

An Ojibwe Colouring Book

# Beautiful Words from Turtle Island

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# FOREWORD

*by Matthew Rowe and Samuel Hill*

Canada's Indigenous languages are facing an uncertain future. Inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action and by The Prince of Wales's own promotion of traditional wisdom, Prince's Trust Canada has made Indigenous language revitalization one of our major programs. With a focus on supporting language efforts through the production of content, our work to date has produced 77 titles in 15 Indigenous languages, with over 18,000 books printed.

This language learning colouring book is the first of a new series of resources developed with a commitment to the entire content development and publishing process being led by Indigenous communities and talent such as authors, artists, translators, project managers, and advisors. Our commitment to supporting the preservation, promotion and revitalization of Indigenous languages resonates in this colouring book as it is Prince's Trust Canada's first language learning resource tool to utilize Indigenous talent every step of the way. To learn more about our commitment to language revitalization and how you can support these efforts, please visit [www.princestrust.ca](http://www.princestrust.ca).

This is a bird that lives in the east.

**Mii'awe bineshii  
gaa-izhdaad iweti  
waabanong.**

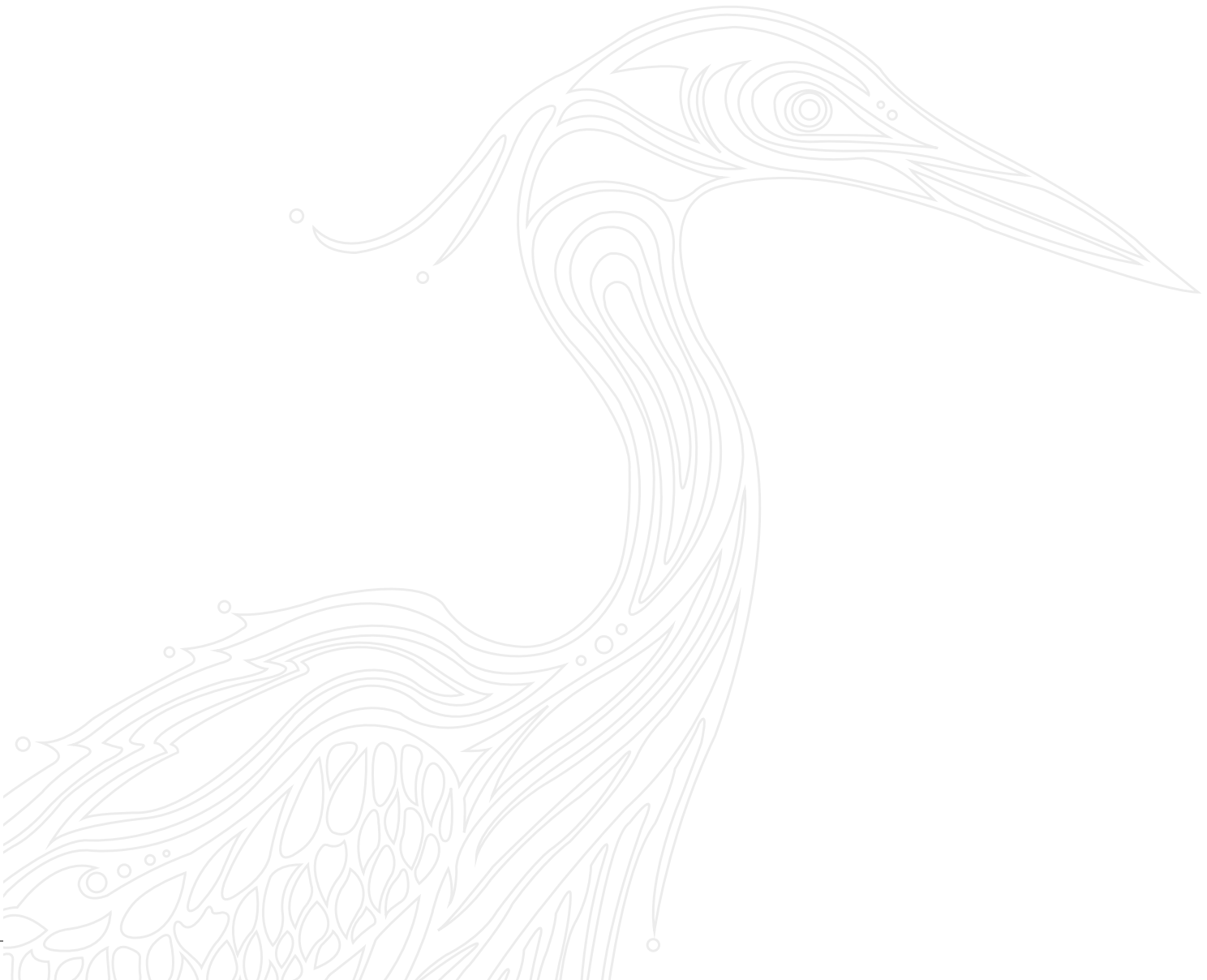






The crane likes to wade in the water to look for fish.

Awe ajjaak ominendaan  
chi-bimaadagaaziid  
imaa nibiigaang  
chi-andawaabamaad  
giigoowag.





The eagle flies the highest to carry our prayers to Creator.

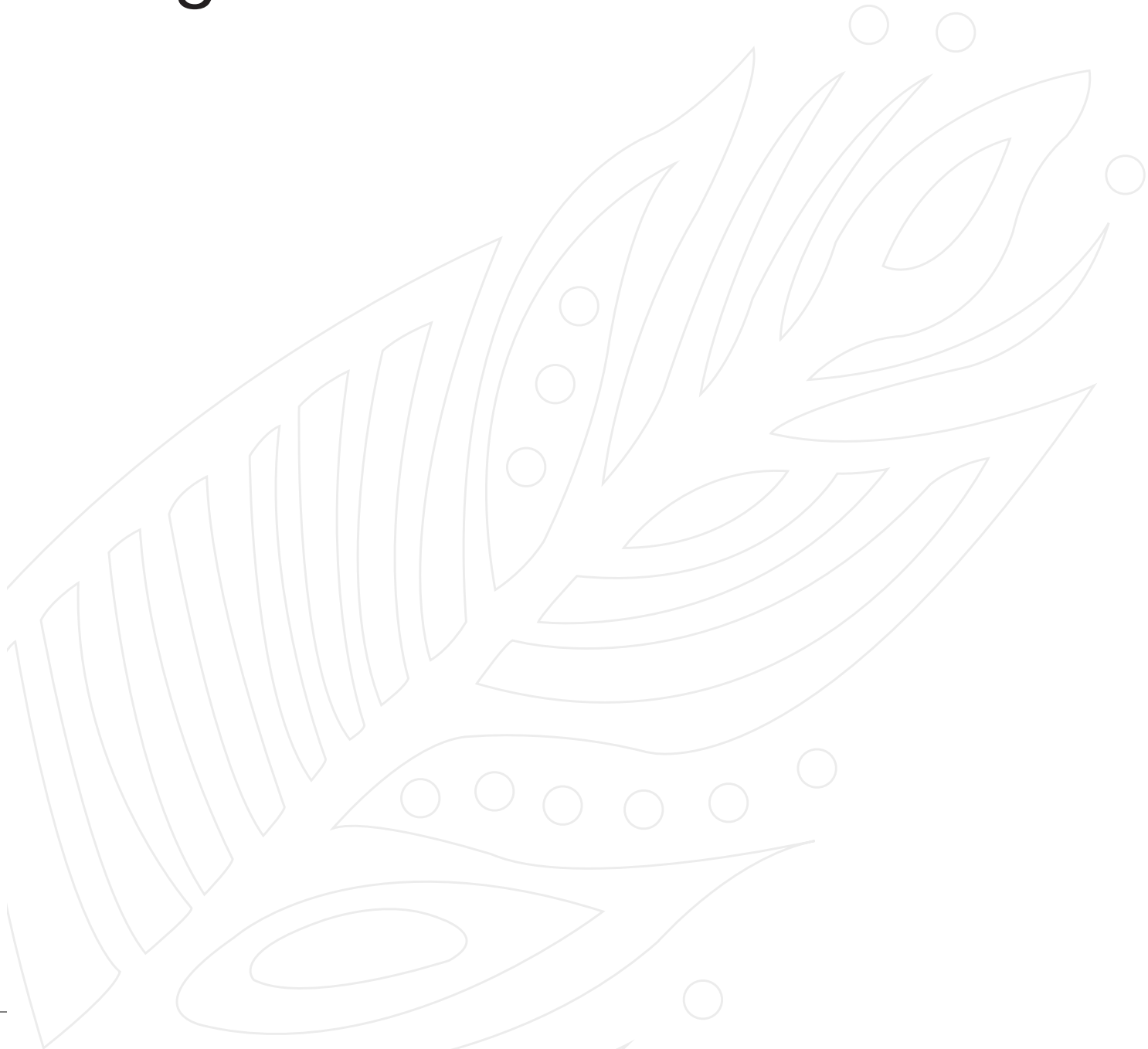
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bimise ishpiming  
odezhiidamowan  
gizhe-manidoo  
gi-anama'aawinan.**

