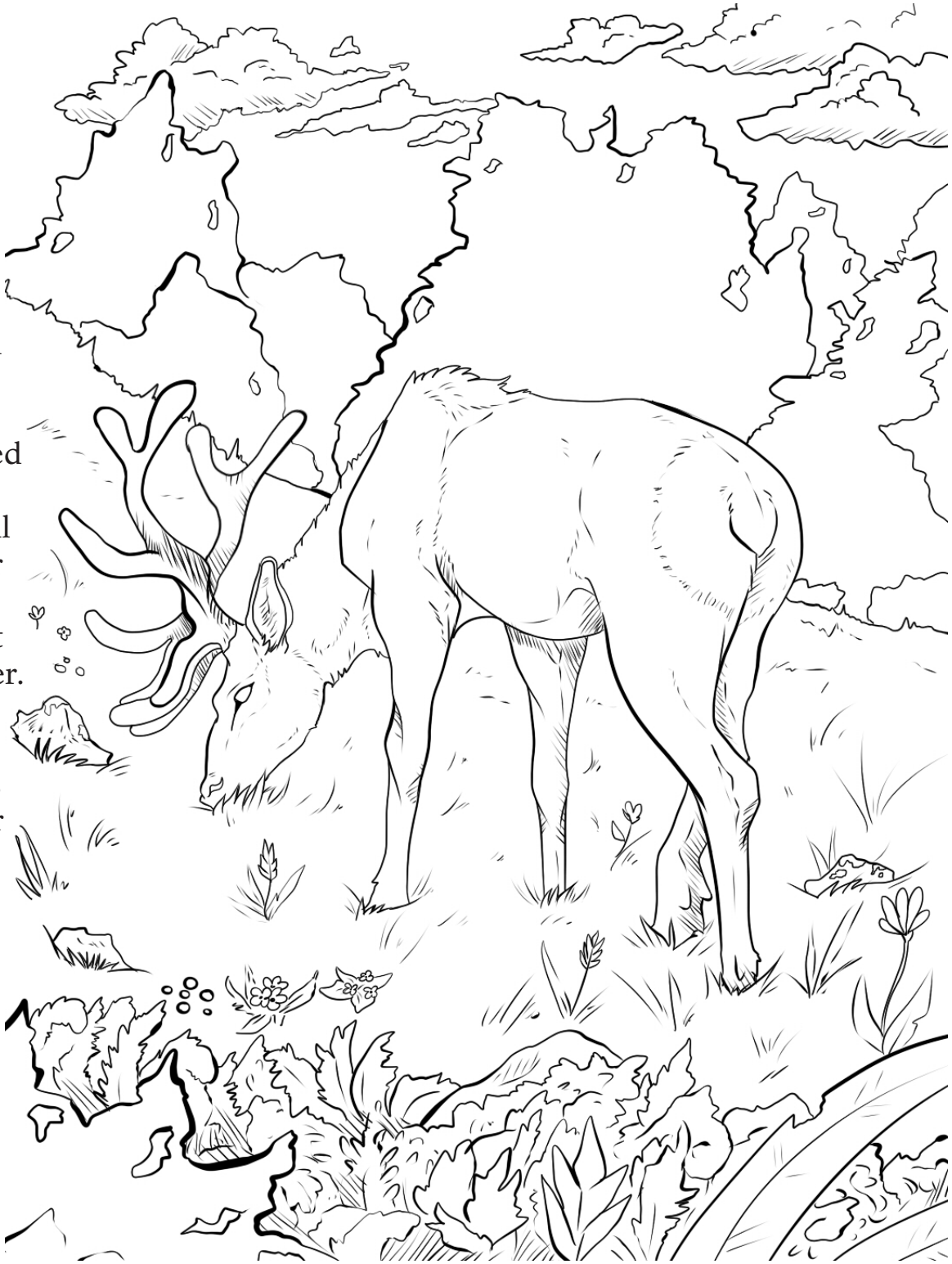
Hunters who were sent from the wagon trains to get meat sometimes found elk in the mountains. Elk are a large kind of deer. Shawnee Indians called them "wapiti," which means "white rump." Some Indian tribes liked to make necklaces from elk teeth and used the antlers to make tools.

Male elk, called bulls, have antlers, but the female elk, called cows, do not. A bull's antlers fall off every winter and then he grows a new set over the summer.

Is the elk in this picture a bull or a cow?



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