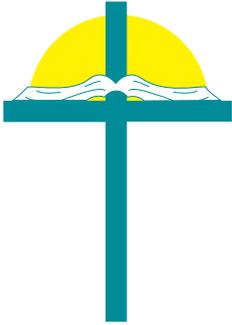


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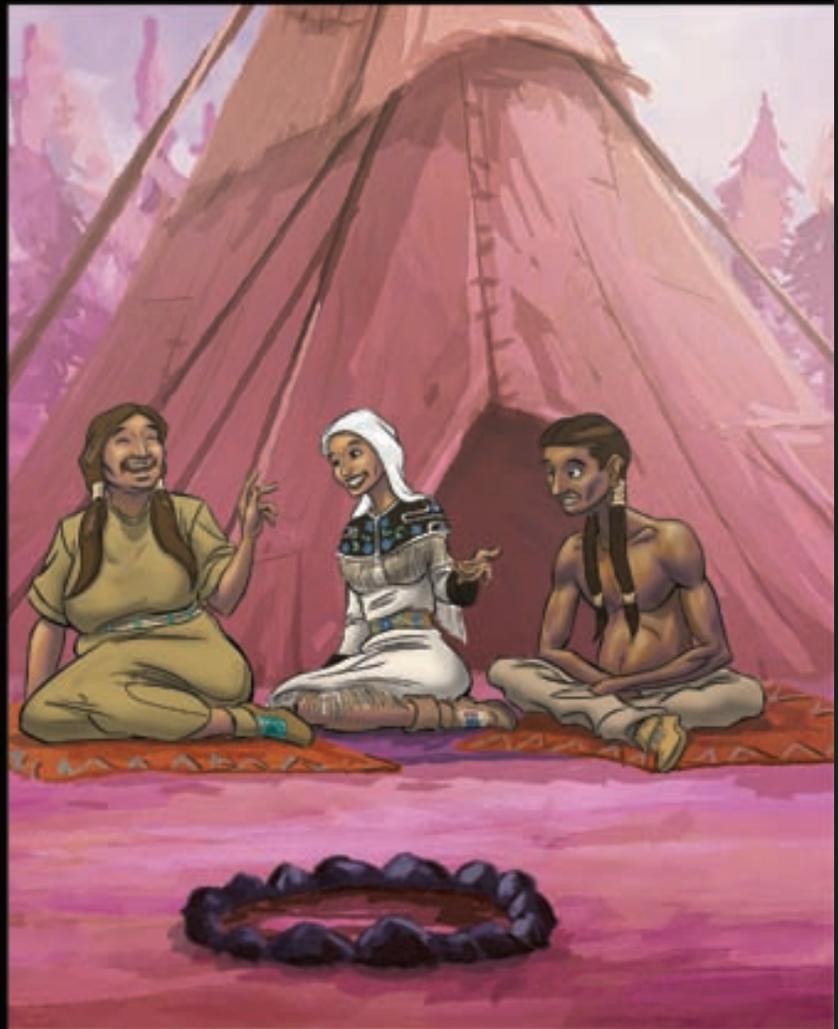
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A LONG TIME AGO, BIRDS WERE LIKE PEOPLE.



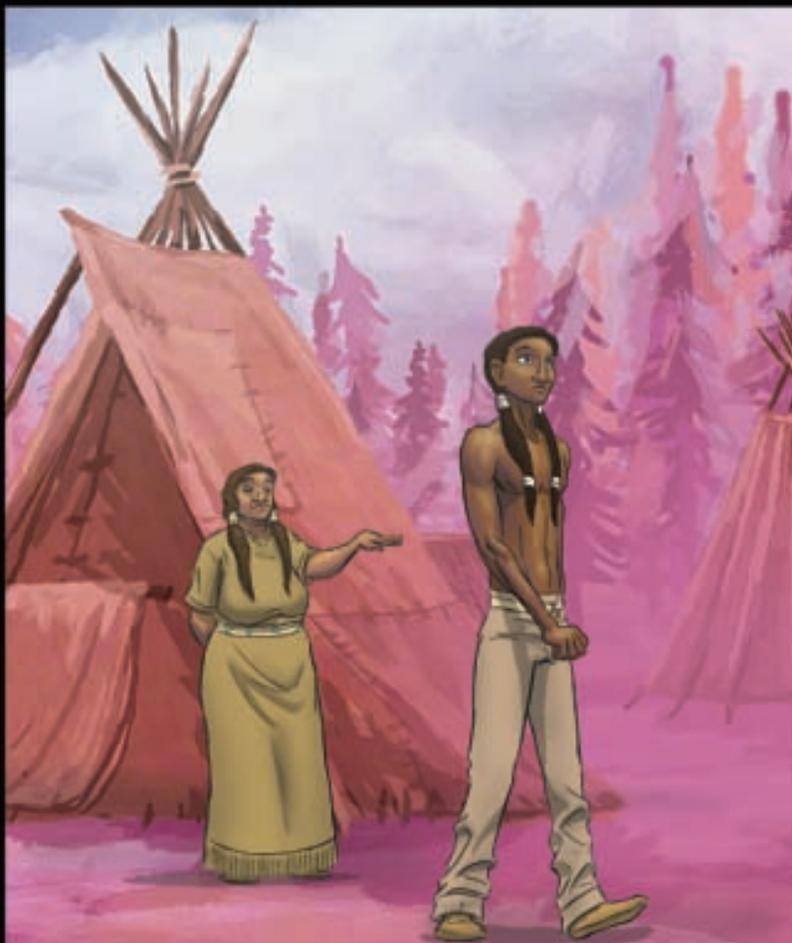
IN ONE CAMP THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WHITE DUCK.



SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.



MEN WOULD TRAVEL FROM FAR AWAY TO ASK FOR HER HAND IN MARRIAGE.



THE GIRL'S MOTHER WOULD SEND HER SON TO SEE IF THESE MEN WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER DAUGHTER.

HE WOULD GREET THEM AT THE SHORE.



