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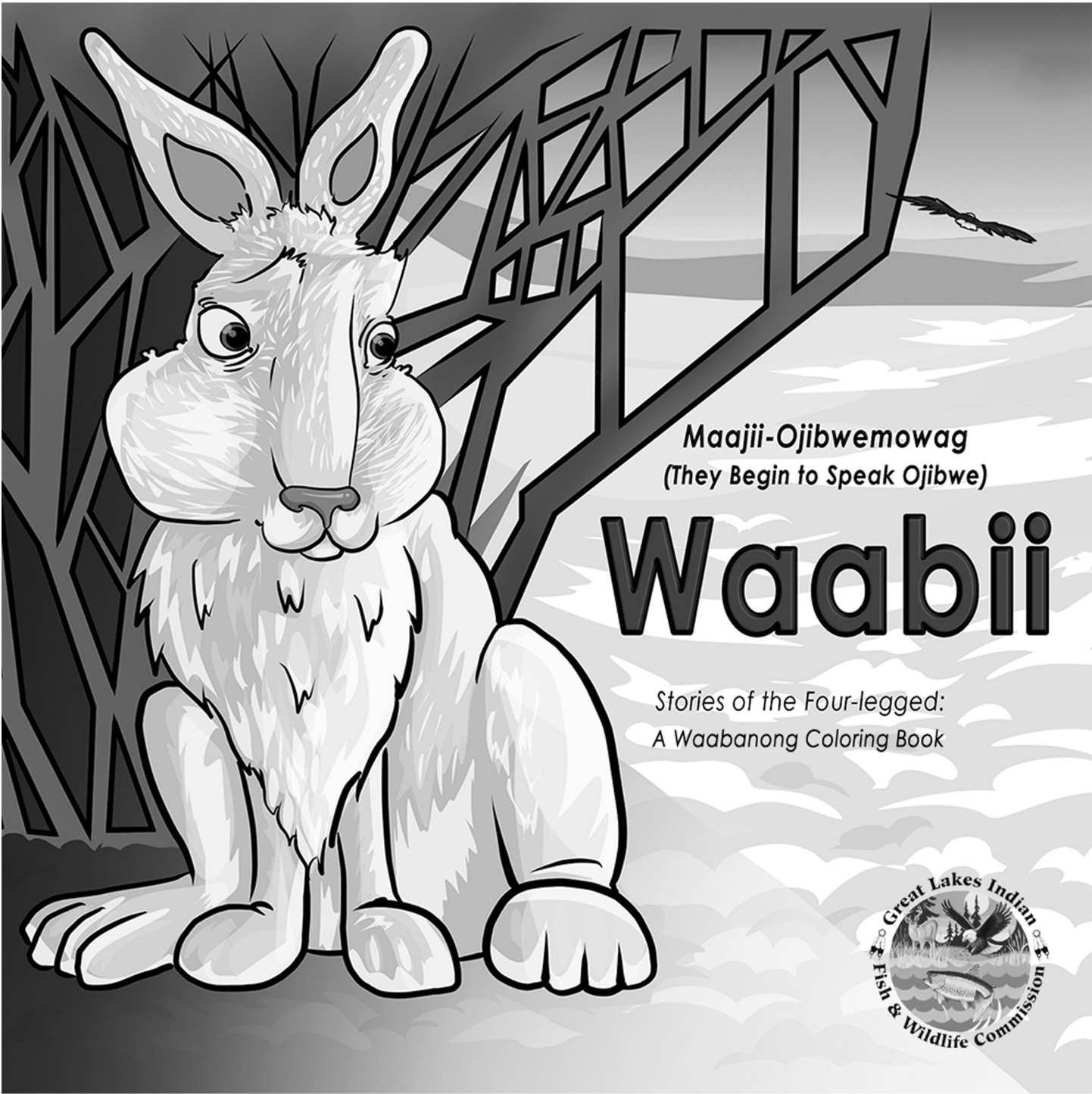
Waabanong

Stories of the Four-Legged



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Biboon.
Nookomis was telling a story.



Noozhis was listening.
It was a story about the waaboozoog.



Nookomis said, "Mewinzha, the waabooz
used to look different."



“She had short otawagan and a long ozow.
Ozaawizi.”



“She had short oninjiin and ozidan.”

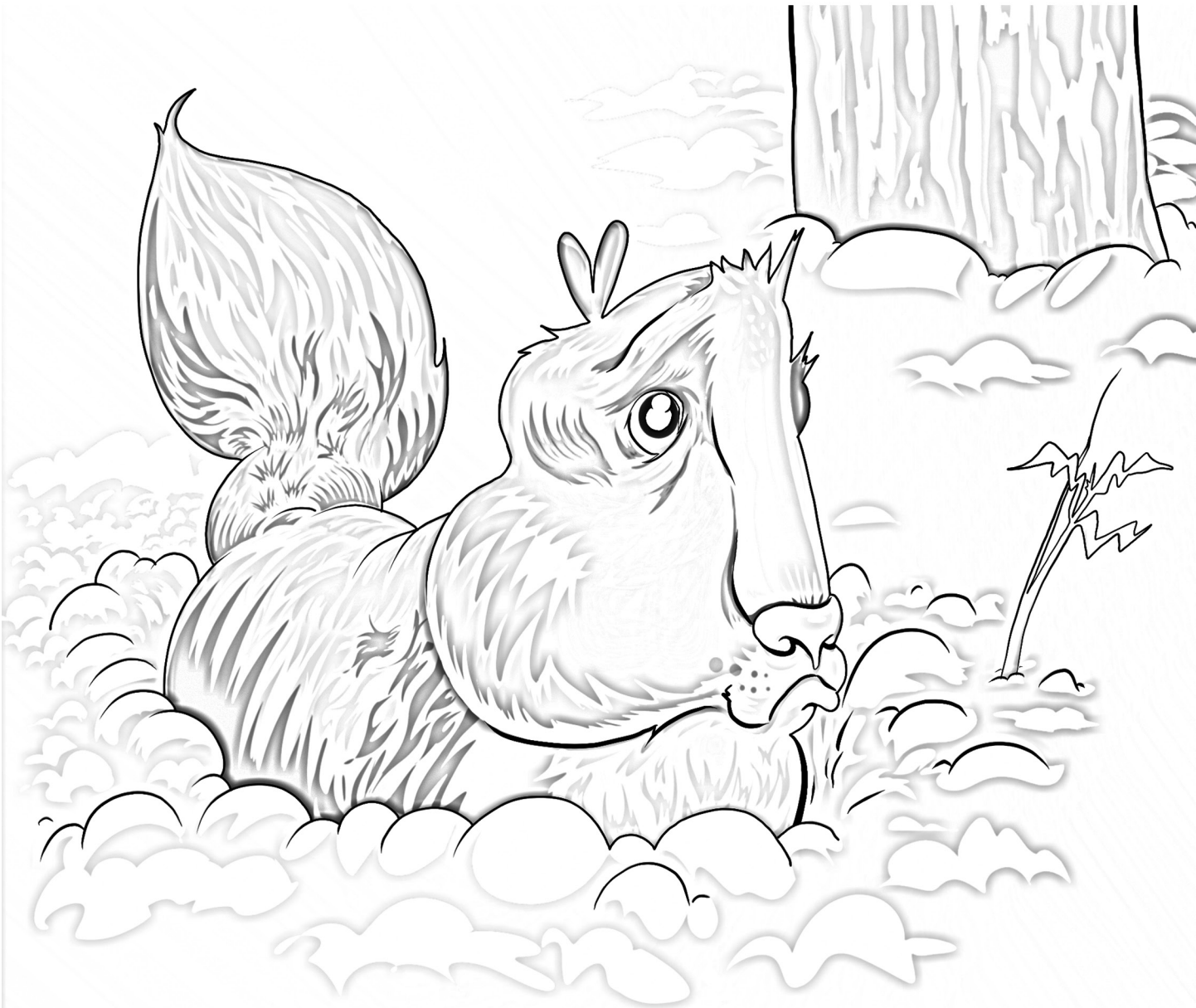


“Do you know how the waabooz got long otawagan?” Nookomis asked.