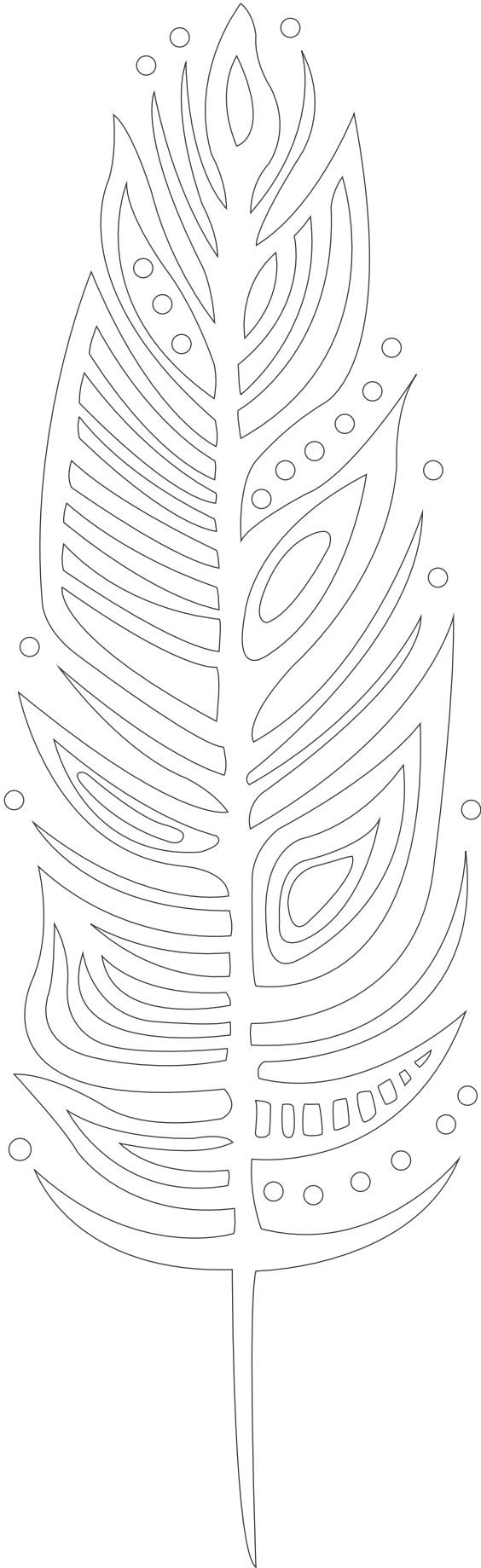




To receive an eagle feather means you are on the right path.

**Gii miinigowan  
giniw-miigwan mii'iwe  
gii-mino-bimaadizi.**







The hawk is our brother and a great hunter.

**Agegek gisayenam awe  
idash ge nita giwose.**





The beautiful butterfly inspires fancy shawl dancers.

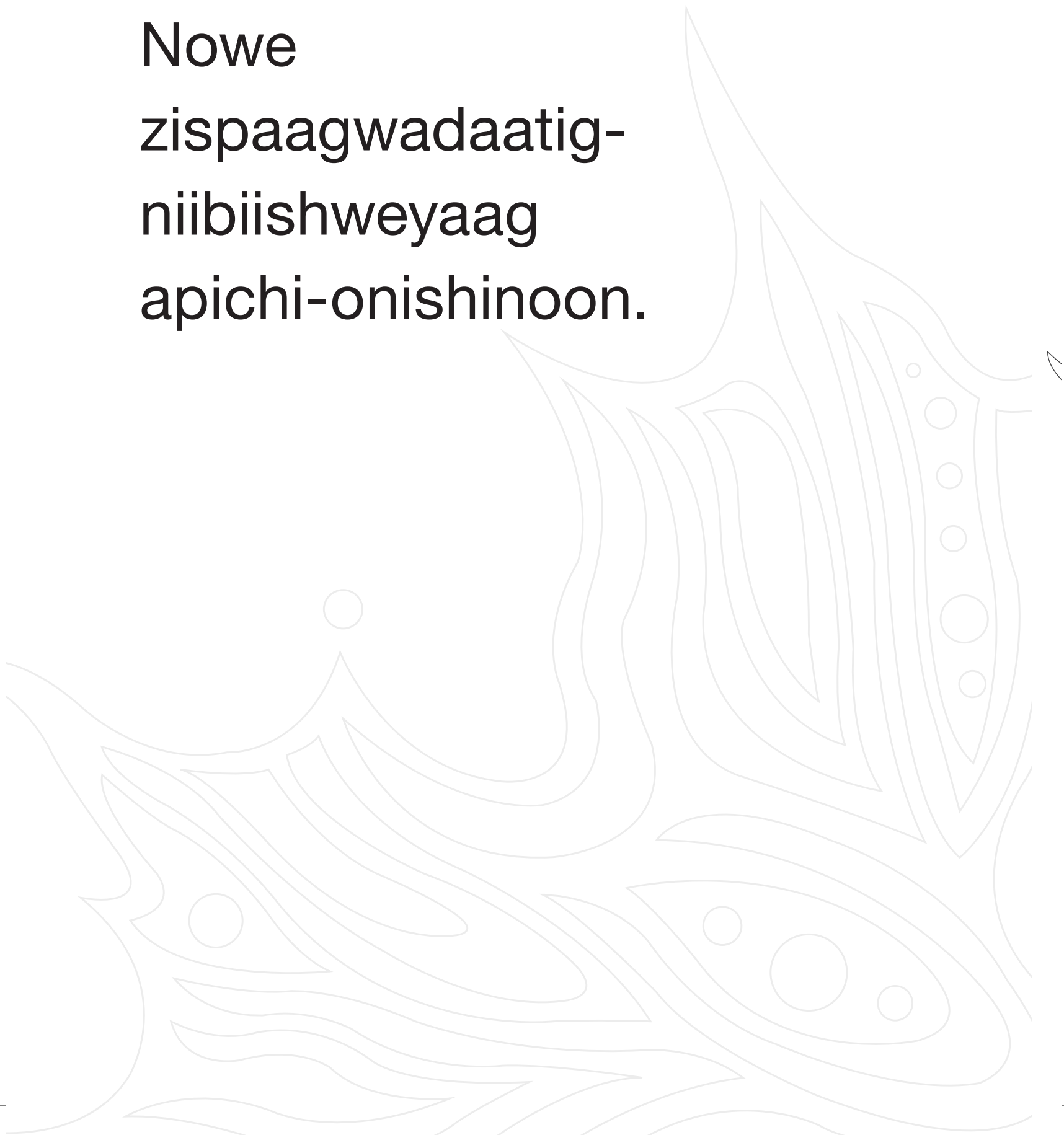
Awe gaa-onishid  
memengwaan  
odombi'ayaawaa  
gaa-mashwe-niimiwad.





The veins of a maple leaf are beautiful.

**Nowe  
zispagwadaatig-  
niibiishweyaag  
apichi-onishinoon.**

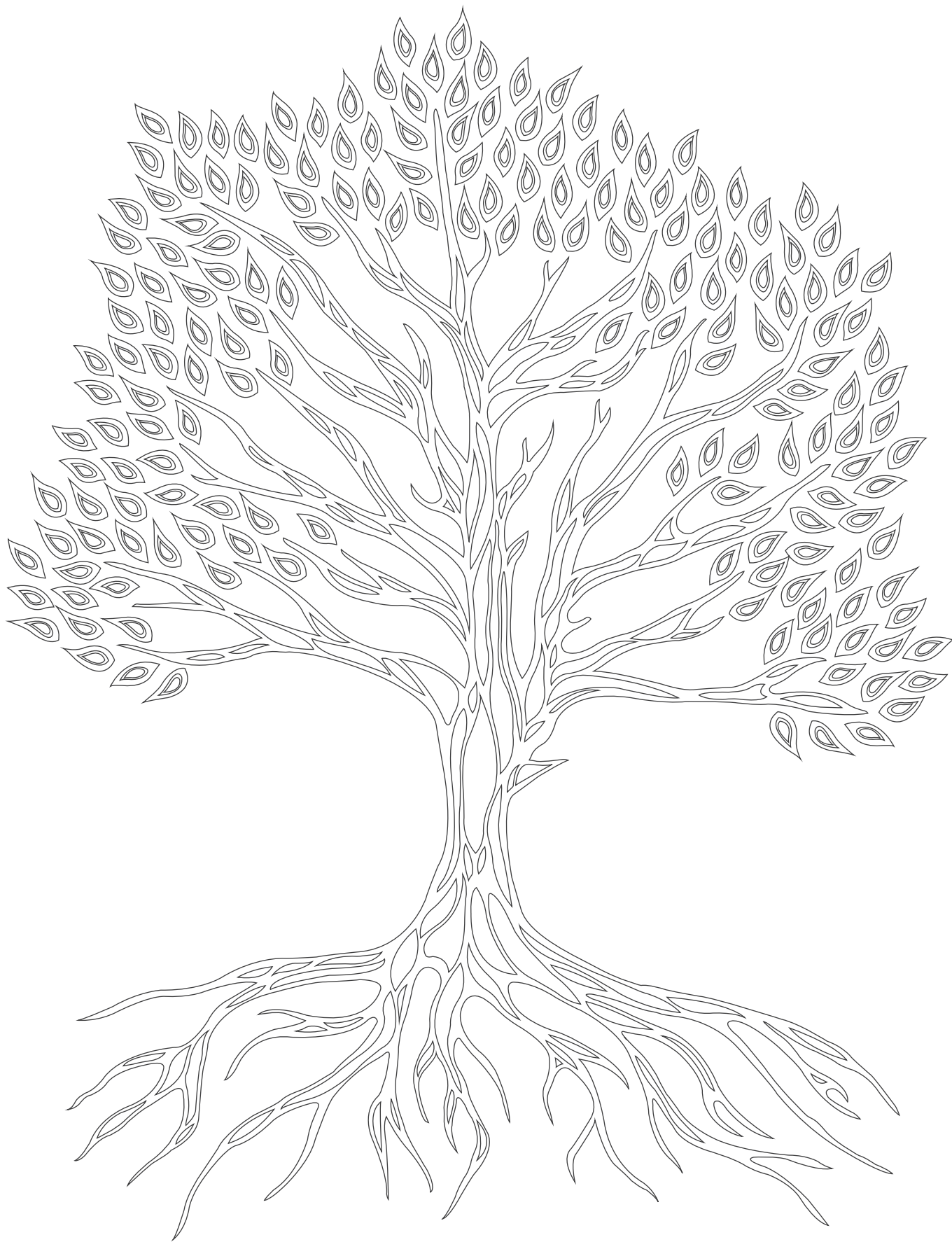




The tree of life connects all people and all nature.