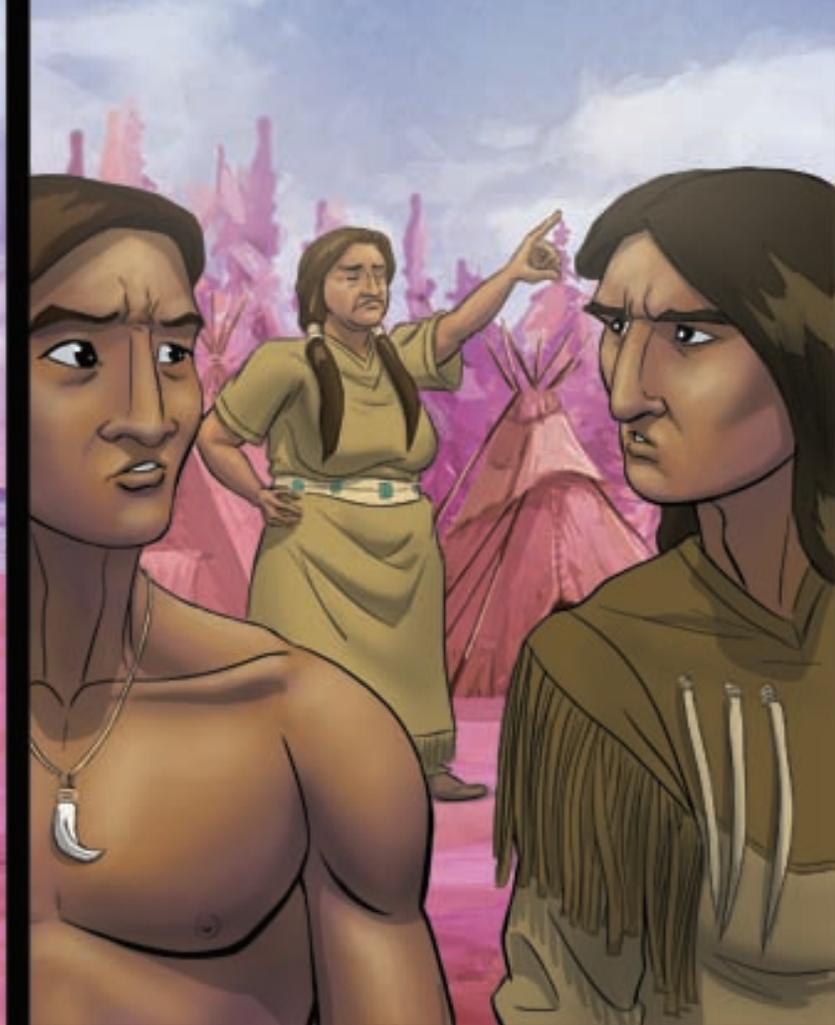
HE WOULD JUDGE IF THESE MEN WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIS SISTER.



BUT.... NO ONE WAS EVER GOOD ENOUGH.



ANDHER MOTHER WOULD SEND THE MEN AWAY.



THIS MADE THE MEN VERY ANGRY.



THEY ALL GOT TOGETHER AND PLOTTED



IF WE TALK TO RAVEN, HE'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON!



THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS A GOOD PLAN.



THEY WENT TO RAVEN AND TOLD HIM WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

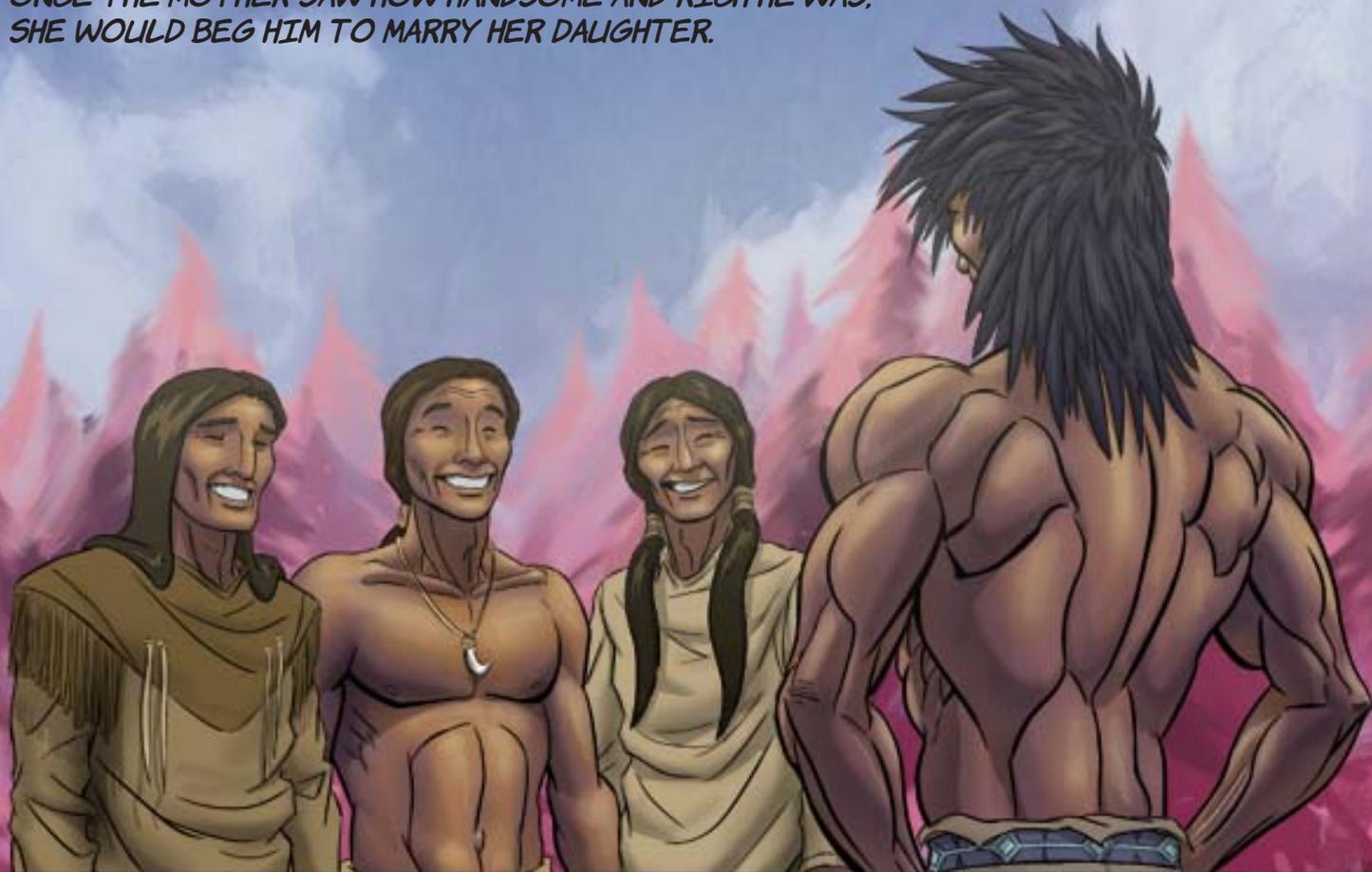


RAVEN HAD A PLAN.