“Gaawiin,” replied Noozhis.

“One day, a waaboozoons named Waabii started to climb the gooning,” Nookomis said.





"She did not see the Migizi in the sky."



“Migizi started to fly down towards Waabii.”



“Waabii saw Migizi and tried to run but she was stuck in the gooning!”



“Migizi grabbed Waabii by the otawagan!”



“Waabii wrestled and kicked!
Her otawagan stretched!”



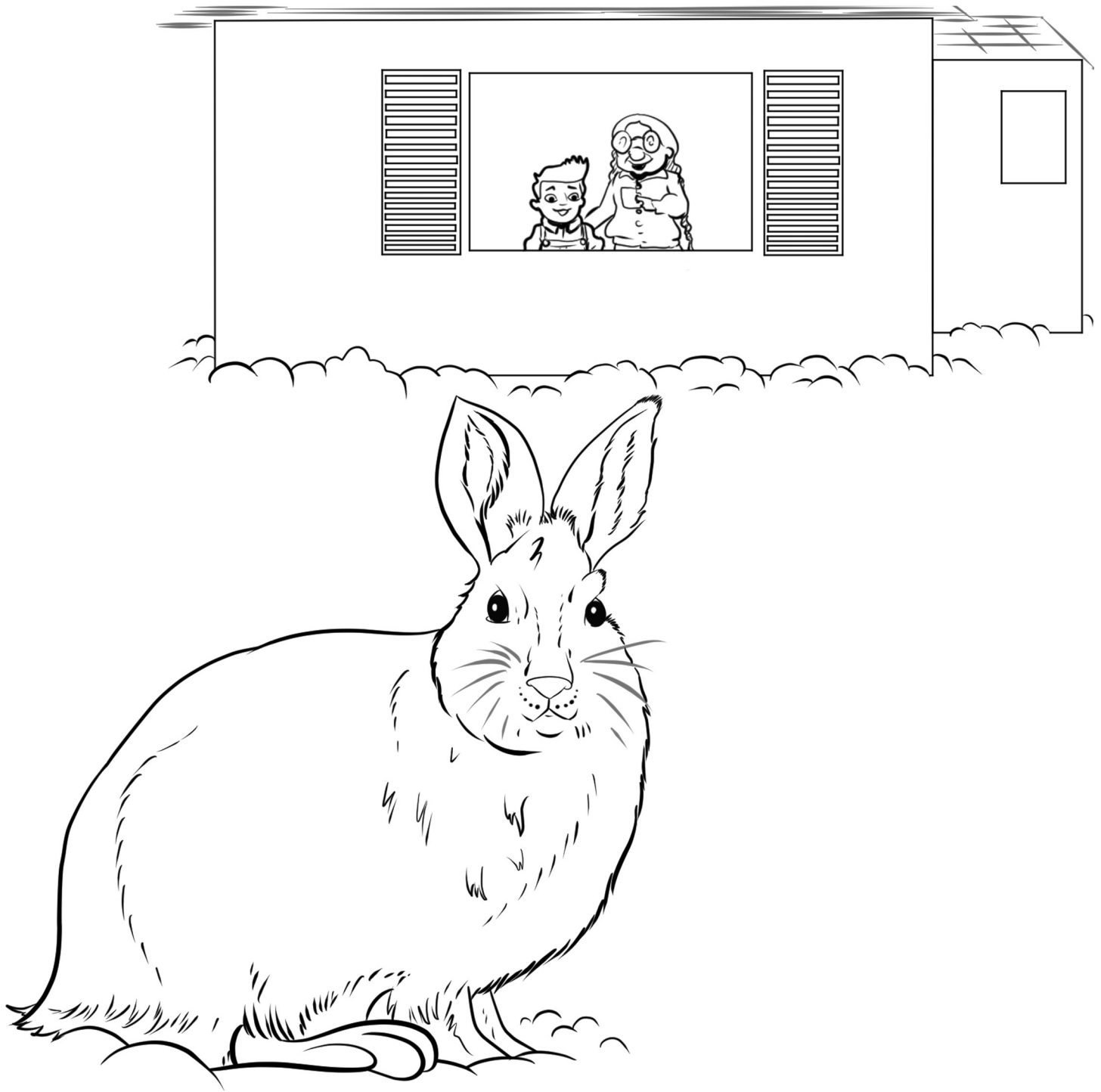
“Migizi let go of Waabii
and she fell into the snow.”

“Zegizi! She tried to run but her ozow was stuck!
It broke off in the snow!”

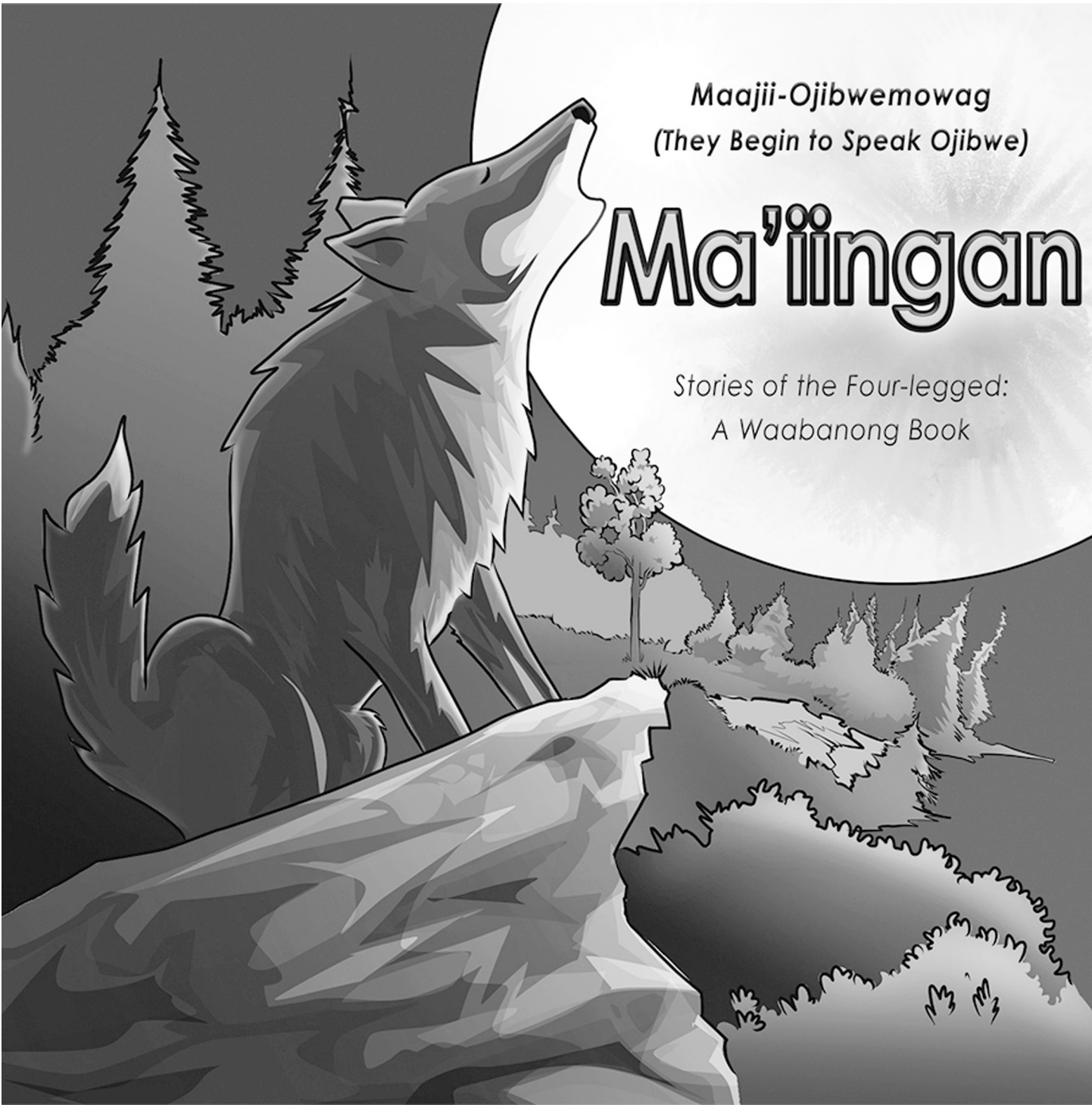


“As she is running, her ozidan start to grow longer!
They look like aagimag!
They help her run on the gooning!”

