



Maajii-Ojibwemowag
(They Begin to Speak Ojibwe)

Makwa

Stories of the Four-legged:
A Waabanong Coloring Book

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Aabiding, Nookomis and Noozhis were out blueberry picking.

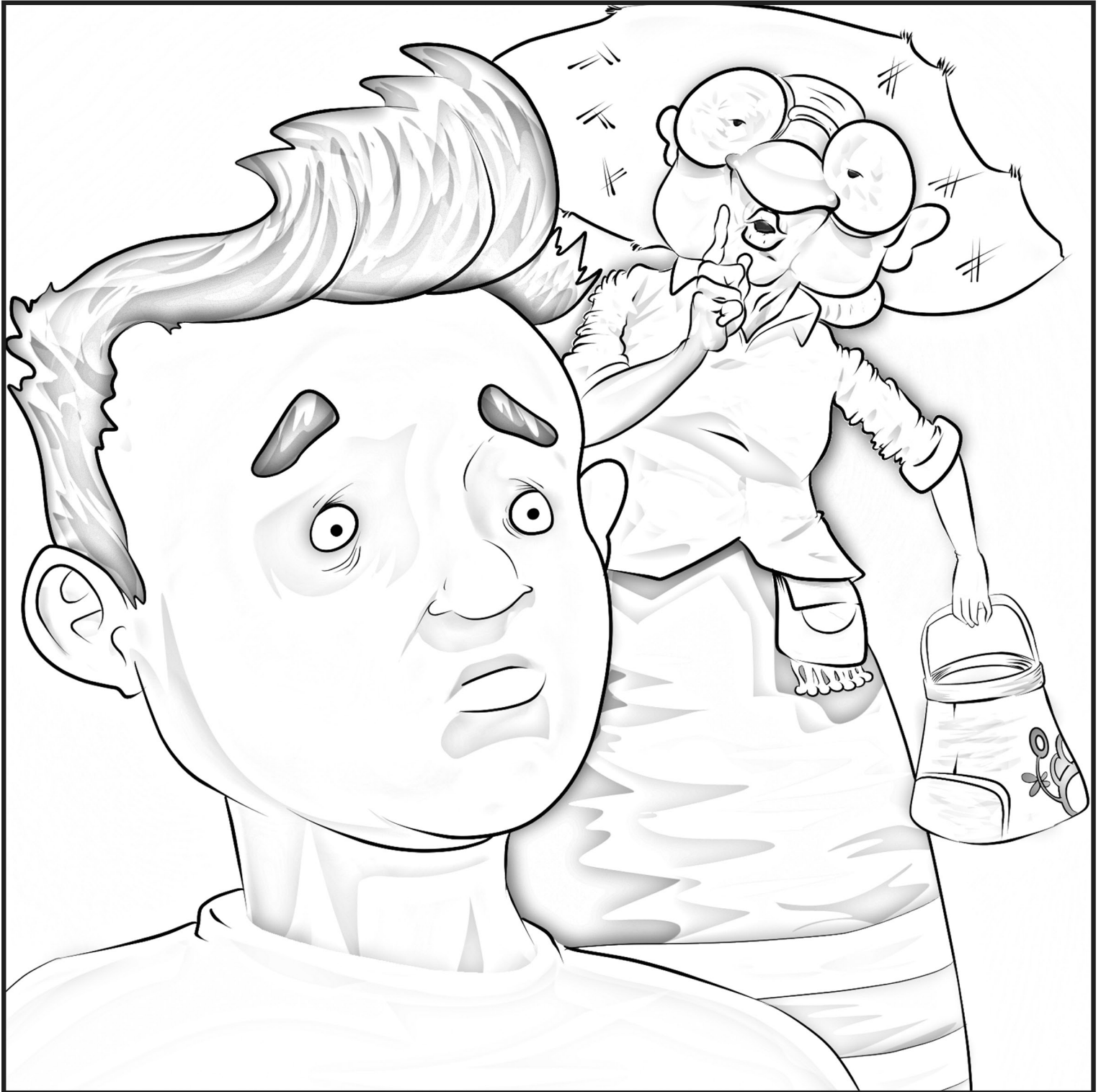


Off in the distance, Noozhis saw a makwa!



