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Unlike the other porcupines, this one is all trouble all the time. His bruising antics have called into question the having of a porcupine at all. At the end of the porcupine is a feast. The knives will have been sharpened, the table set with the fluted spoons, the guests invited. They will have arrived with wide throats and make terrible noises as they descend. The porcupine will have trembled.