“Her coat has changed! She is no longer brown!
Waabishkizi! Oshkibabiinzikawaagane!”



“And that is why waabooz looked different long ago.”



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Ma'iingan

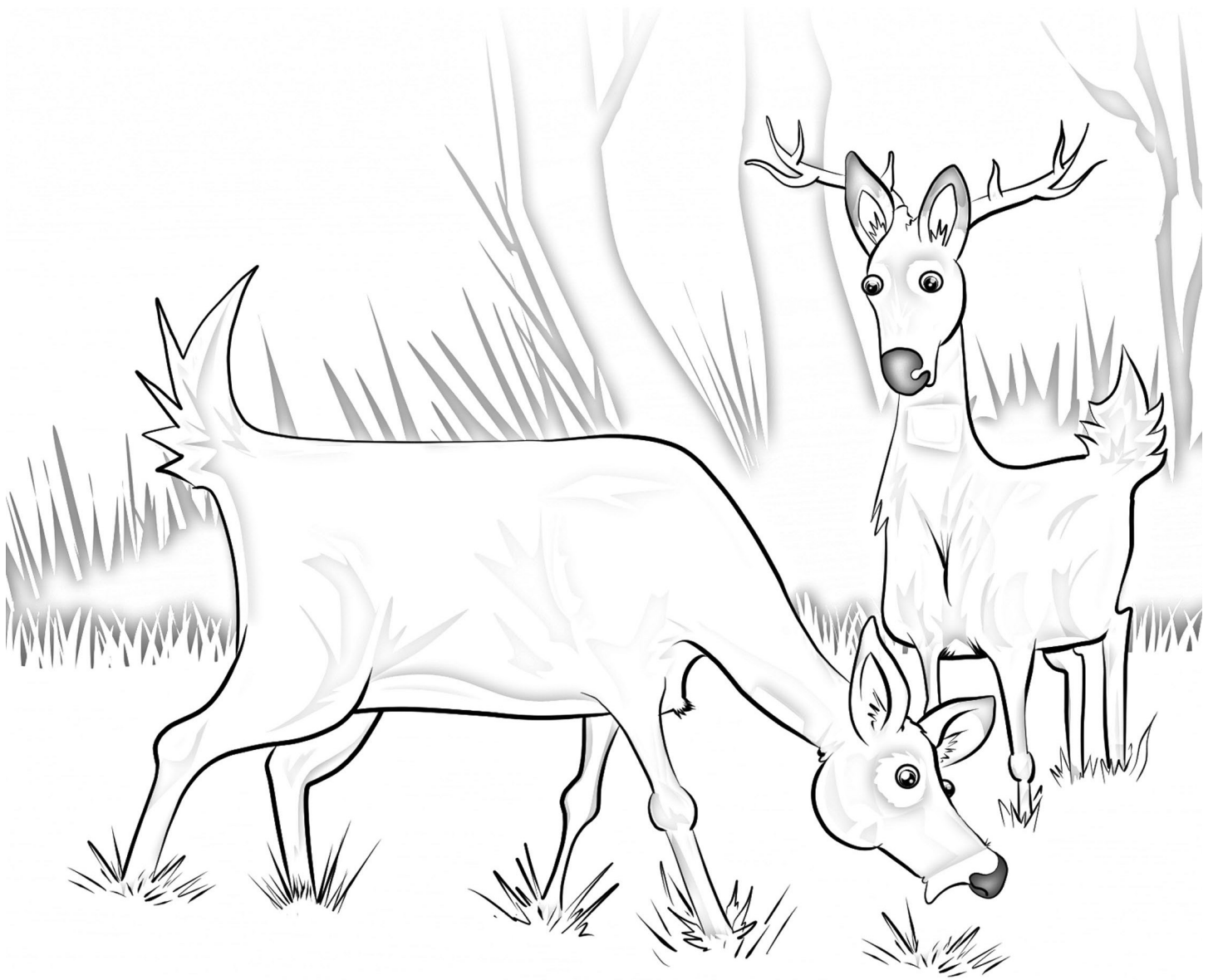
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Dagwaagin.
The Anishinaabe are at Giiwose-odenawens.



Ma'iingaans is hunting with owiiyawenhenyan, Bewaajiged.



They are hunting waawaashkeshiwag.



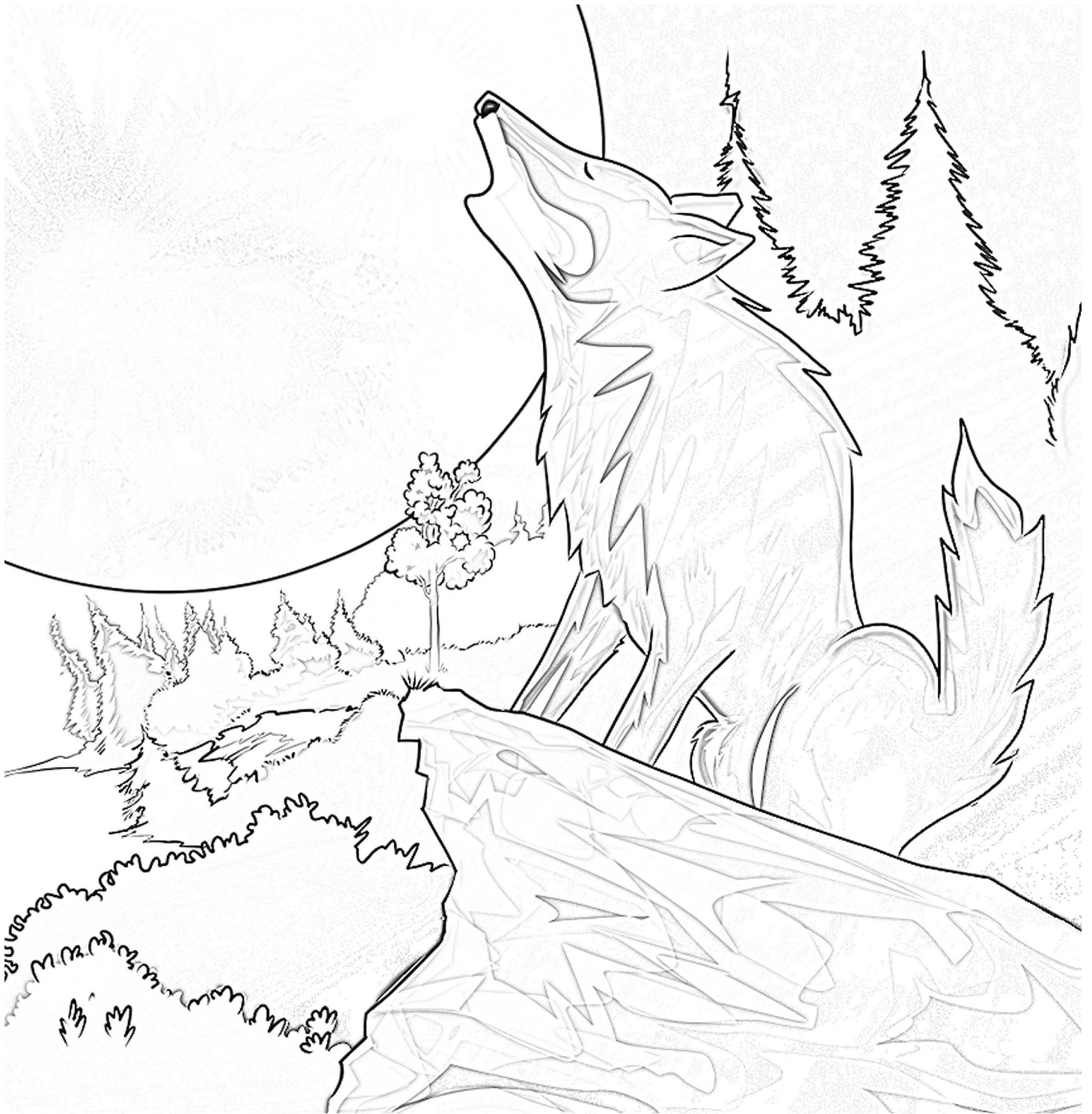
“I see one!” Ma’iingaans says. “Aaniindi?” asks Bewaajiged.