ONCE THE MOTHER SAW HOW HANDSOME AND RICH HE WAS,
SHE WOULD BEG HIM TO MARRY HER DAUGHTER.

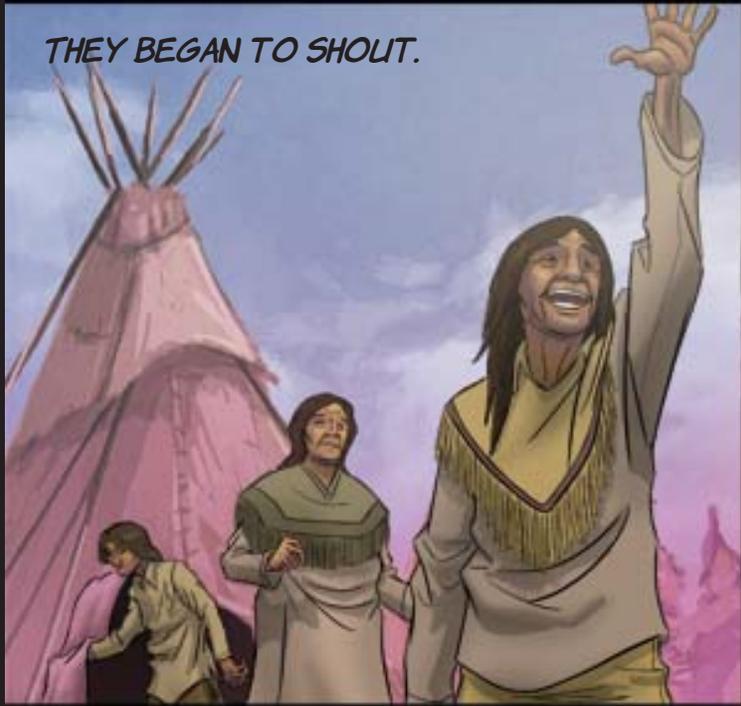


THE MEN PADDLED TO THE VILLAGE WITH RAVEN IN THE FRONT OF THE CANOE.

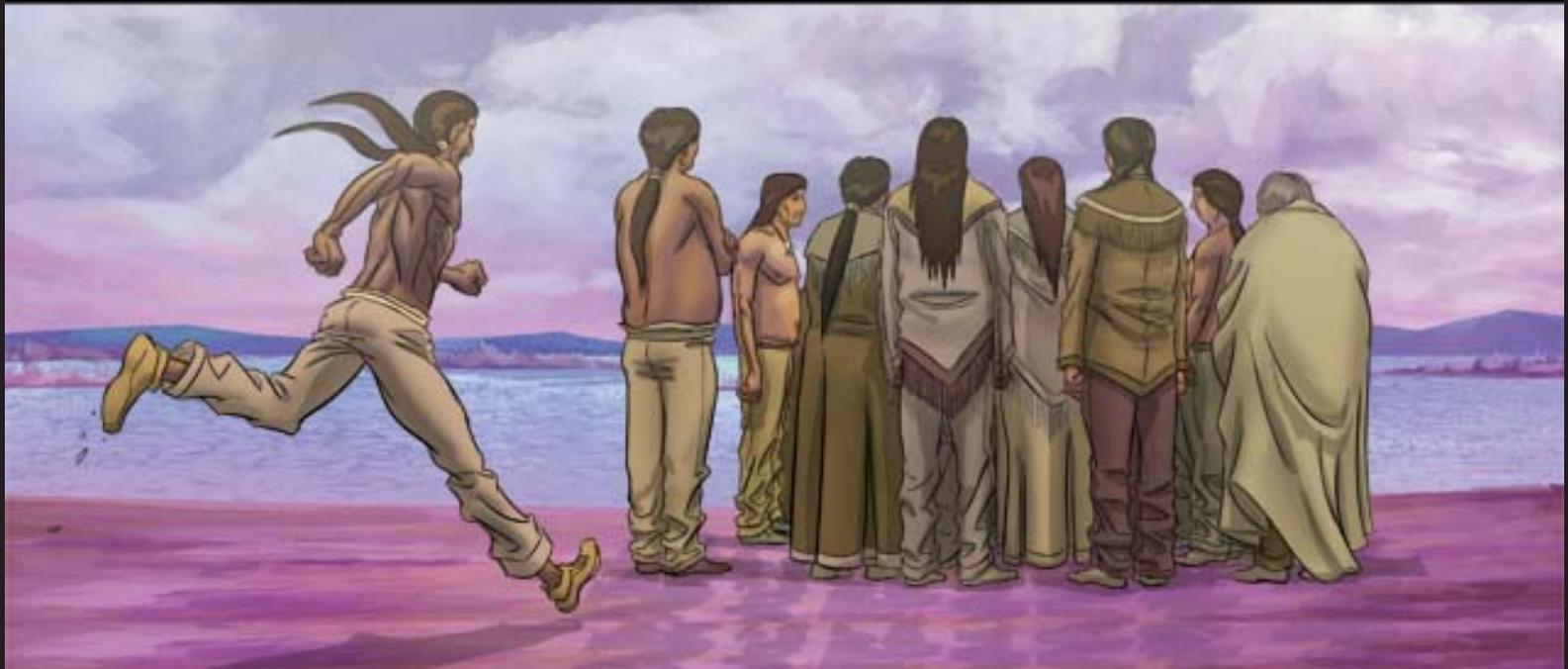
PEOPLE SAW THEM COMING AND WERE EXCITED.