“NASHKE!” Noozhis screamed.

“Shhh, bizaan Noozhis!” Nookomis said.



“He wants to eat too!”

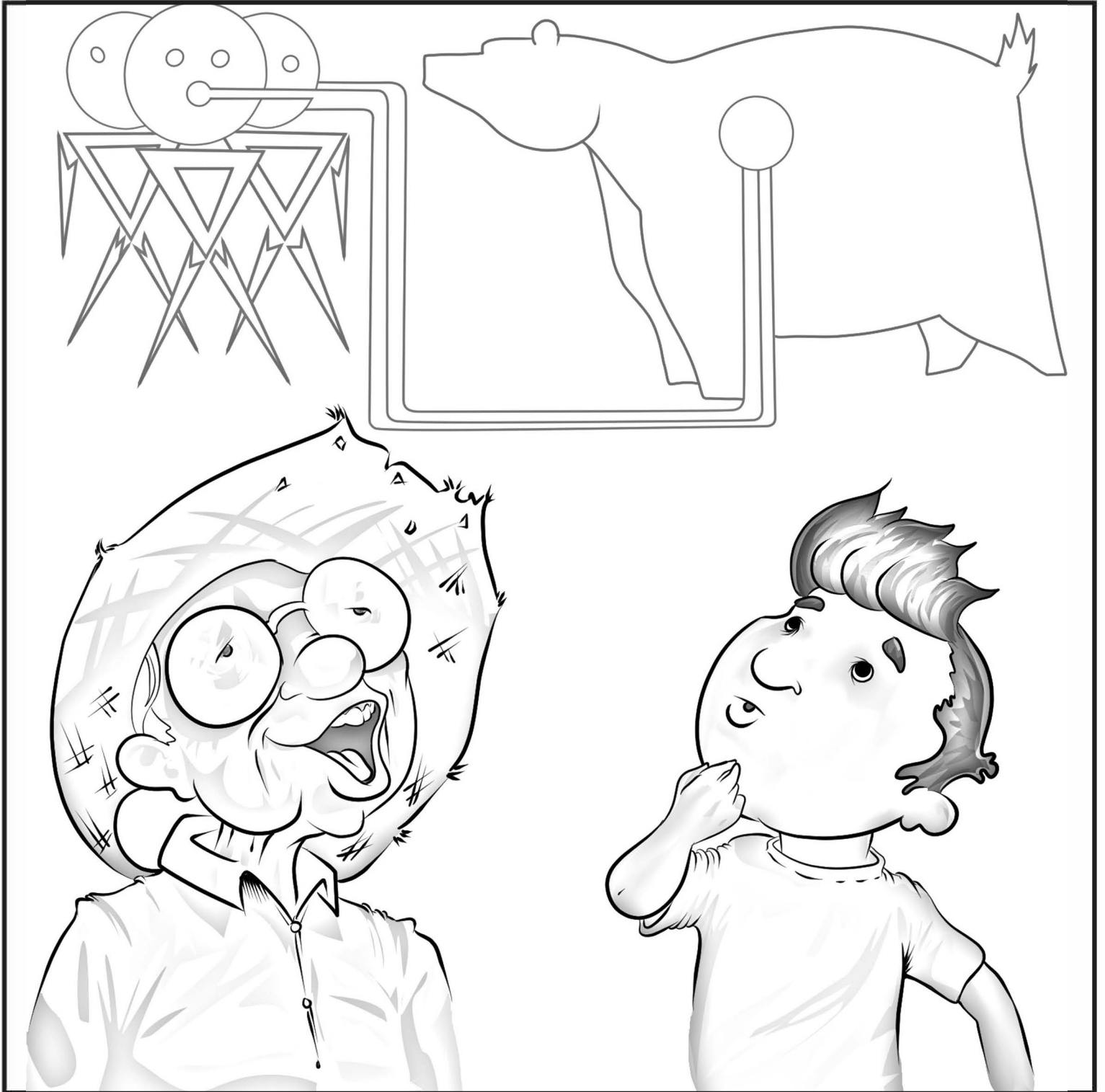
“Ninzegiz gosha!” Noozhis exclaimed.