“Waasa!” Ma’iingaans says. It was a ma’iingan!



“Gaawiin! That is a ma’iingan! We cannot shoot them weh!”



“Aaniin dash?” asks Ma’iingaans.

“Ma’iingan is like a brother to us,” replied Bewaajiged.



“It is important that we respect the ma’iinganaag.”

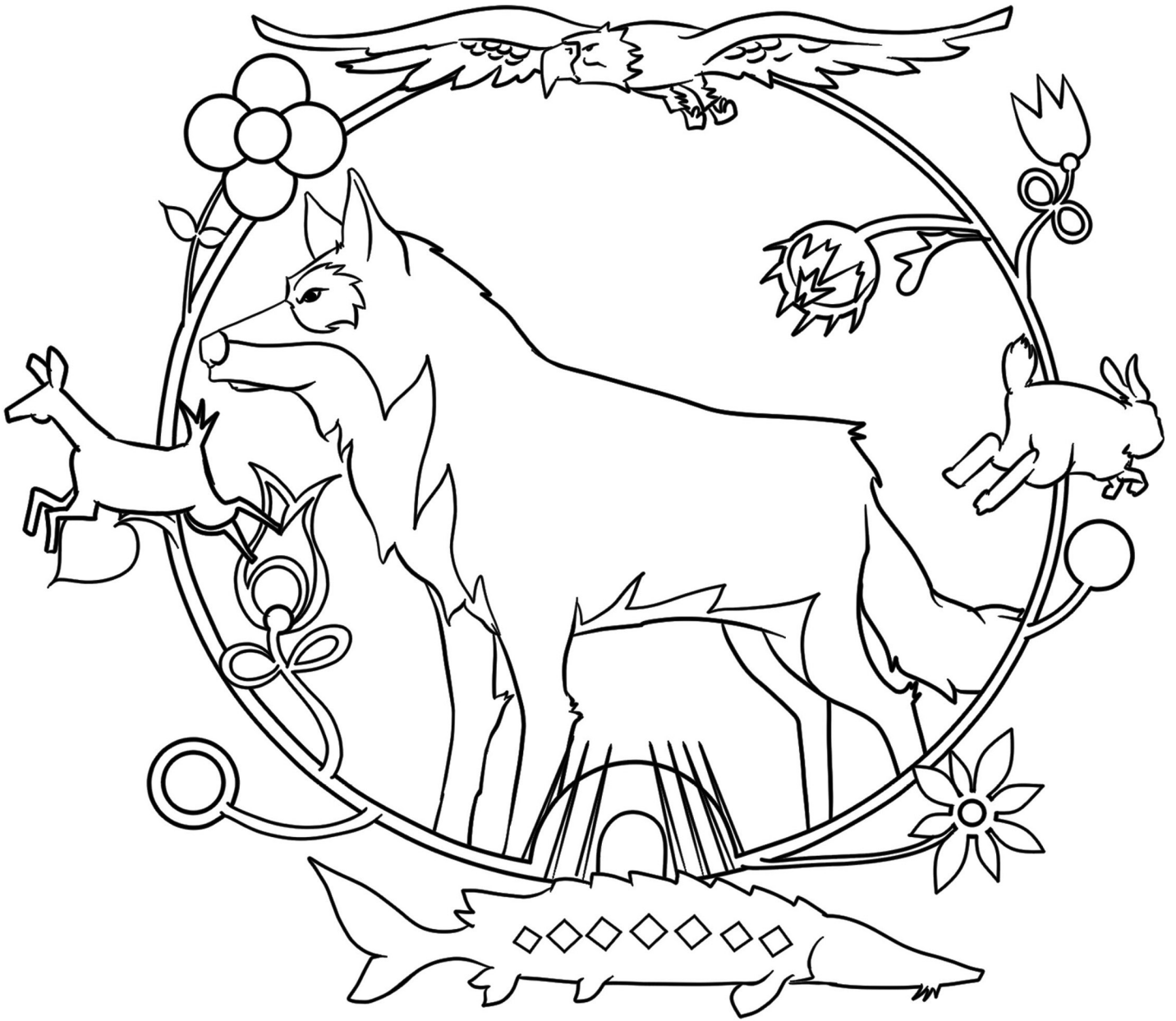


“We learn a lot from watching ma’iingan,” said Bewaaajiged.

“Like what?” asked Ma’iingaans.



“Ma’iingan teaches us to be good hunters,
and to be patient.”



“Ma’iingan has been given everything he needs
to live a good life.”

“Just like the ma’iinganaag, the Anishinaabe have to protect everything Gichi-Manidoo has given us.”



“We need to protect gidizhitwaawinaan
and gidinwewinaan.”





“Most importantly, ma’iingan teaches us to protect
odinawemaaganan.”

“That is why we must respect, and not hunt, the ma’iingan, Niyah’weneh!” Bewaa’jiged smiled.



“Miigwech for teaching me!”