Owe mitig gawenji  
bimaadizi'ing awiyag idash  
noopimiing inaadiziwin  
akina gidagonigoomin.





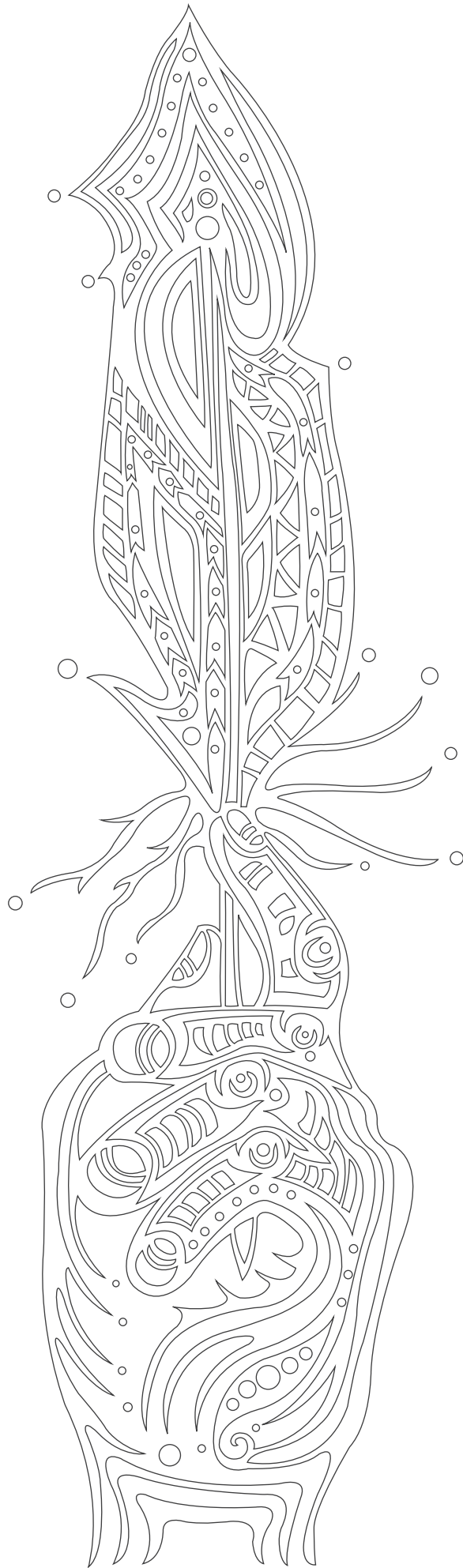




There is power in our culture.

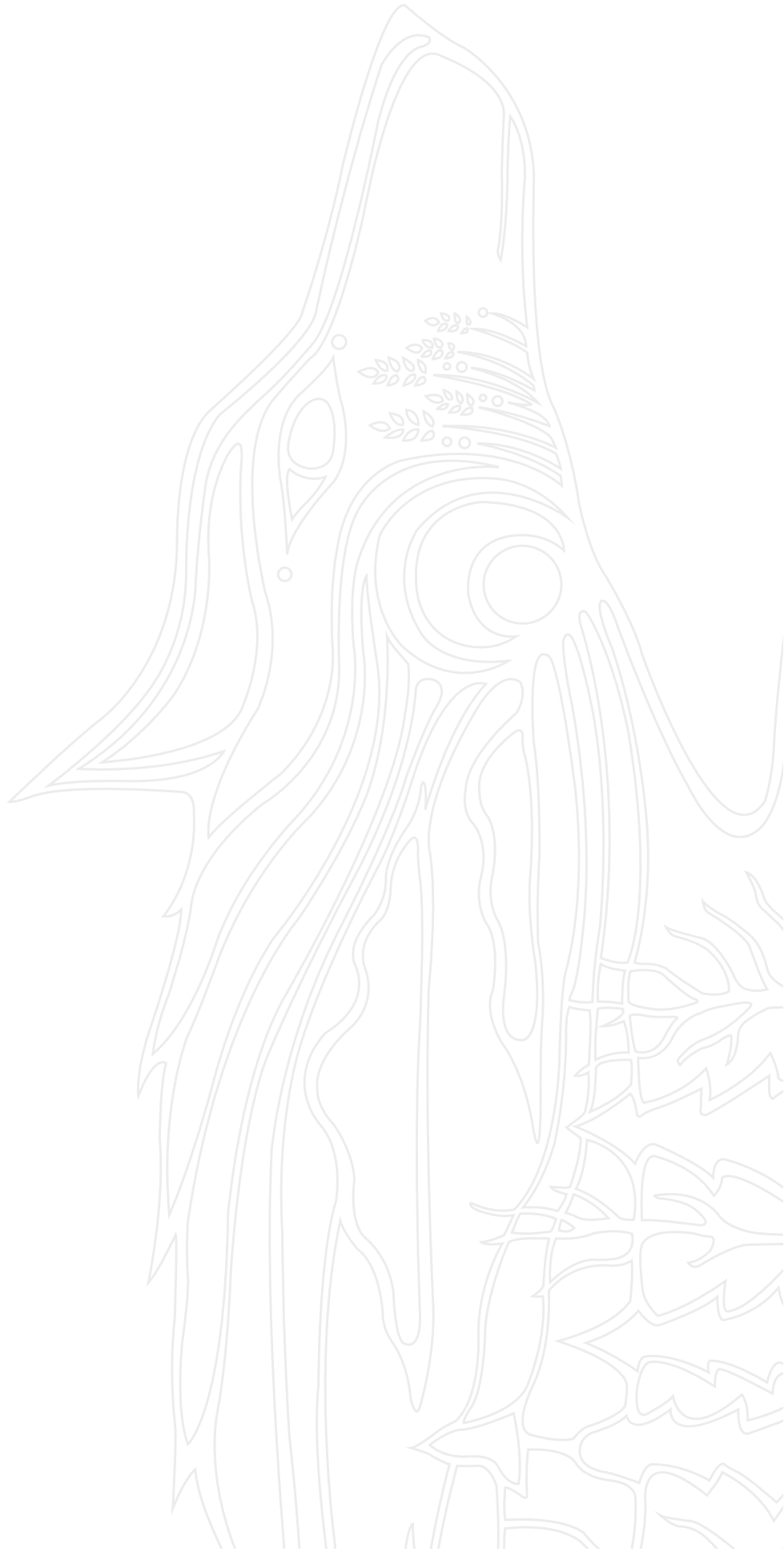
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iwe inaadiziiwin.**

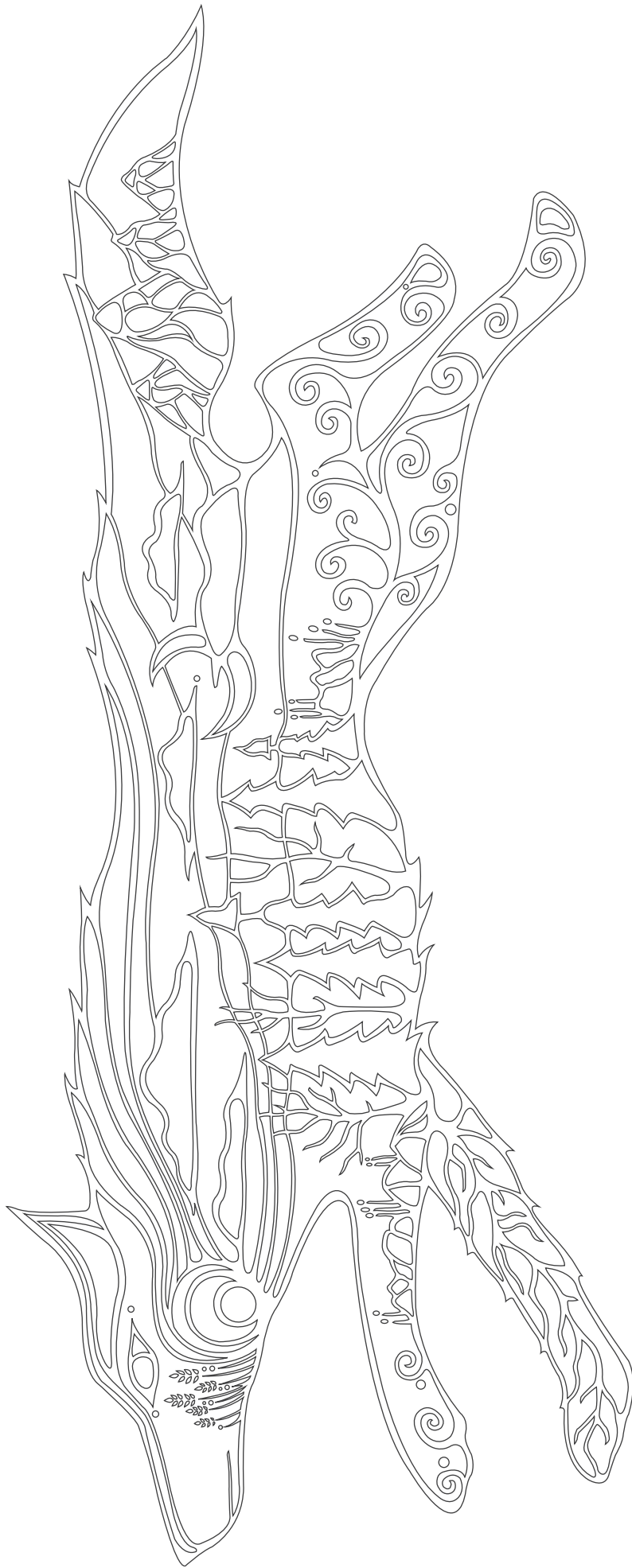




Everyone in life is on a personal journey.