“Mii go maanoo! They won't hurt us!” Nookomis said.

“Aaniin dash?” Noozhis asked.

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

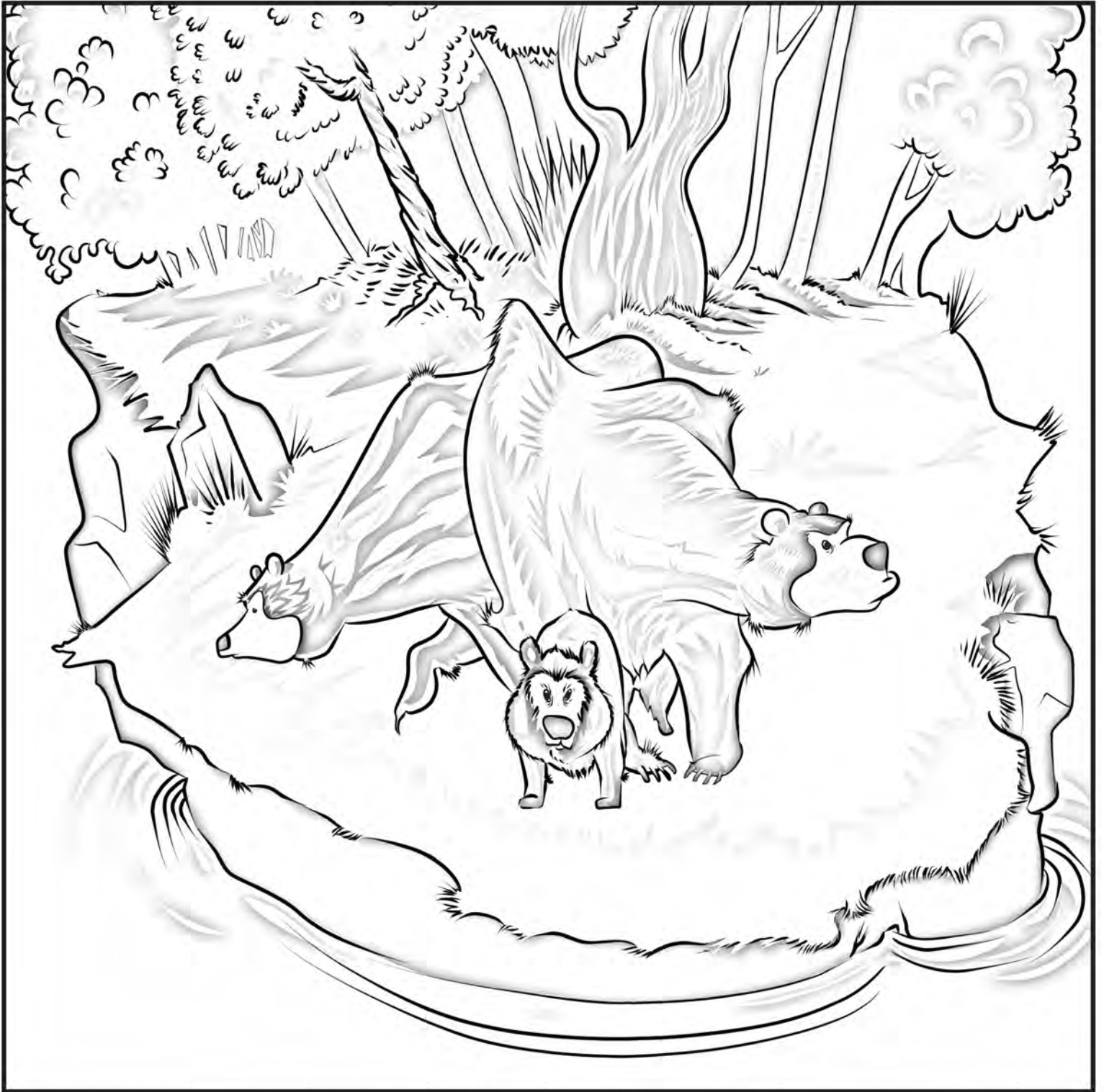


Nookomis starts telling Noozhis the story.