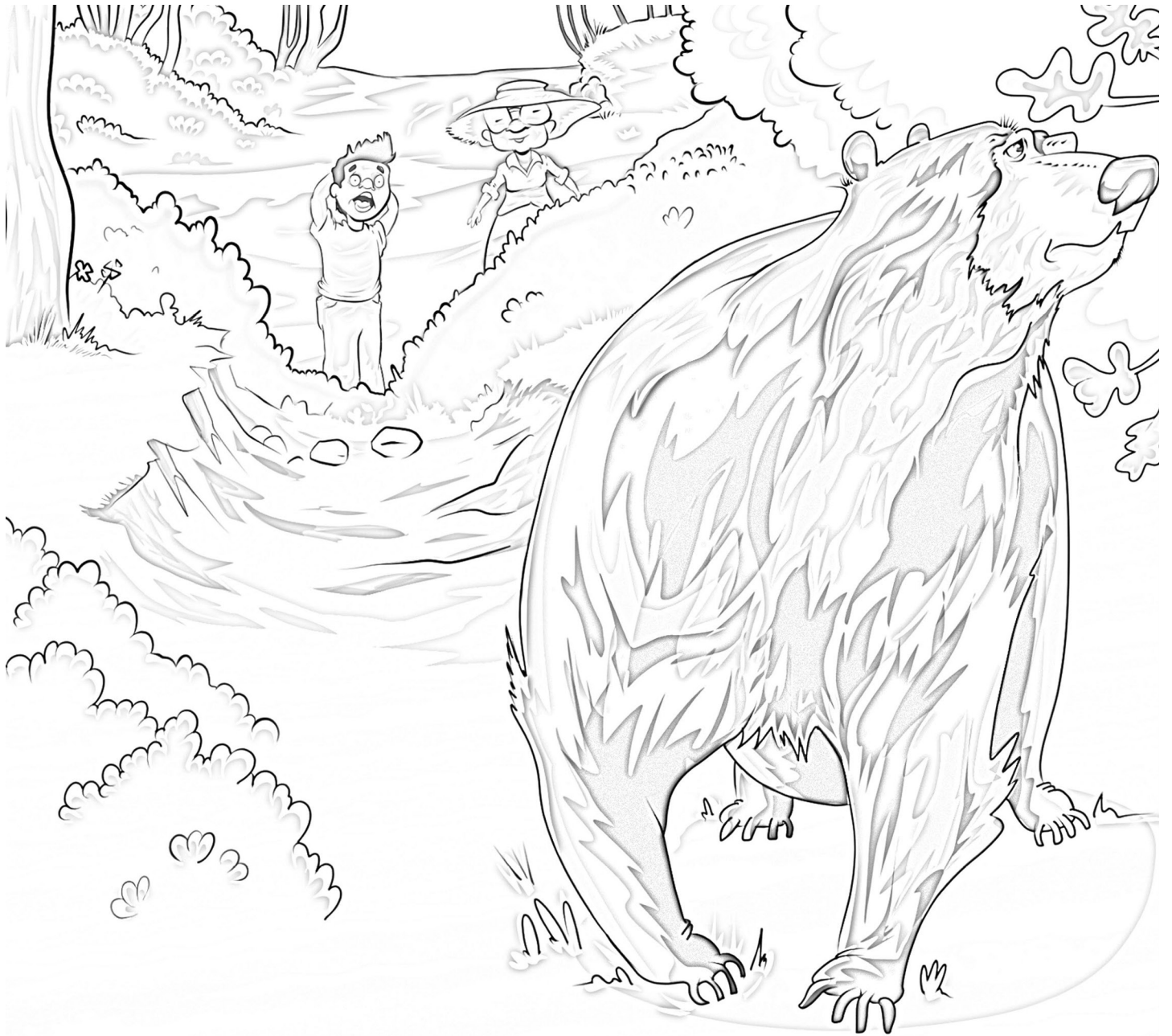
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Makwa

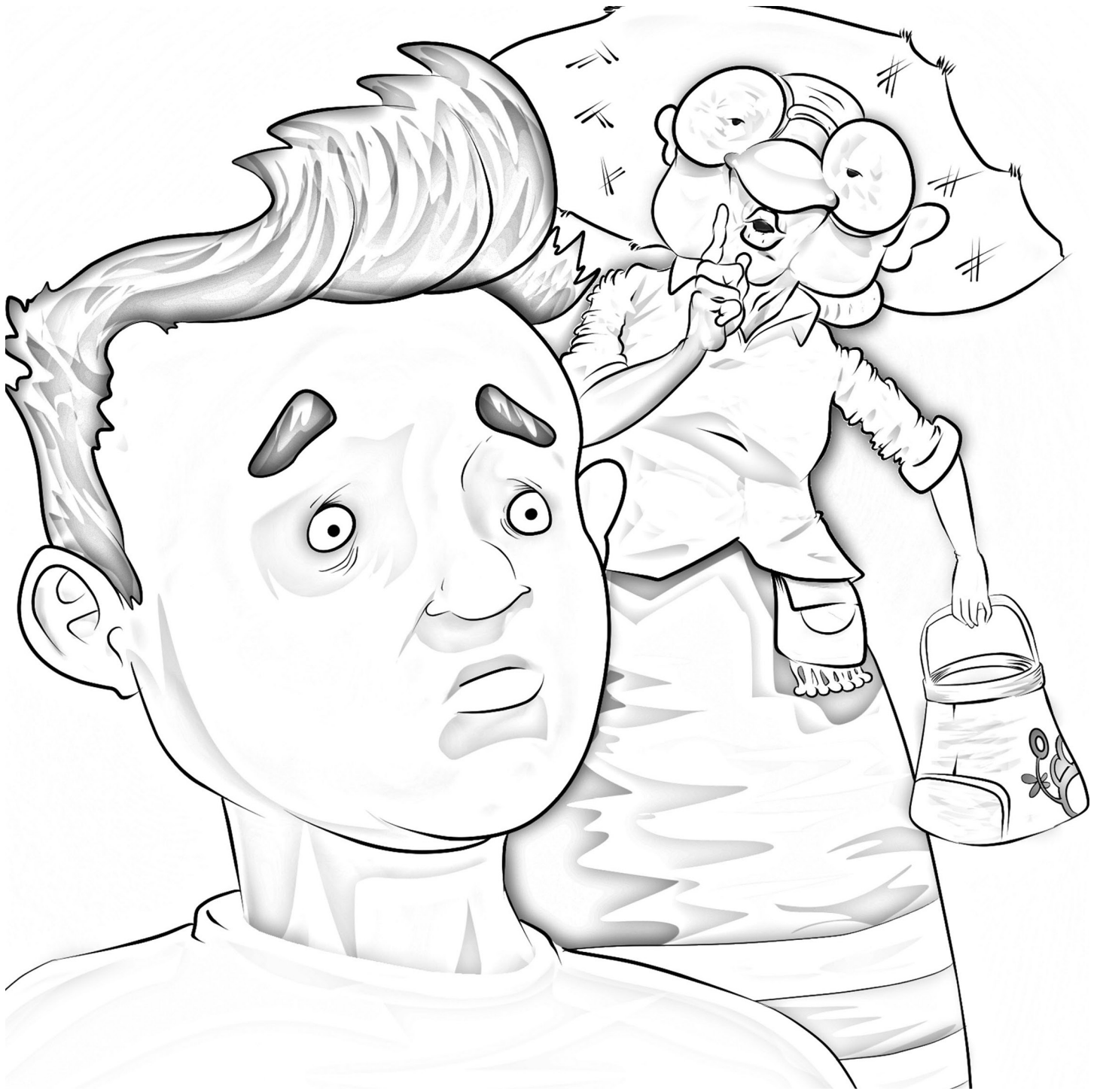
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Aabiding, Nookomis and Noozhis were out blueberry picking.