**Owe bimaadiziwin akina awiya  
wiinawago babaamaadiziwag.**



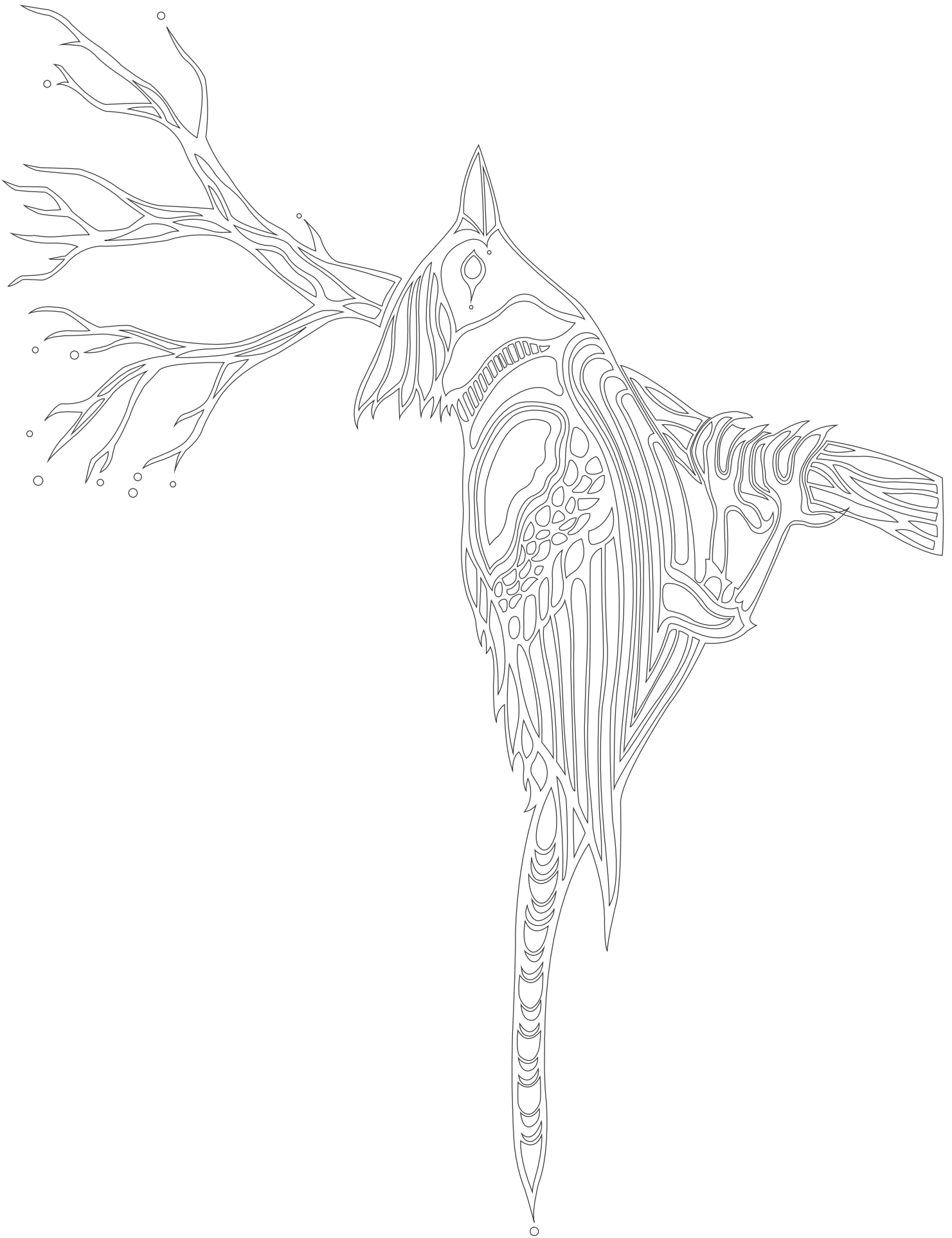


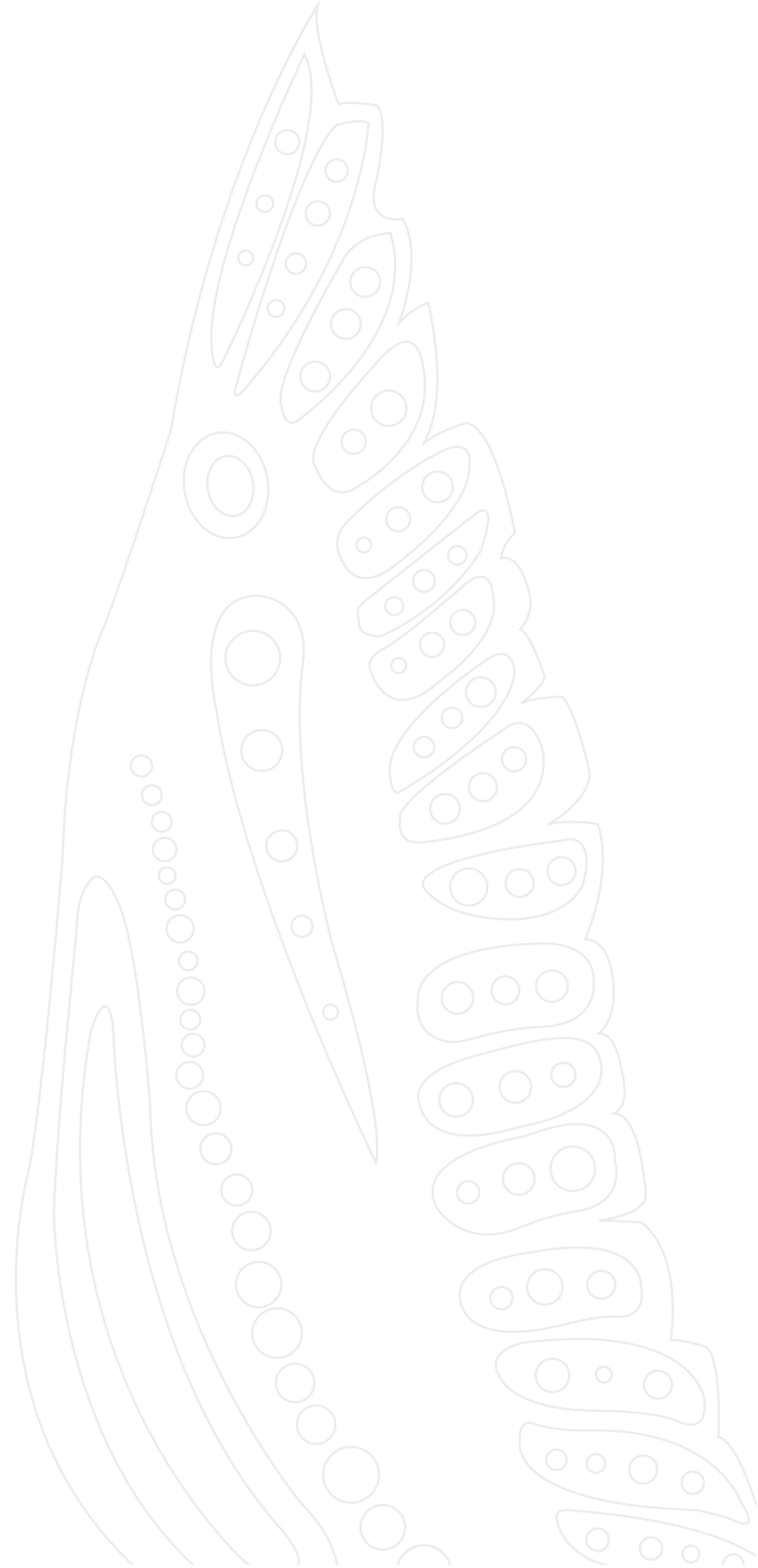
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The blue jay loves to fly and sing.

**Awe diindiisi ominendanaawa  
gii-bimisewat idash  
gii-nagamowat.**







The loon's songs add beauty to our lives.

**Awe maang gii-nagamowat  
ge onishin iwe bimaadizowin.**



The owl spreads his wings for flight.