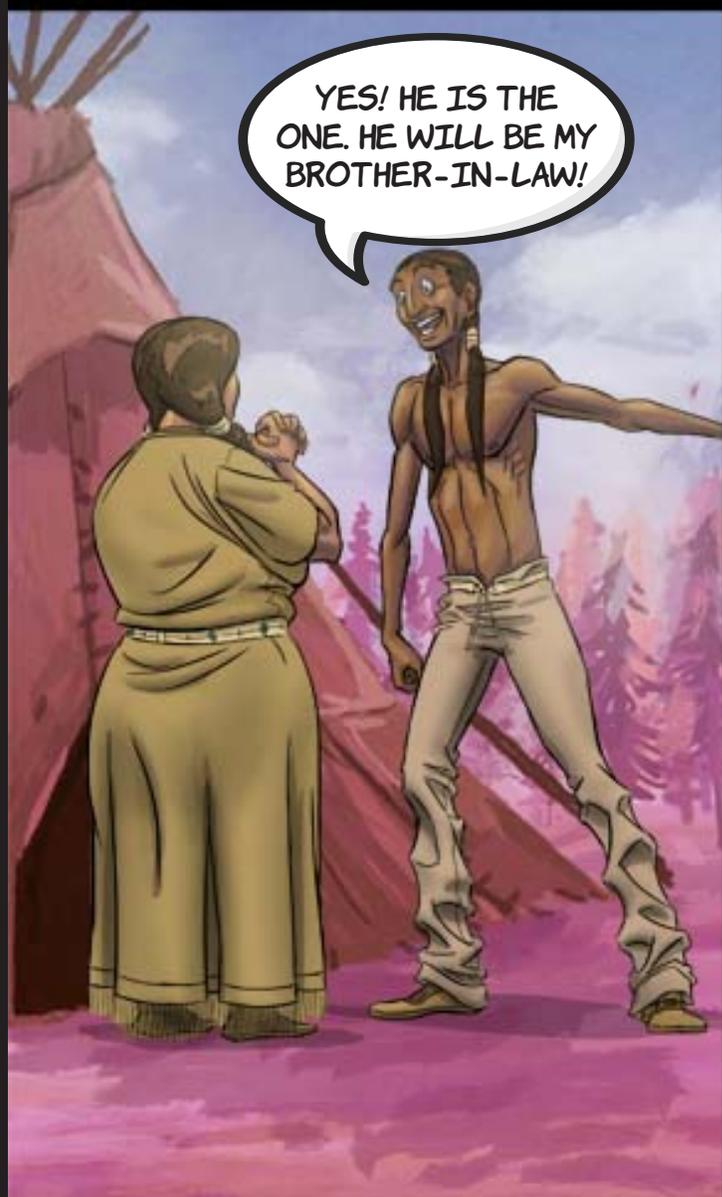
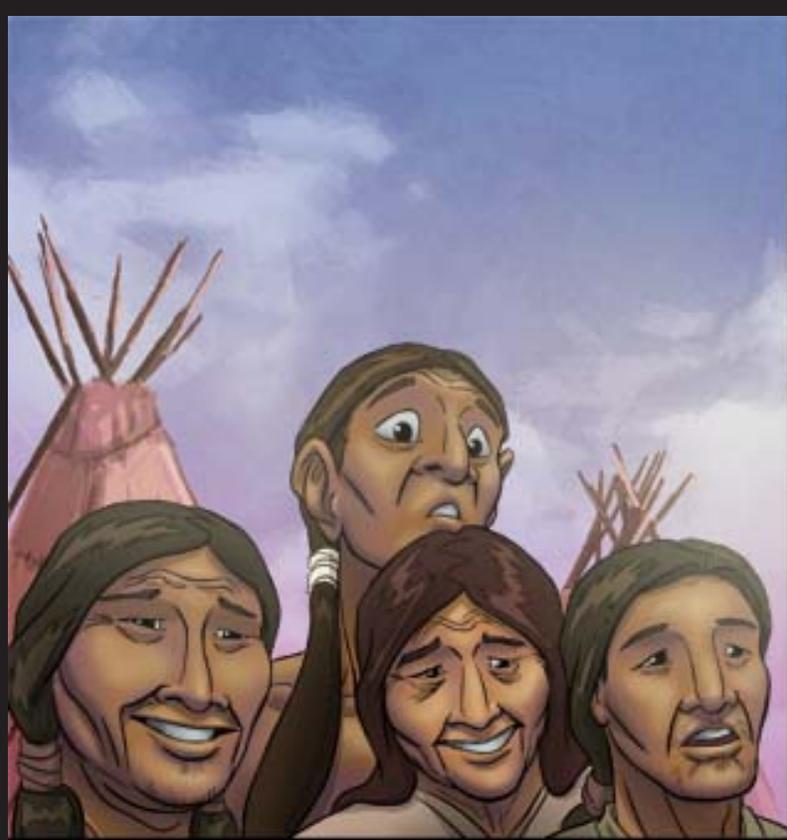


THEY BEGAN TO SHOUT.



GO SEE IF THAT MAN IS GOOD ENOUGH!