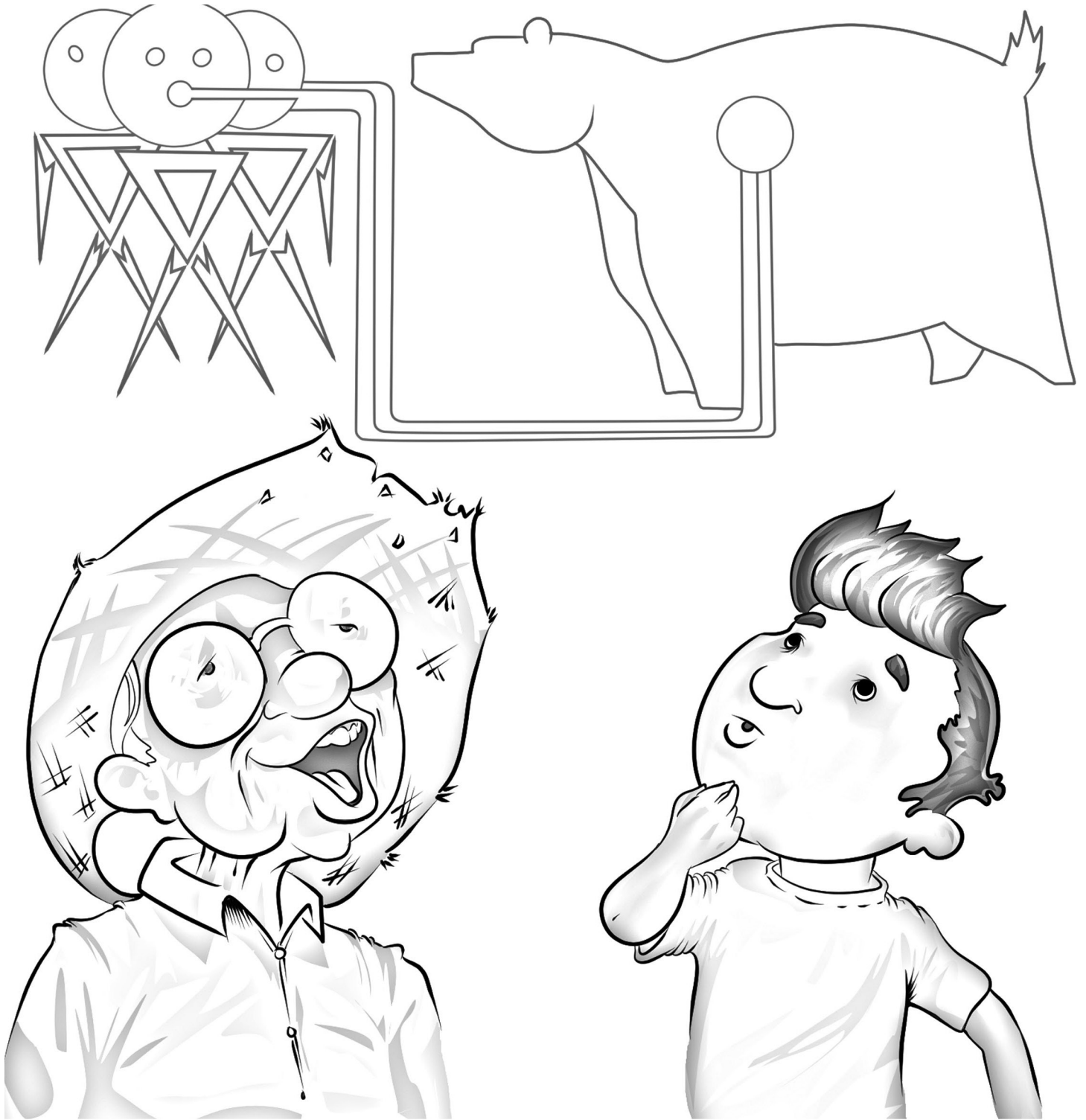
Off in the distance, Noozhis saw a makwa!
“NASHKE!” Noozhis screamed.



“Shhhh, bizaan Noozhis!” Nookomis said.
“He wants to eat too!”



“Ninzegiz gosha!” Noozhis exclaimed.
“Mii go maanoo! They won’t hurt us!” Nookomis said.

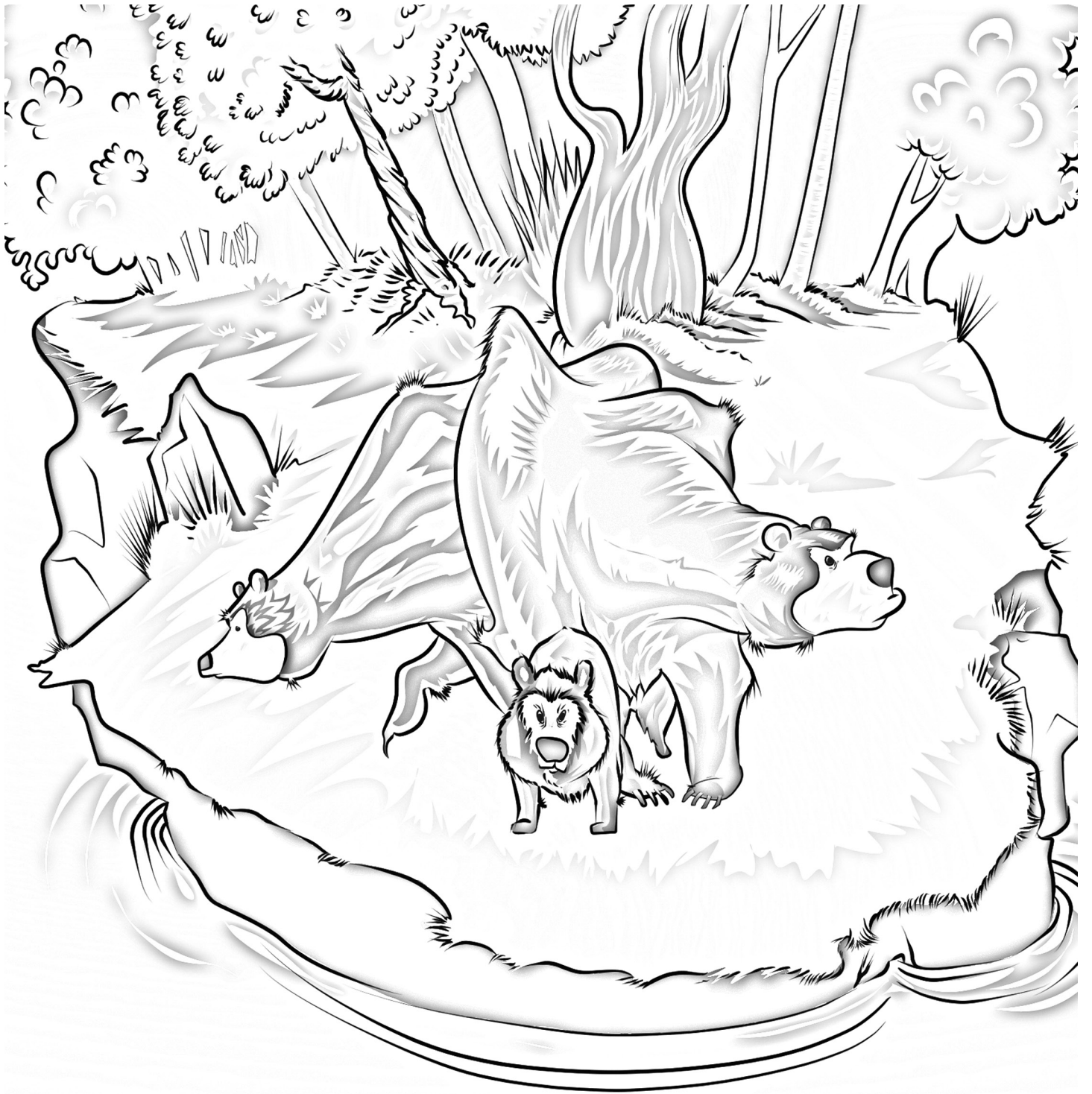


“Aaniin dash?” Noozhis asked.