**Awe gookooko'oo zhizhoo'aangeni  
jibwaa bimised.**





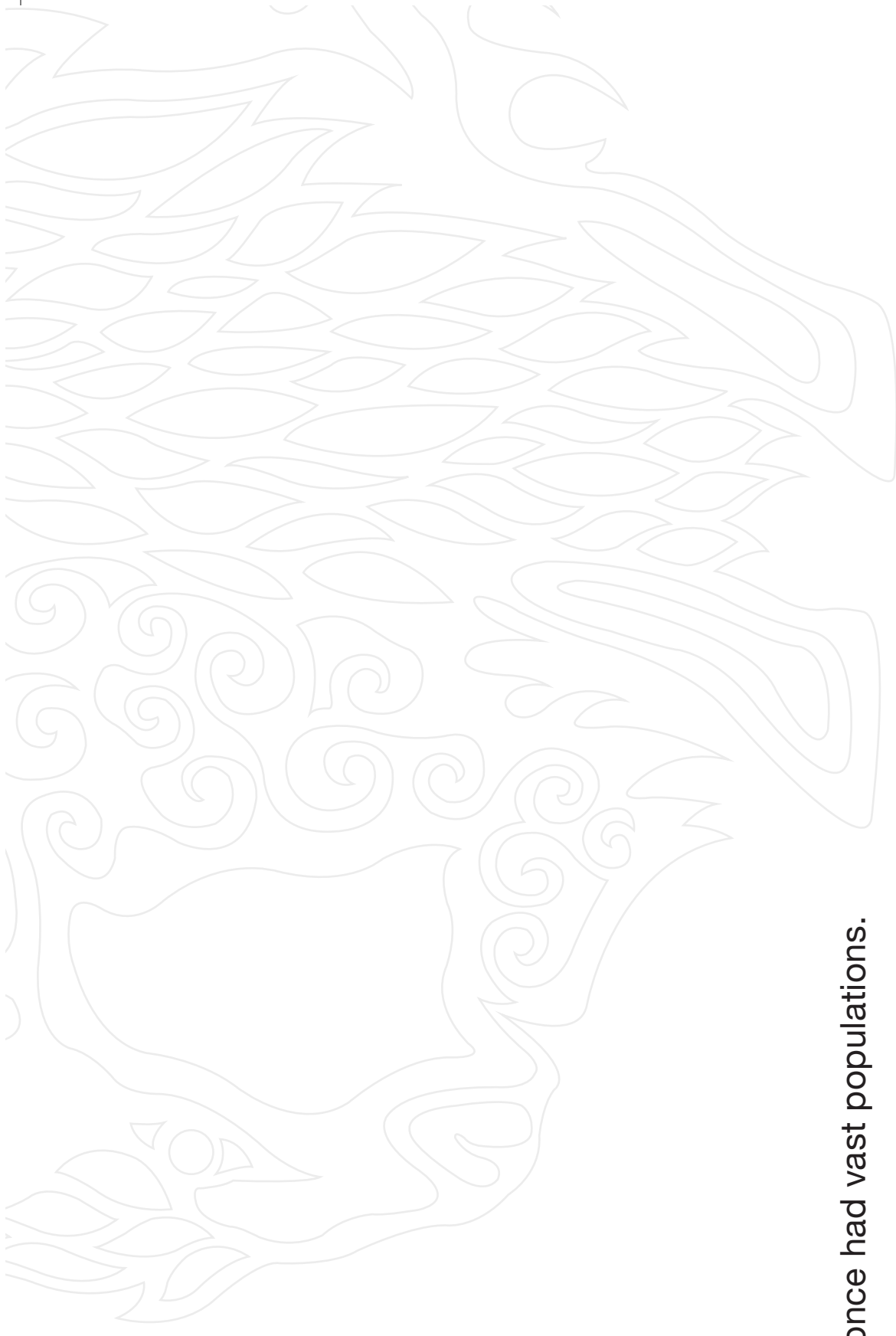


Crows like to talk to each other.

# Aandeg ominendanaawa gii-gaganoonidiwat.







The bison once had vast populations.

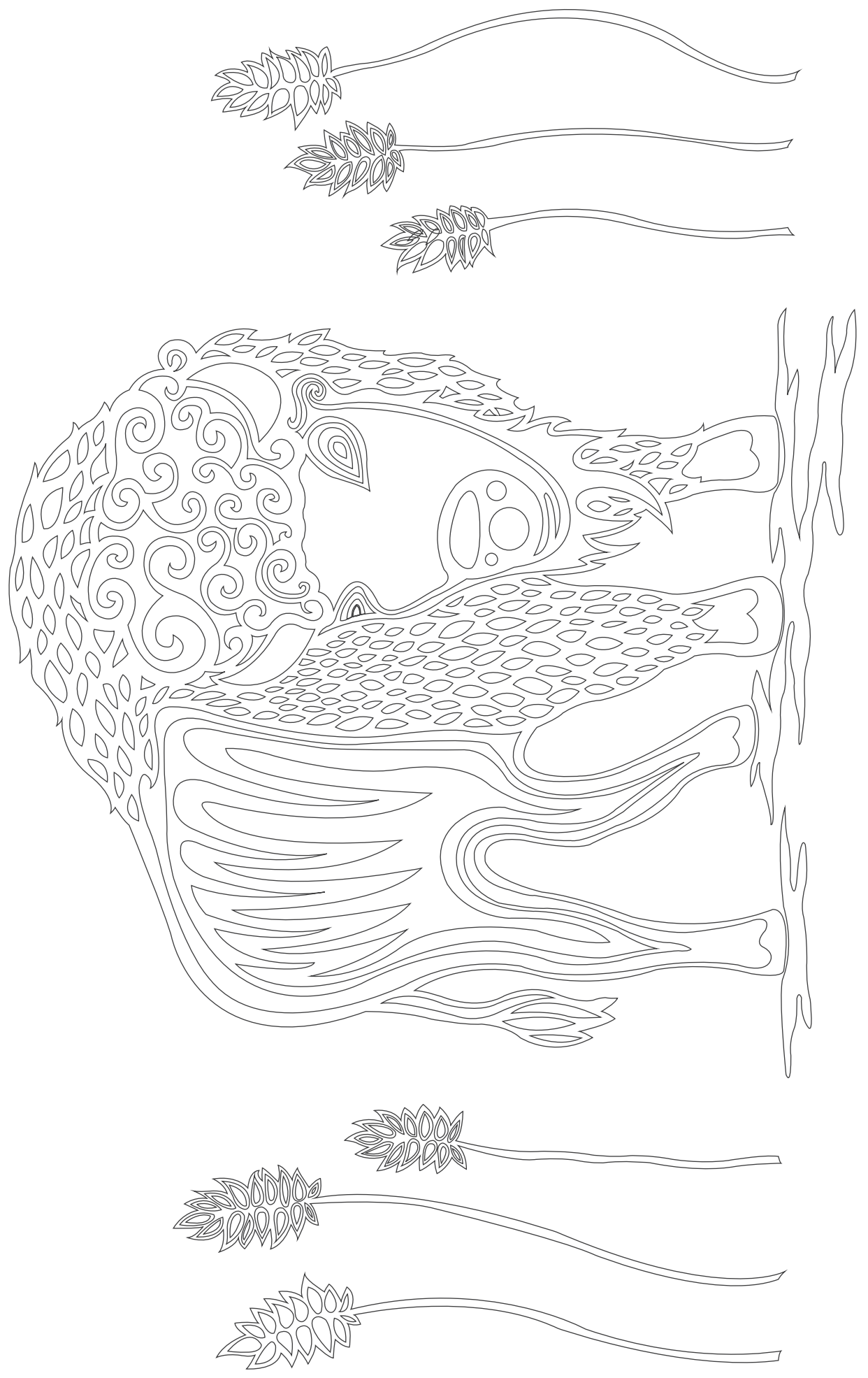
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The great bison lives on the plains of Turtle Island.