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

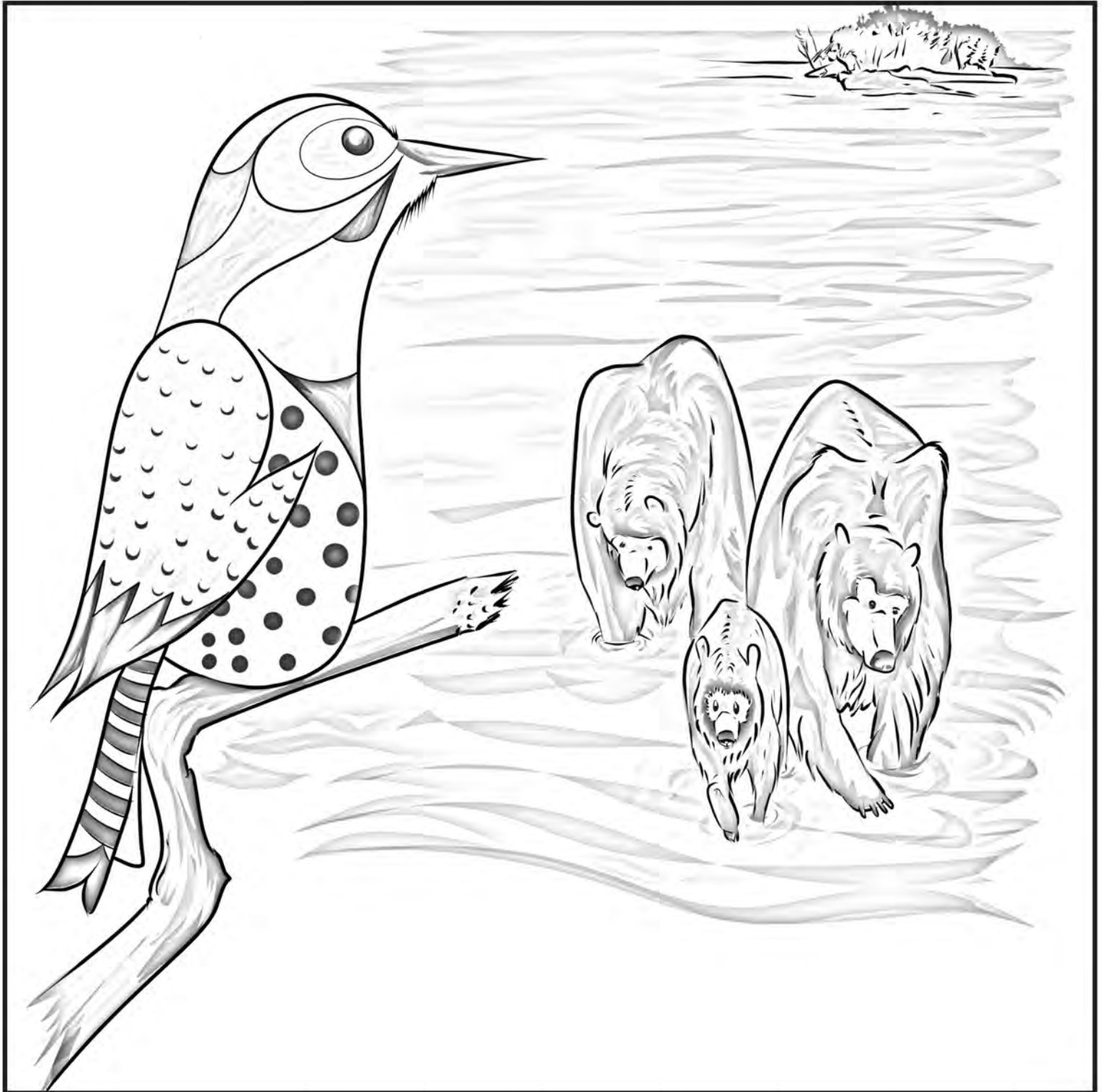


“They lived on Makwa Minising.



Maamaa Makwa, Dede Makwa, and Makoons.”

"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.”**



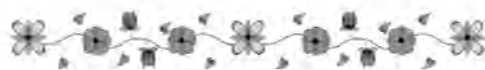
**“This is why we do not need to scared!” Said Nookomis.
They continued picking their miinan with makwag.**



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