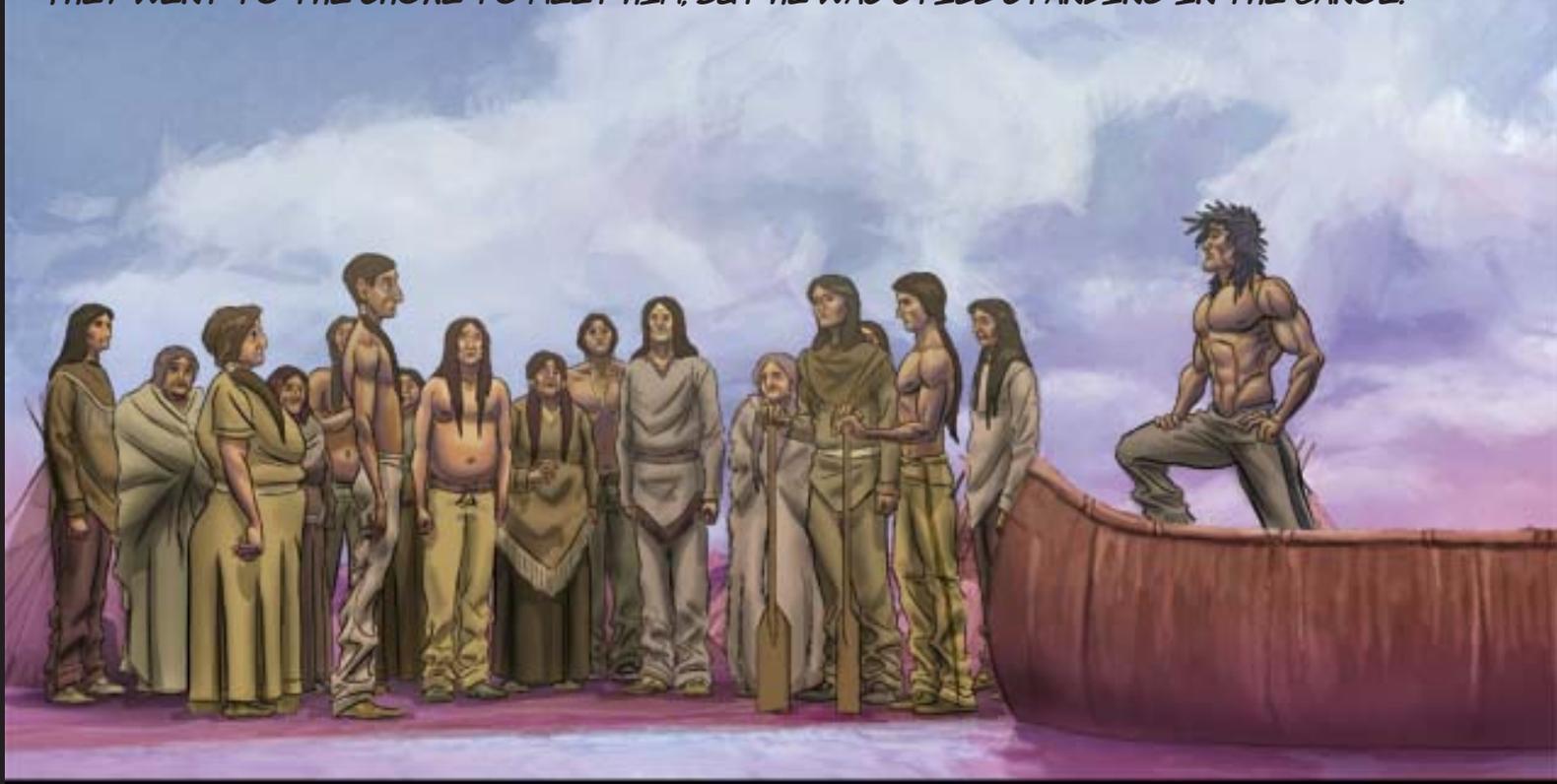


YES! HE IS THE ONE. HE WILL BE MY BROTHER-IN-LAW!

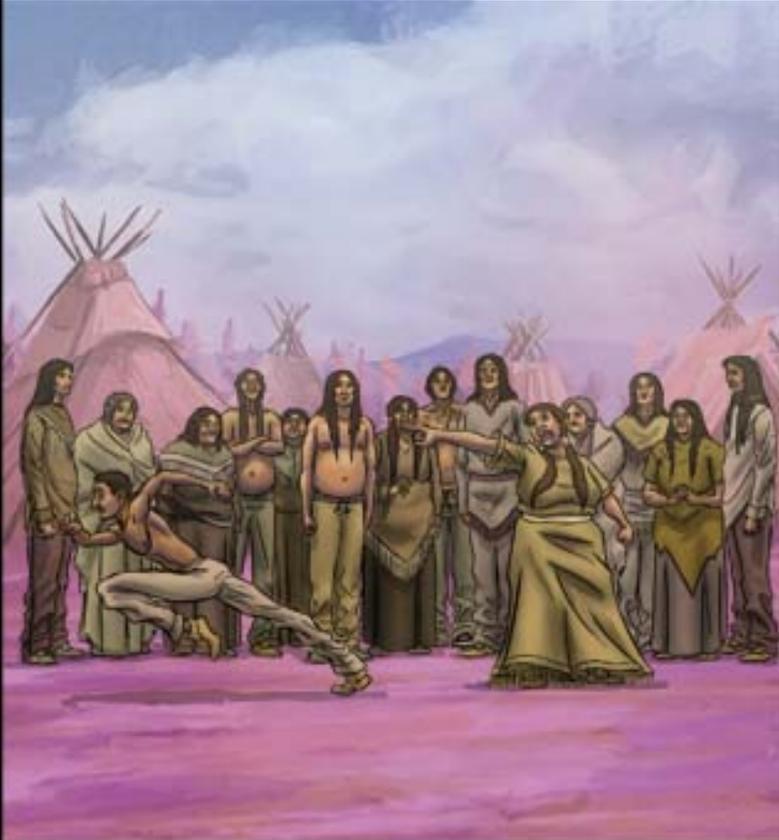


GOOD! LET'S GO DOWN AND INVITE HIM TO MEET YOUR SISTER!

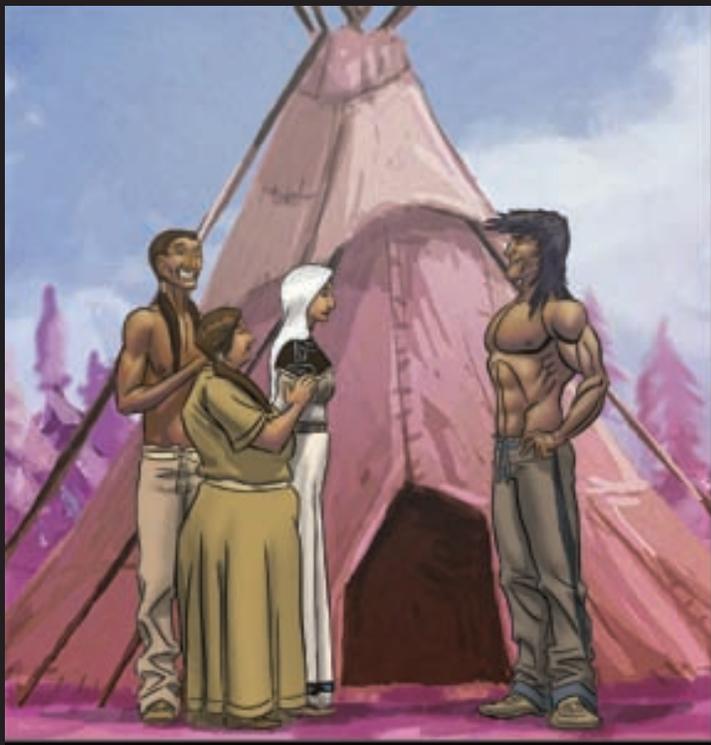
THEY WENT TO THE SHORE TO MEET HIM, BUT HE WAS STILL STANDING IN THE CANOE.