**Awe gichi-  
mashkode-bizhiki  
izhidaa mashkode  
mikinaak minis.**



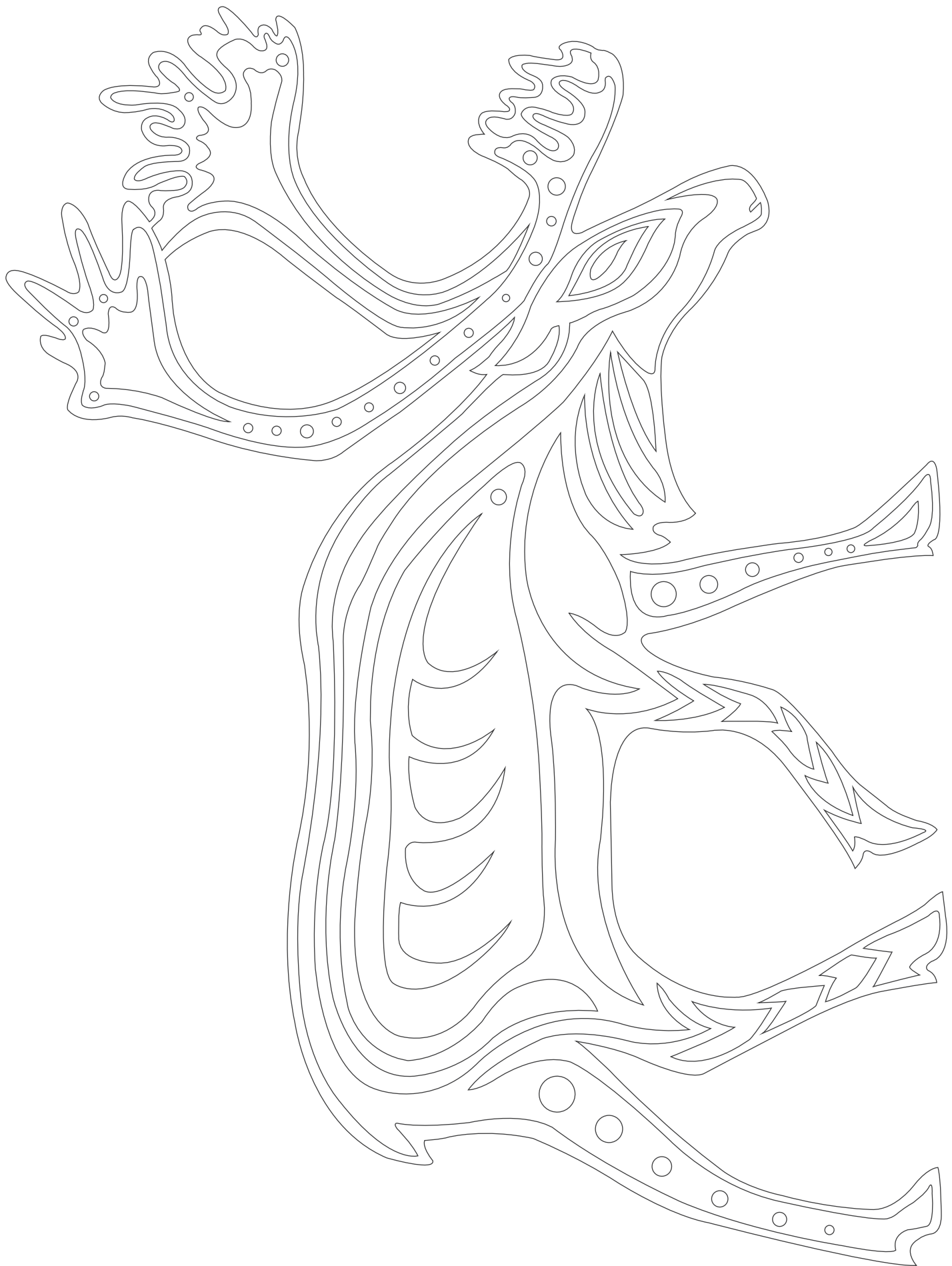


The caribou migrate long distances.

**Gowe adikwag waasa  
anda-biboonishiwag.**



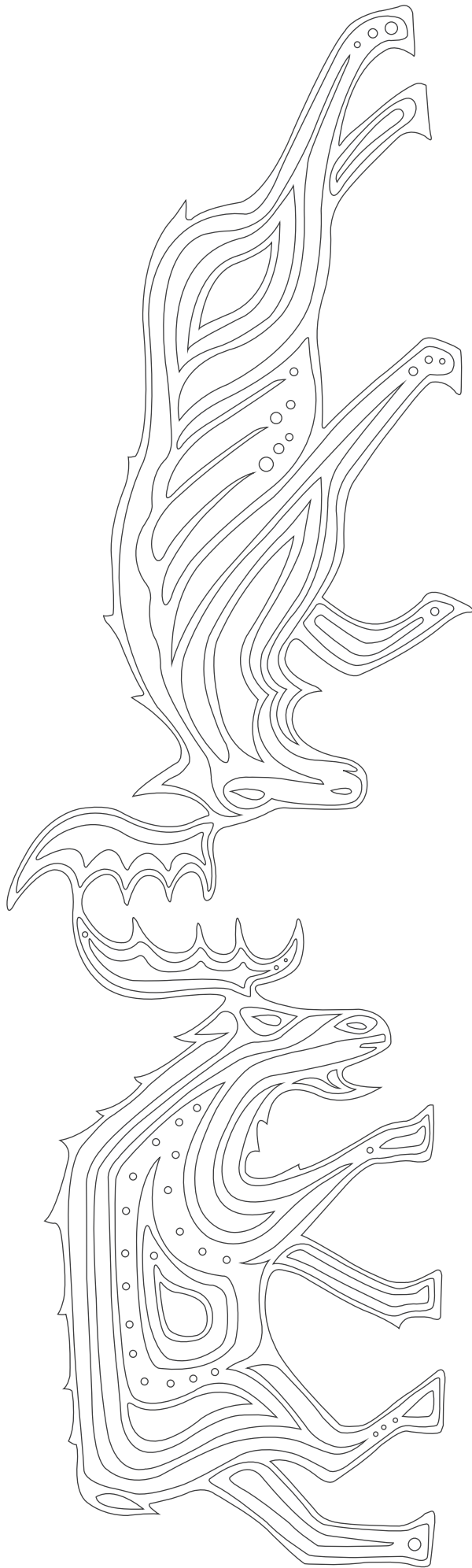




Watch out! Bull moose can have powerful fights.

**Aangwaamizin!, gowe naabe-mooz  
daa gichi miigaadiwag.**

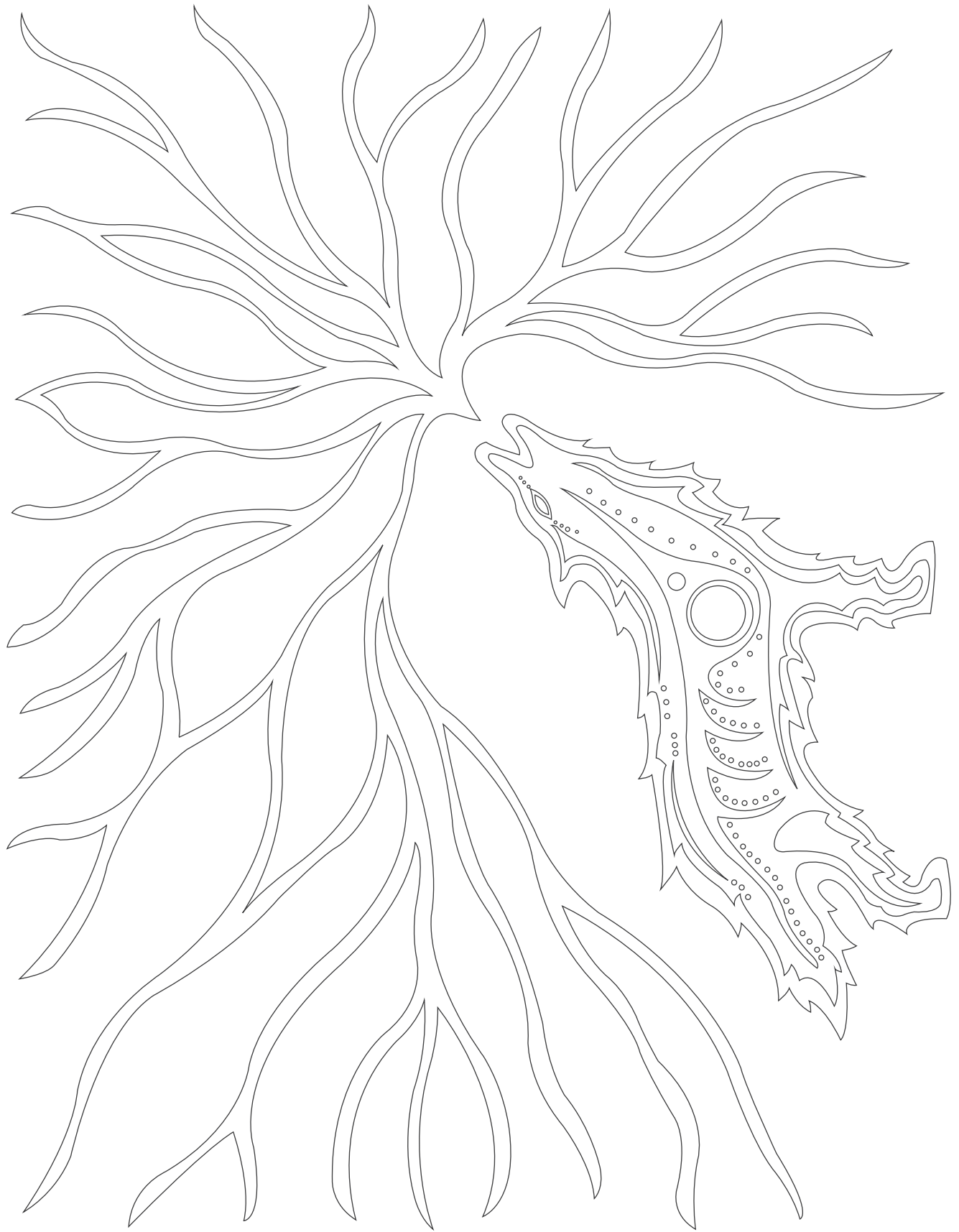




The wolf is strong. She howls to her family.

