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AMAZING ARMADILLOS

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The armadillo comes out

to hunt on a summer night.

(Say ar-muh-**DIH**-loh)

Her walk is slow and clumsy.

She stands up on her back legs

to listen and sniff the air.

Uh-oh!

She smells danger.

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A bobcat is on the prowl.

Still the armadillo

knows what to do.

Like a digging machine,

she rips the ground

with her claws.

Quickly she disappears

inside the hole.

The bobcat finally gives up.

That's good for the armadillo.

All that digging

has made her hungry.

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The armadillo grunts and

squeals and hunts with

her nose in the dirt.

Armadillos do not see well.

So she uses her sharp senses of

smell and hearing to find food.

Tonight, she picks up the

scent of a beetle.