolf, he take meat been dead long time; an' so on like that till ever' animal had his bill o' fare but Chu-fee, the rabbit, when it come his time to pass his plate, he look up in a cycamore tree an' say, "Well, so, the nice fruit hanging up in this tree look like it suit my taste all right." So, all the animals was choose what they want to eat an' scatter off. Chu-fee, the rabbit, he sat roun' under the cycamore tree an' wait for the nice fruit to get ripe an' fall. But the cycamore fruit just dry up an' the wind come 'long an' blow it' way like mist. Chu-fee, the rabbit, he sat there an' wait an' wait till he put near starve to death. He get so poor an' weak he look like he had bad consumption. His eyes stick out o' his head an' his nose get sharp. After while he had to give it up an' go steal something to eat, like green peas out o' people's gardens. Checotah was Chu-fee, the rabbit, in the county seat fight. It look up in the cycamore tree o' politics an' get hungry for county seat fruit." (Tokpafka Micco an' Wolf Warrior give big grunt an' Kono Harjo he spit in the tall weeds.)