**Awe ma'iingan ge mashkawizi .  
owaawoono'aa  
oningodwezhaanag.**



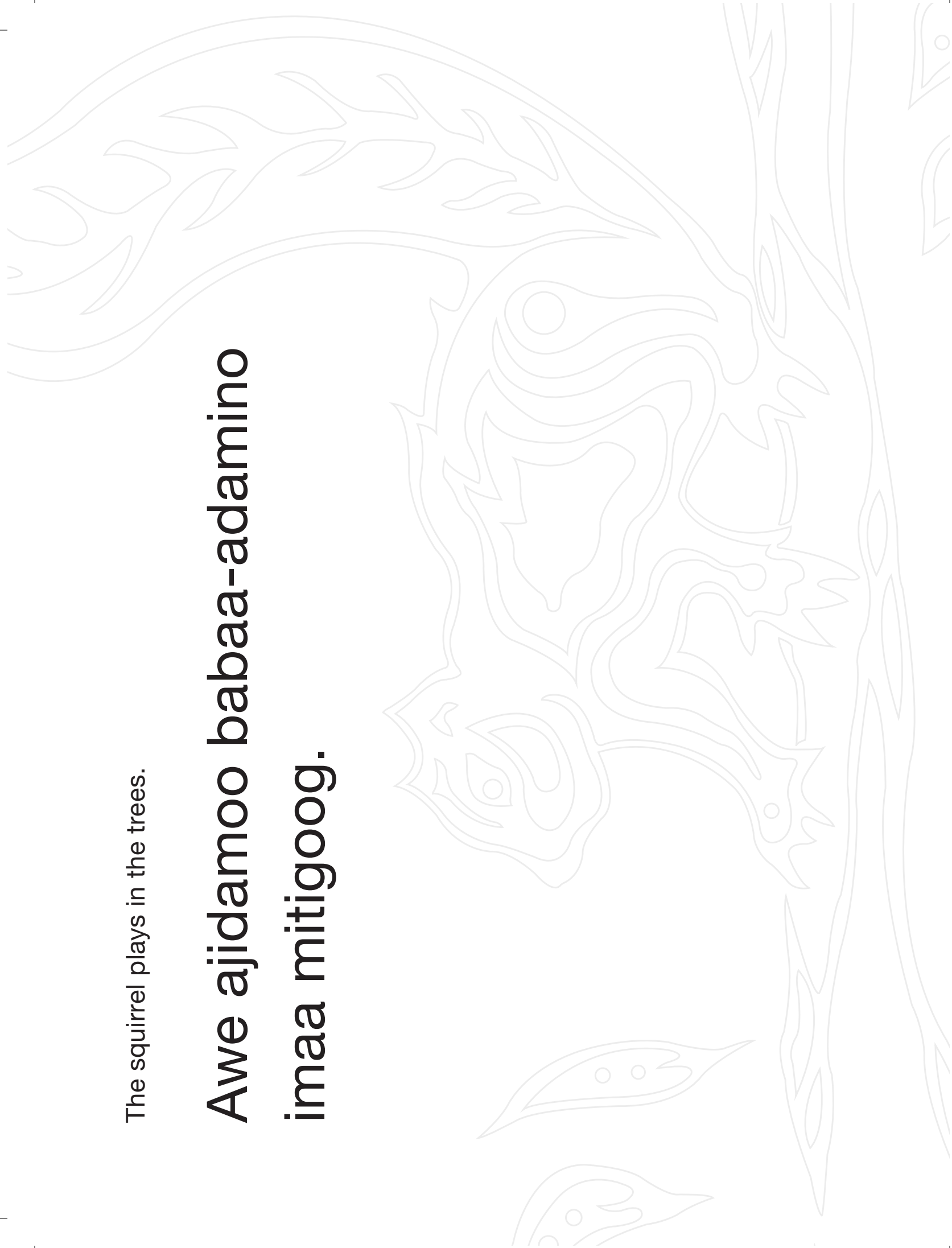


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The squirrel plays in the trees.

**Awe ajidamoo babaa-adamino  
imaa mitigoog.**





The maple leaf can be as big as your head!

**Nowe zispaawadaatig-  
niibiishweyaag ge-michaawan  
daapishkoo gaa-inigwaag  
gishtigwaan!**





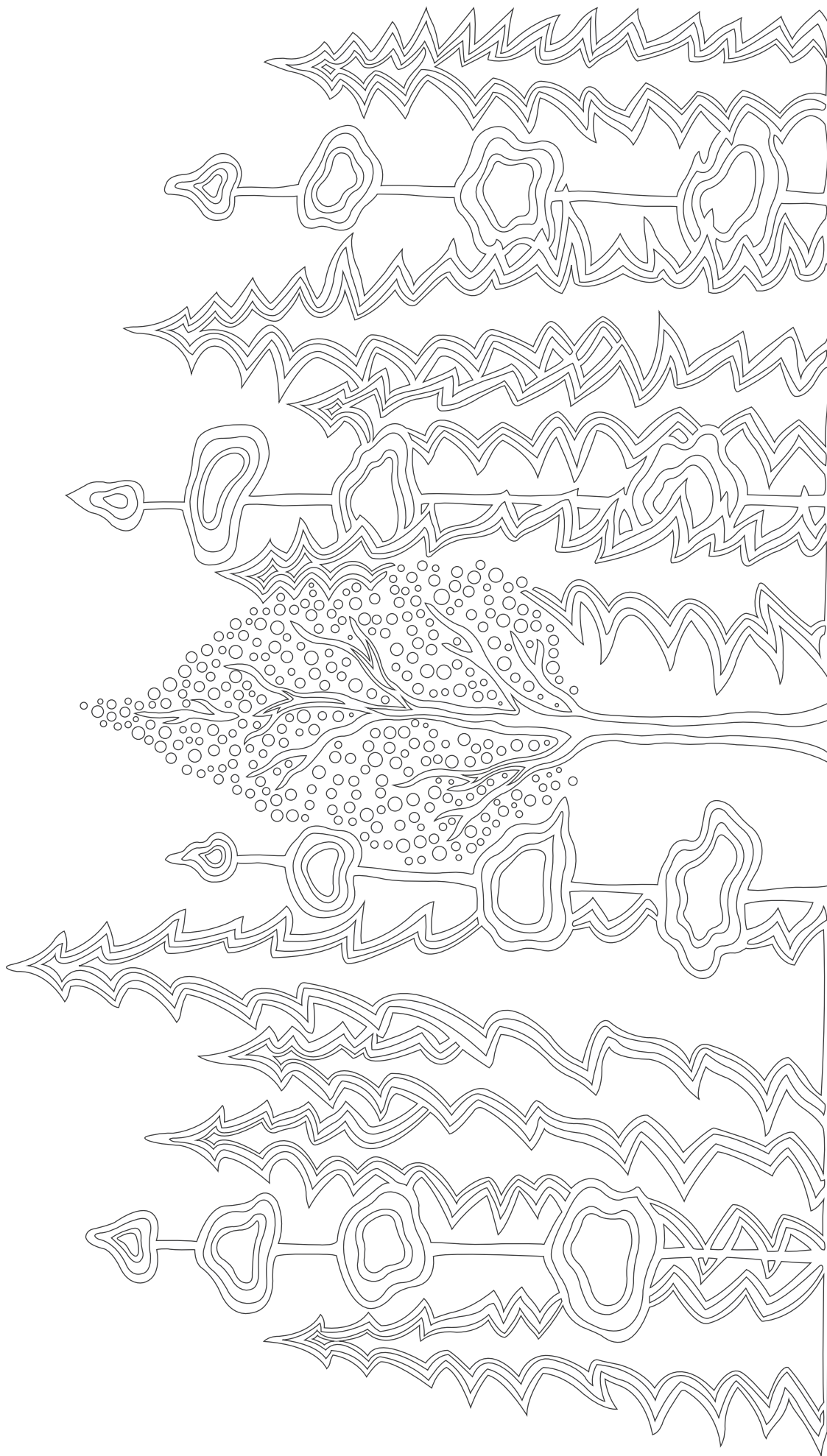


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Spending time in the forest is calming.

# Gii-ayaayin imaa noopimiing ge iga-bizaanendamowi'iyaa.

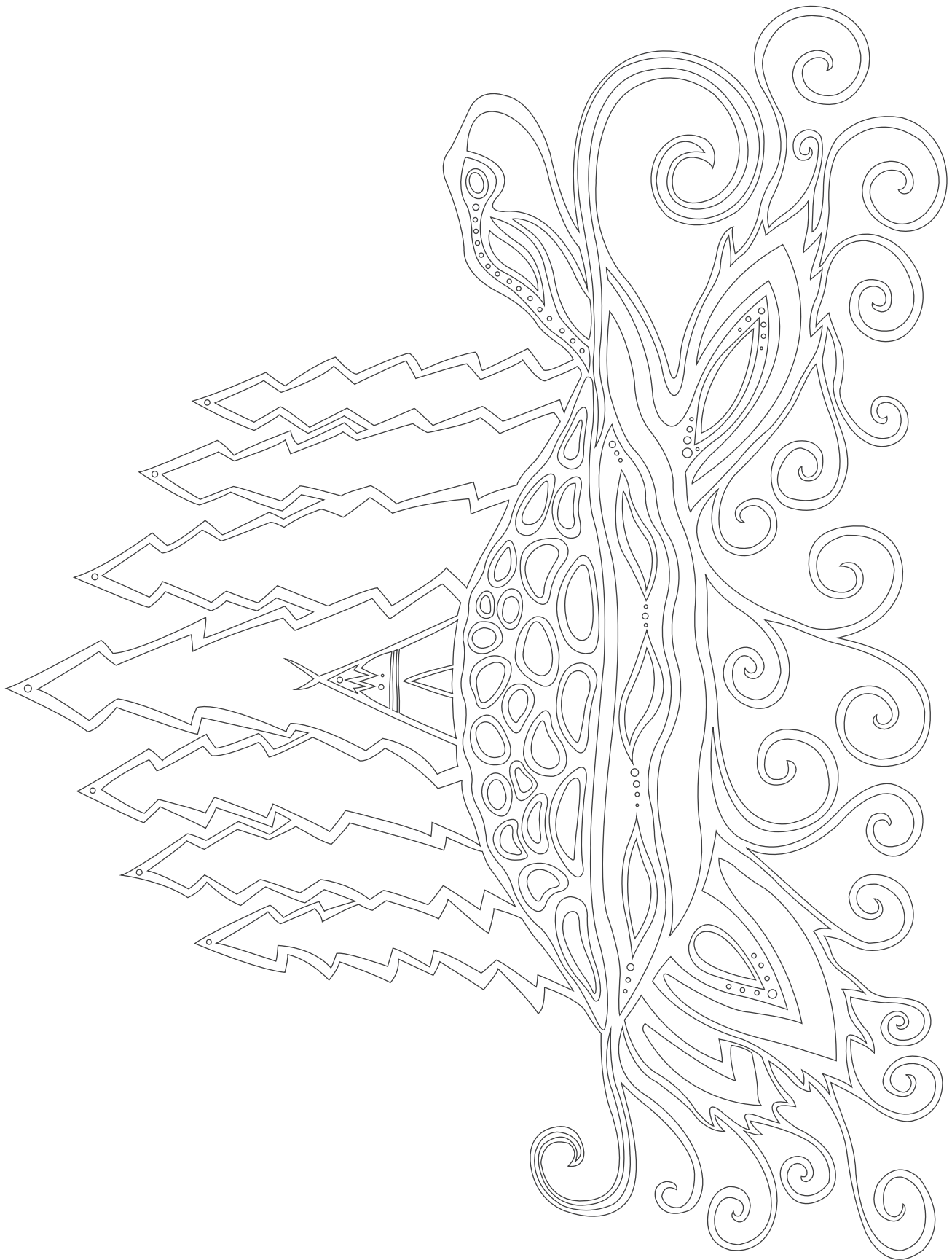






Our home is called Turtle Island.