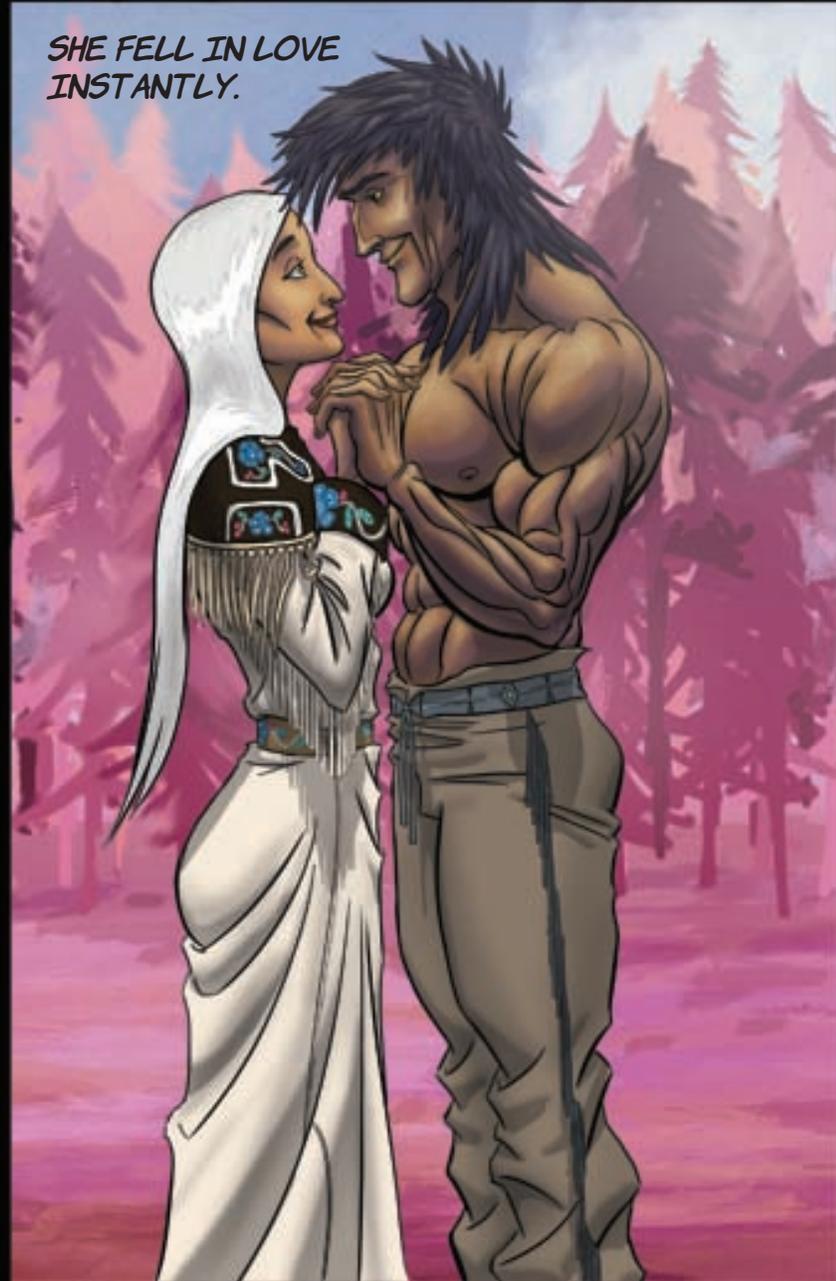
HE WON'T GET OUT UNLESS HE CAN WALK ON WHITE CARIBOU HIDE.



THE MOTHER INTRODUCED RAVEN TO HER BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER.



SHE FELL IN LOVE INSTANTLY.



THE MOTHER TOLD RAVEN HE COULD MARRY HER DAUGHTER.



RAVEN DEMANDED A NEW TIPI MADE OF WHITE CARIBOU HIDES FOR HIS NEW WIFE.



THEY HURRIED TO GATHER THE BEST HIDES....

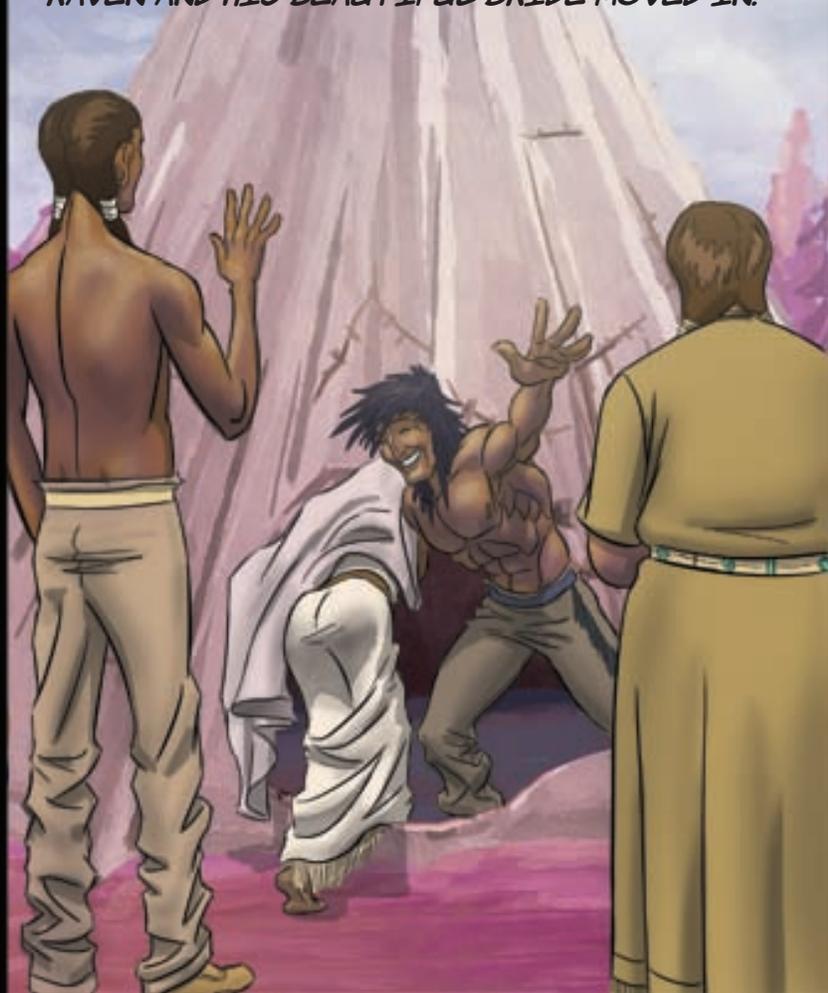
... AND WORKED HARD TO MAKE
A BEAUTIFUL NEW TIPI FOR
THE COUPLE



ONCE THE TIPI MET HIS APPROVAL



RAVEN AND HIS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE MOVED IN.



ONCE HIS WIFE FELL ASLEEP, HE
TURNED BACK INTO A RAVEN



AND ROLLED.....



