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Description: The author explains that this is a story told by a Kroom storyteller named Seah; "nuh" is a small animal like a ferret. I'm guessing it is a mongoose, but I could be wrong. If anyone has information about that, let me know.

Once an elephant got a stick long enough to reach "Big America," put it into the water, and gave notice to all other animals that he who would cross over to America on that stick and bring back from there a leaf should marry his daughter. One after another attempted to cross: lions, tigers, bush-cats, baboons, and even monkeys; but none could walk far before the stick would roll over and let them into the water. By and by "Nuh" walked softly upon the stick, crossed over to America, and brought back a leaf, which he gave to the elephant, and he in return gave him his daughter, as was promised.