**Endaaying izhinikaate mikinaak minis.**

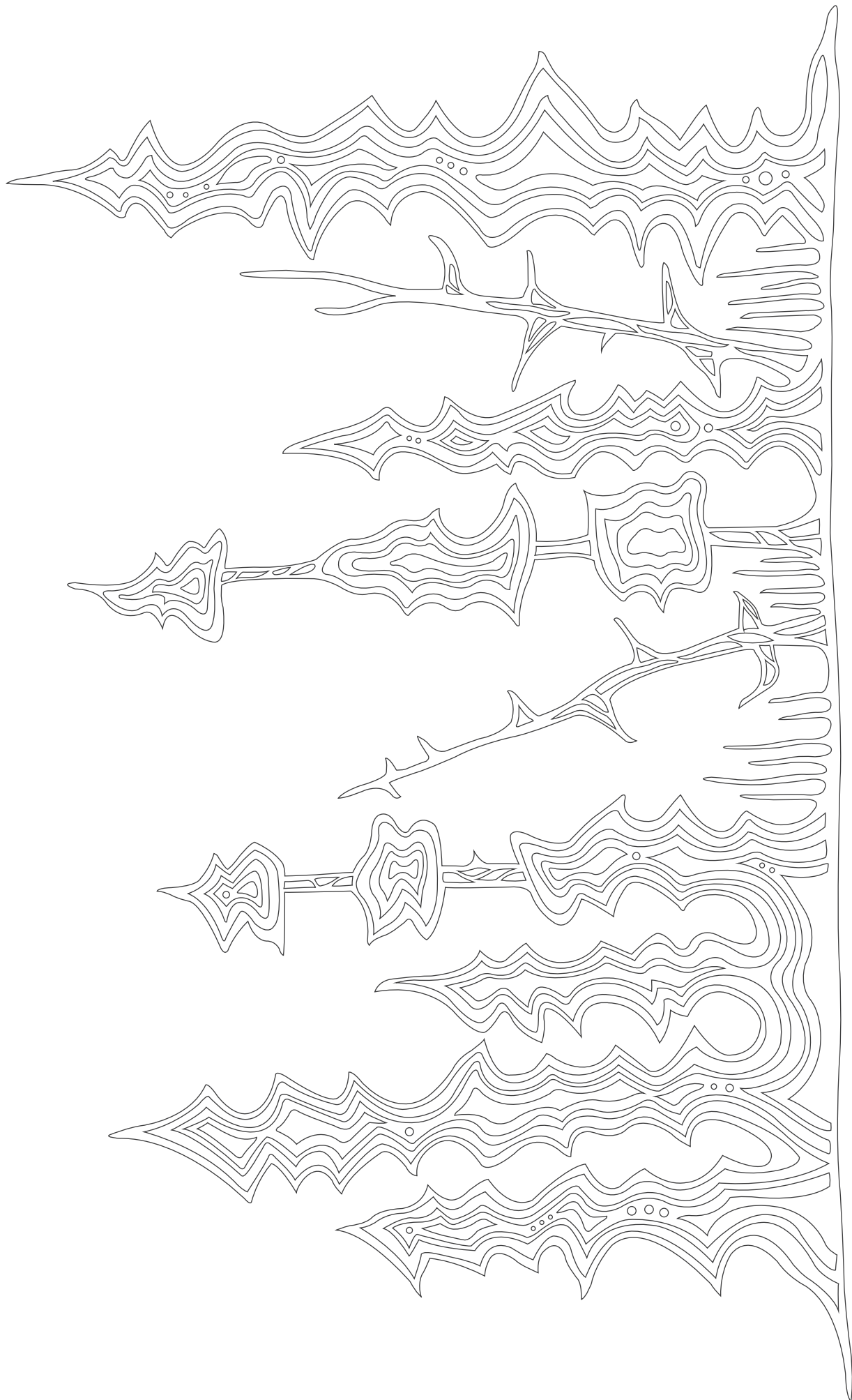




The forests on Turtle Island have spirit and are beautiful.

**Nowe noopimiing imaa mikinaak  
minis odiyaaanawaa manidoo idash  
ge onishinoon.**

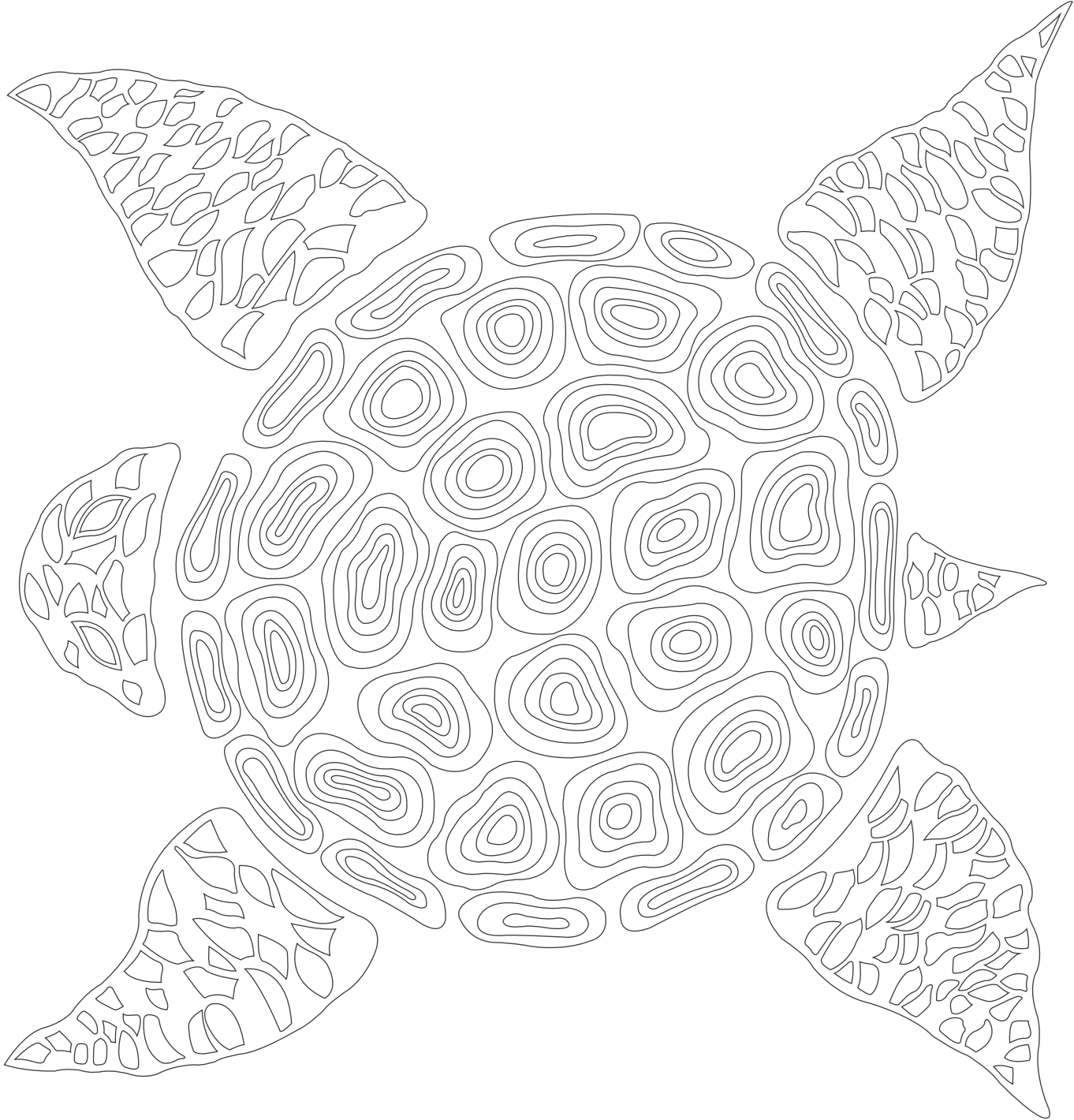




The turtle clan members are the teachers and the artists.

**Gaa-odoodeman mikinaak  
miigowe gikinoo'amaagewat  
idash gaa-mazinibii'igewad.**







The Anishinaabeg people make floral designs.

# Gowe Anishinaabeg odozhitoonawaa waabigwanii mazinibii'igan.