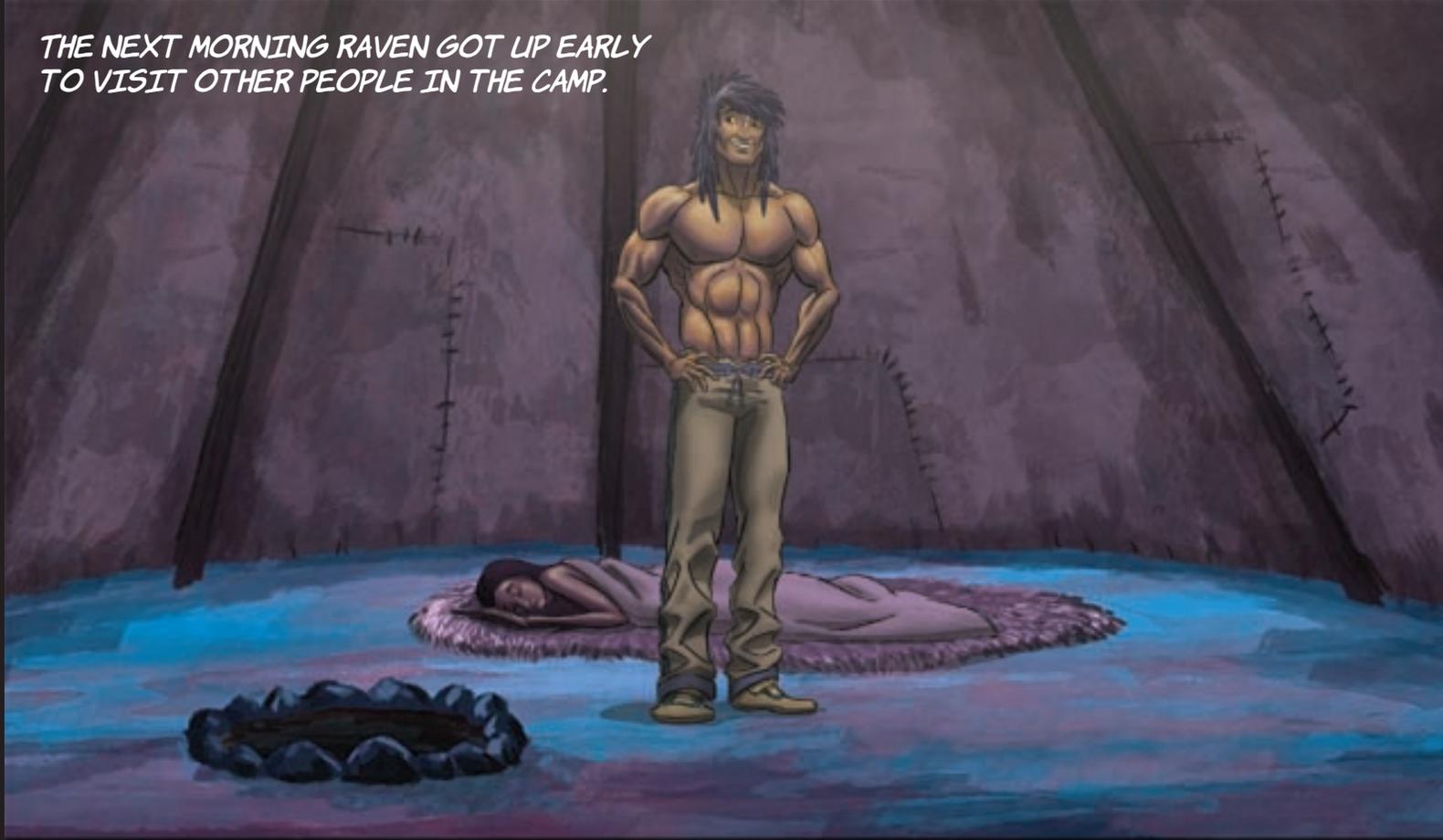
...AND ROLLED ALL
OVER HER.



WHEN HE WAS DONE, SHE WAS ALL BLACK
JUST LIKE HIM.



THE NEXT MORNING RAVEN GOT UP EARLY
TO VISIT OTHER PEOPLE IN THE CAMP.



AS HE WAS LEAVING, HE STEPPED INTO
THE ASHES OF THE FIRE AND....



.... LEFT HIS RAVEN FOOTPRINTS BEHIND.



THE MOTHER SAW THAT RAVEN WAS AWAKE.



HER BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER WAS ALL BLACK.

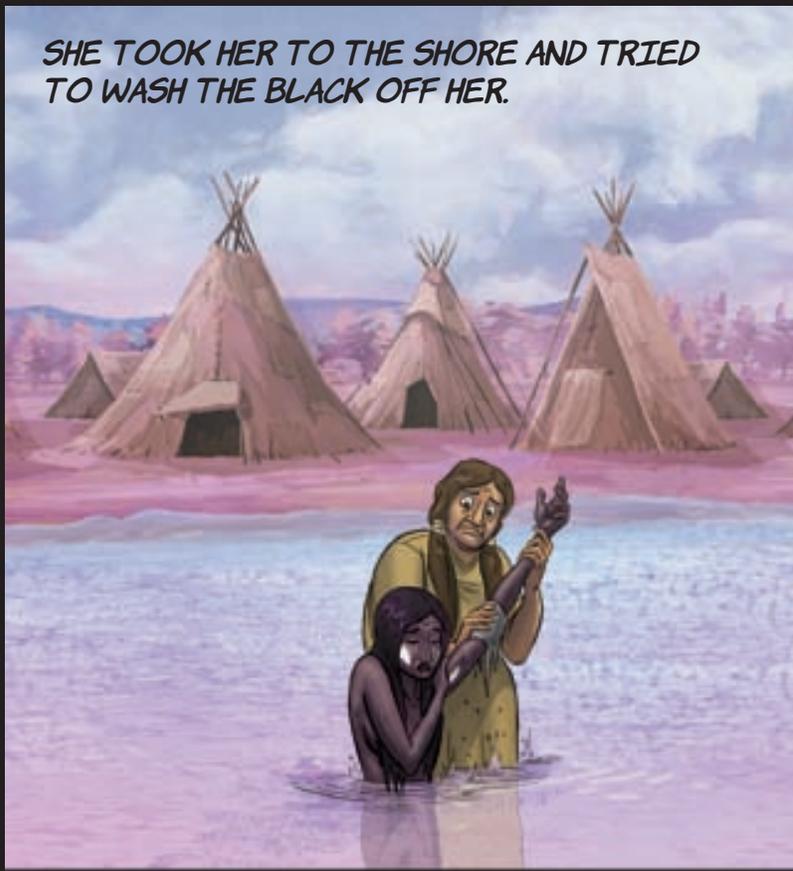


SHE ENTERED THE TIPI.



SHE WAS SHOCKED.

