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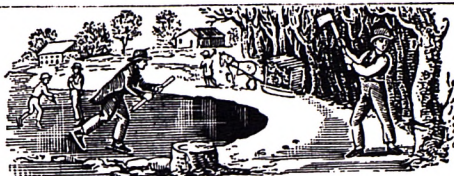
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## The Loading Dock

-- for Peter Wild

He told himself another  
story, invented a fox  
that did things like  
people, lived in a cave  
had a small fire and read  
books at night before going  
to sleep.

He felt his red fur and pushed  
his snout beneath his pillow  
inventing a man telling his  
story to the world, no matter  
how small, to the world.

The grand fox sleeping, his  
ears flicking a fly away.  
The man awake huddled in  
his cave twitching his tail,  
twitching his tail.

-- D. r. Wagner

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