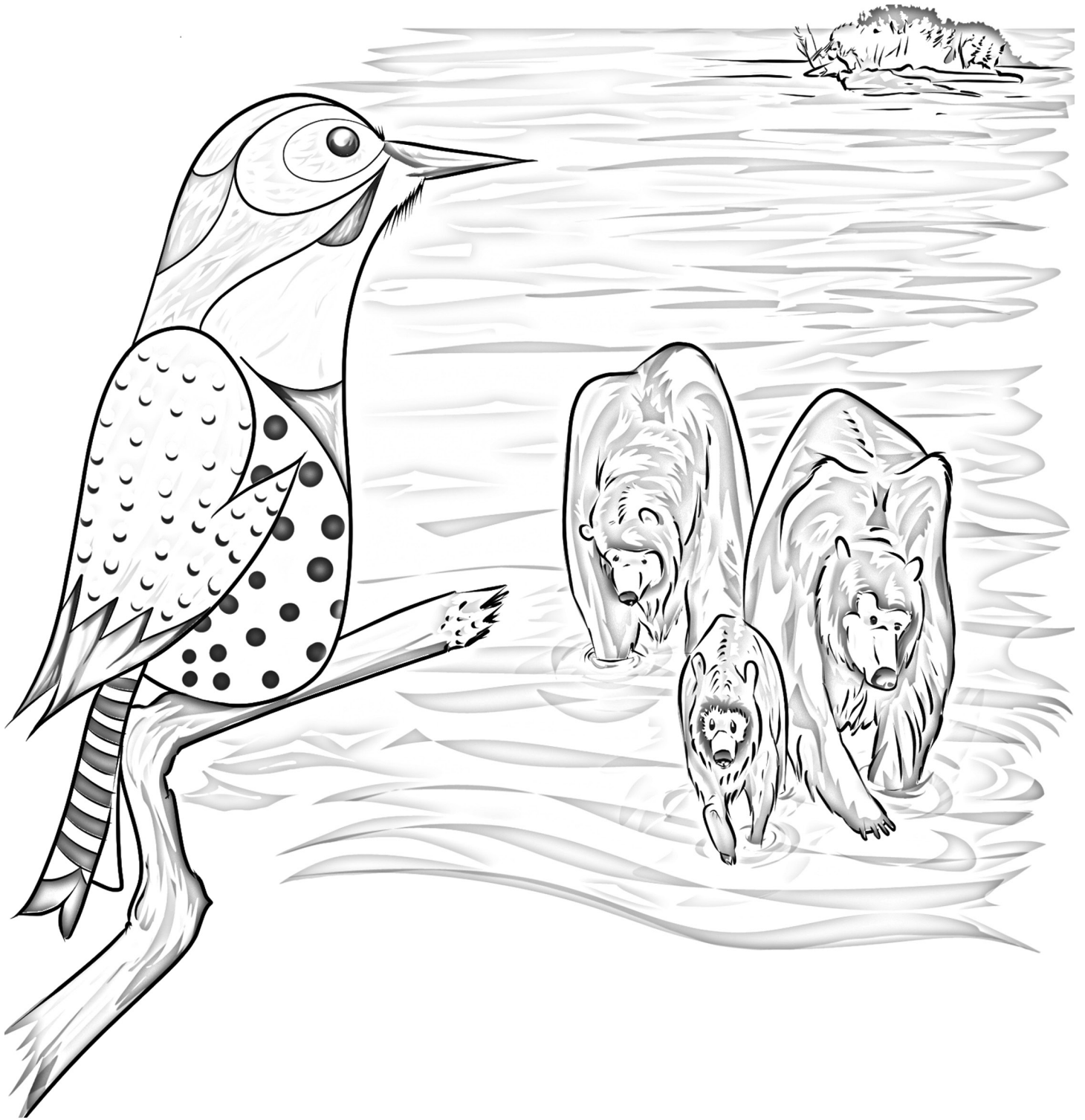
“Because we have a treaty with them,” Nookomis replied.



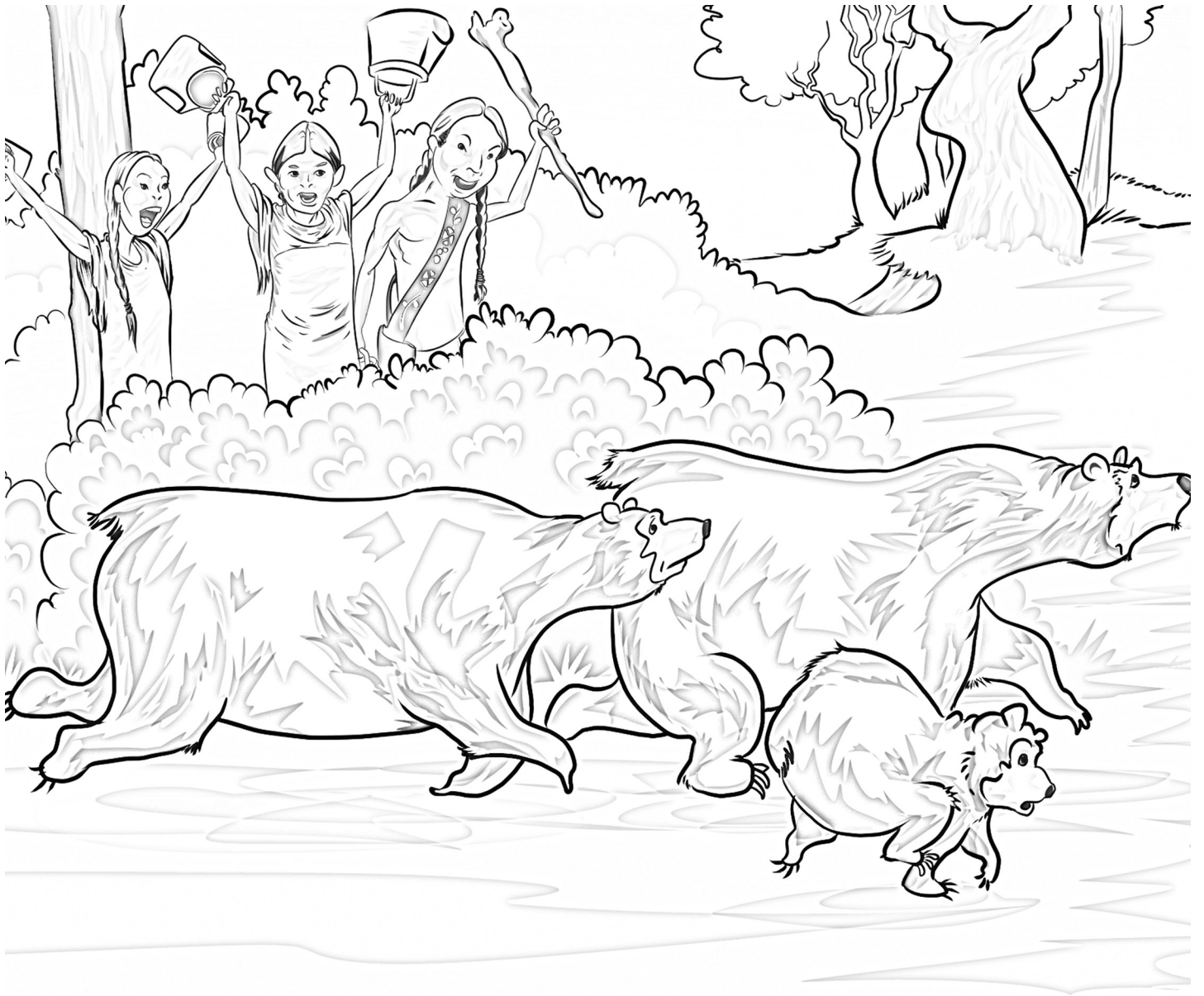
Nookomis starts telling Noozhis the story.



“Aabiding, niswi makwag went out looking for food.
Bakadewag!”



“They travelled to Mooningwanekaaning.
That island has the best berries!”