SHE TOOK HER TO THE SHORE AND TRIED TO WASH THE BLACK OFF HER.



ONLY HER CHEEKS AND ONE SPOT ON HER ARMS BECAME WHITE AGAIN.



THE MOTHER WAS VERY ANGRY!



SHE GOT A BIG STICK AND FOUND RAVEN'S FOOTPRINTS BY THE TIPI.

SHE FOLLOWED THE FOOTPRINTS TO ANOTHER TIPI. MANY PEOPLE WERE INSIDE TALKING AND LAUGHING.



RAVEN WAS INSIDE TELLING STORIES.





I HAVE SEEN
TRACKS WITH
THREE TOES. TAKE
OFF YOUR SHOES!



EVERYONE WAS SCARED. THEY ALL TOOK OFF
THEIR SHOES AND SHOWED THEIR FEET.



BUT NOT RAVEN



YOU TOO!



WHY ARE YOU
BOTHERING ME?
I JUST CAME
TO VISIT!



TAKE
THEM OFF!



RAVEN LOOKED UP AND SAW A WAY OUT.



CAW! CAW!

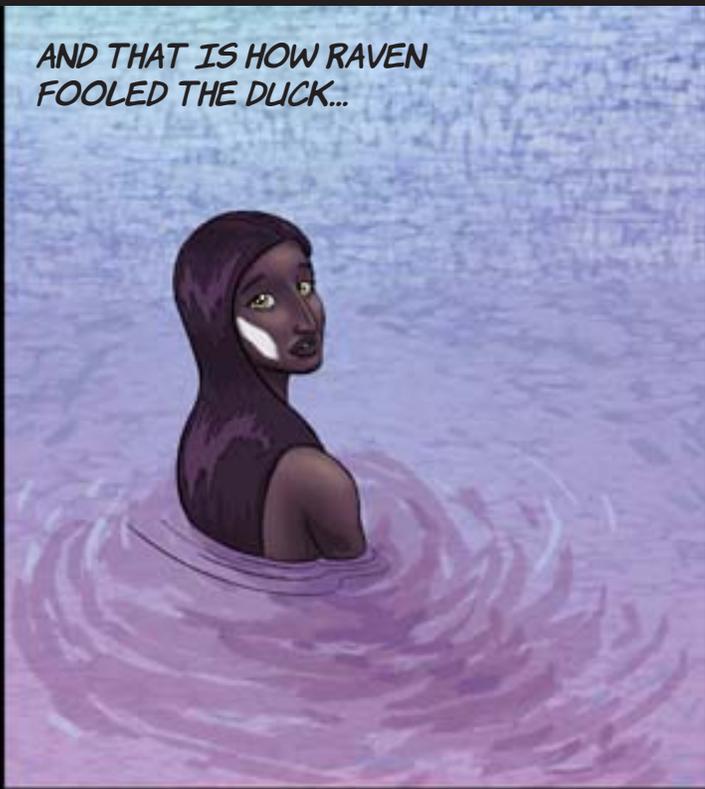


RAVEN FLEW AWAY THROUGH THE SMOKE HOLE OF THE TIPI.

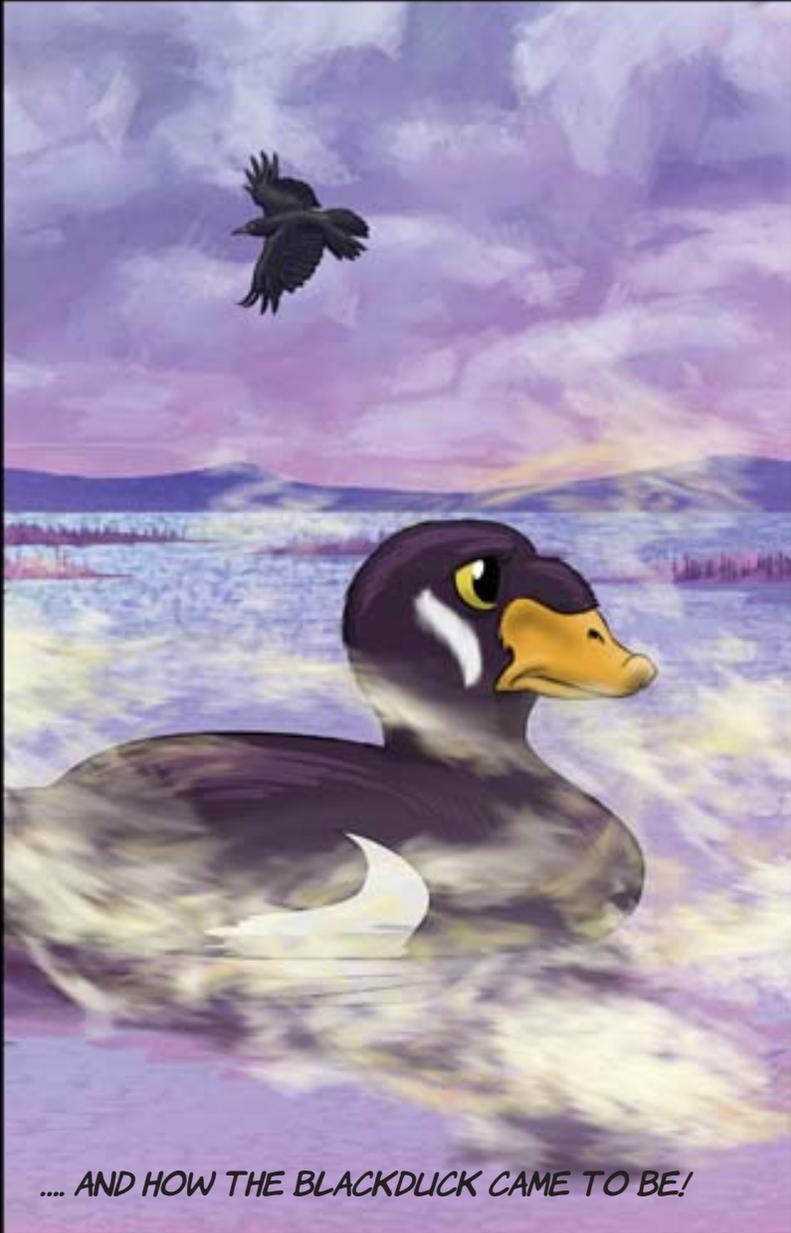




RAVEN MADE HIS ESCAPE!



*AND THAT IS HOW RAVEN
FOOLED THE DUCK...*



.... AND HOW THE BLACKDUCK CAME TO BE!