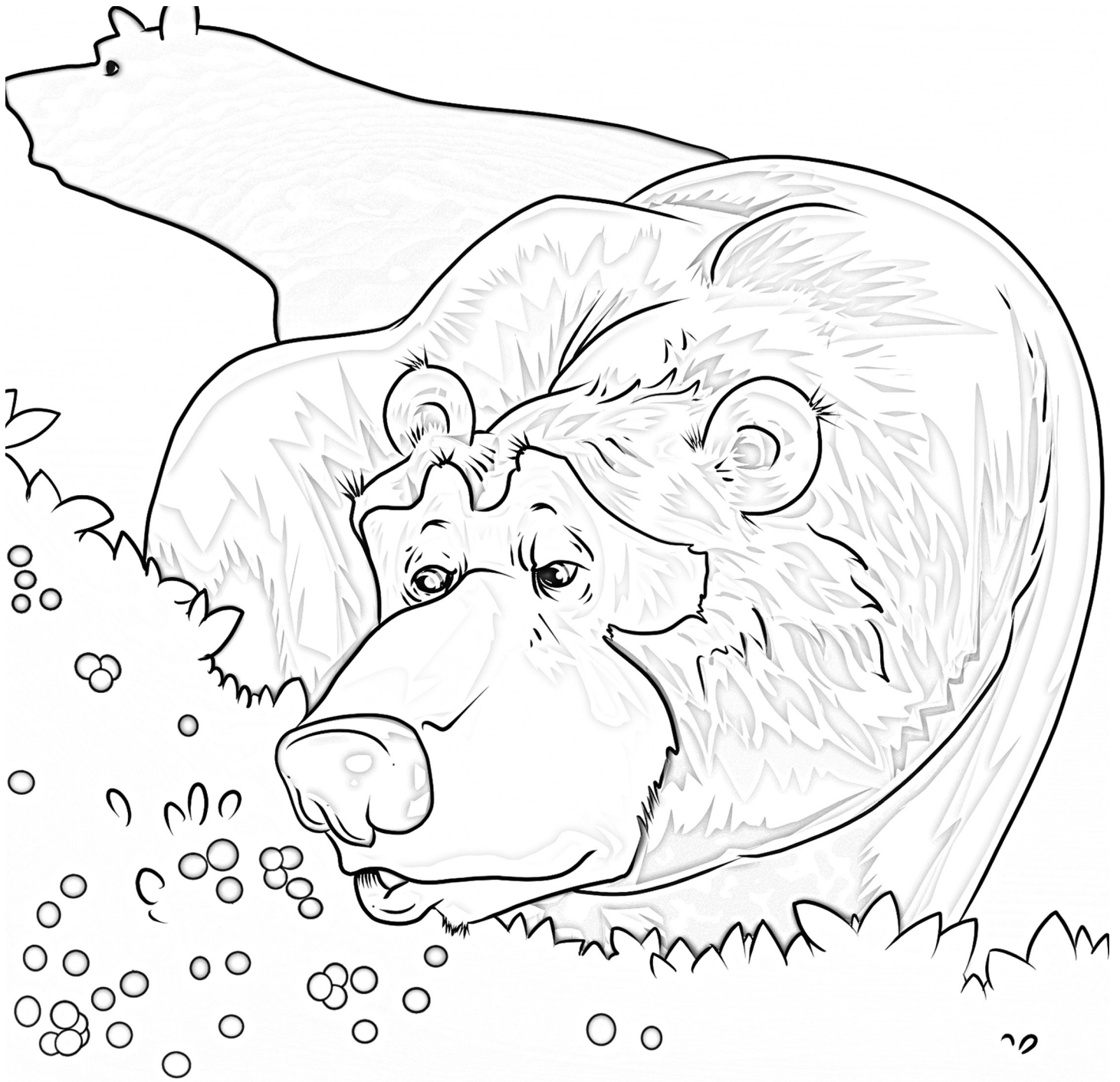
“When they got there, gii-segiziwag!
They were told to maajaan.”



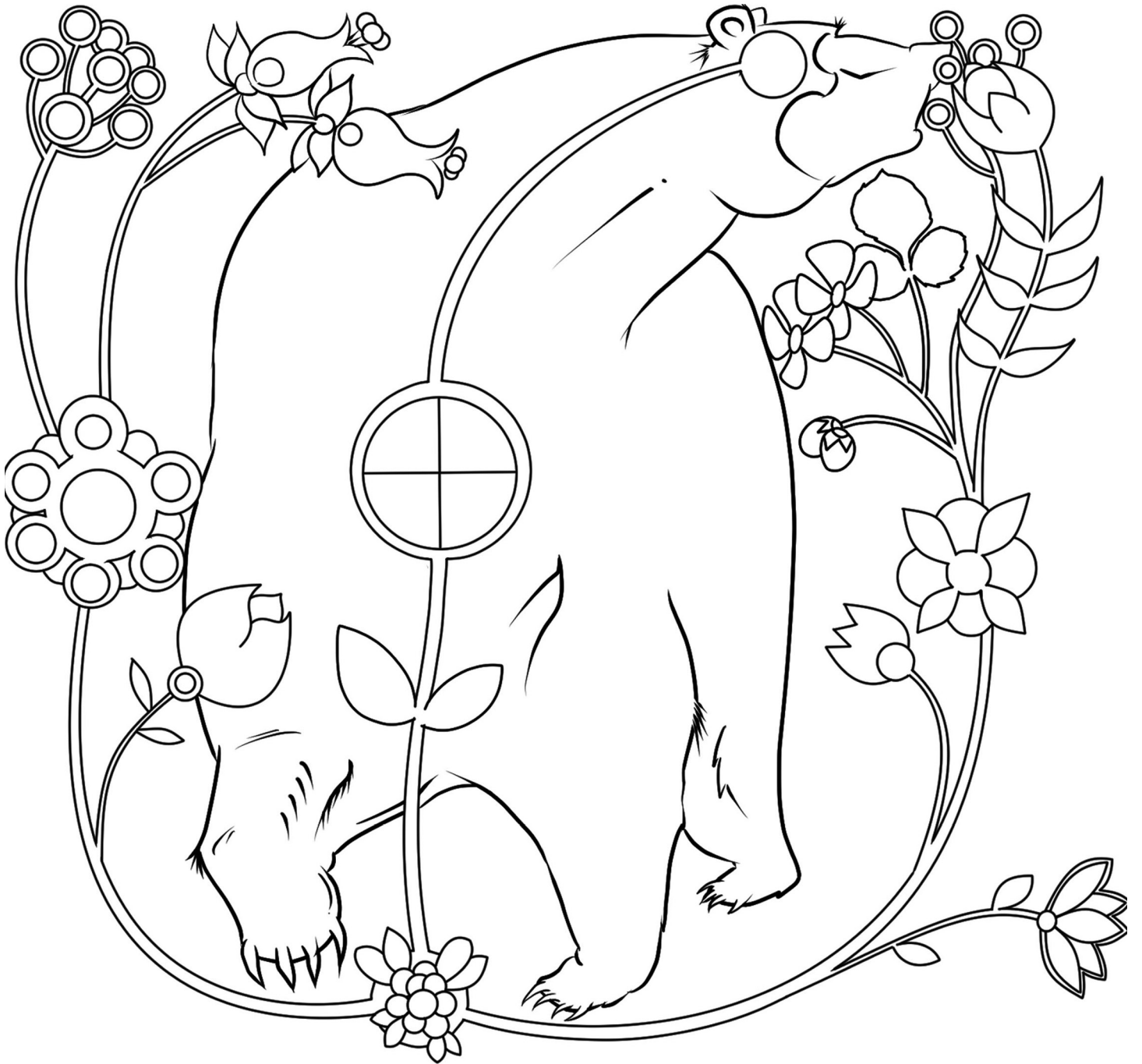
“They were not allowed to pick miinan imaa!”



“So the Anishinaabe invited them, respectfully,
and gave them asemaa.”



“We allowed them to pick miinan, if they would not bother us when we are out harvesting noopiming.”



“So it was then that the treaty was created,
and they could come pick berries on our minising.”



“This is why we do not need to be scared!” Said Nookomis.
They continued picking their miinan with the makwag.

This coloring book was adapted from Waabii, Ma'iingan, and Makwa, storybooks from the *Maajii-Ojibwemowag (They Begin to Speak Ojibwe)* book set,
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