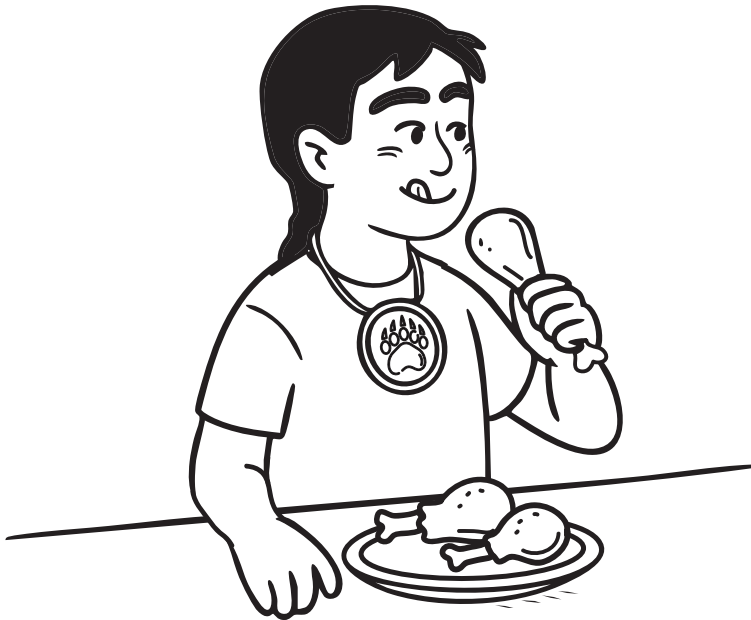




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The inspiration for this book originated when the authors attended the late Emily Hunter's nîhiyawîwin (Cree language) class in 1989. Traditionally, reading and writing Cree was uncommon, as the language was primarily transmitted orally. Over time, however, the use of nîhiyawîwin has decreased significantly. Given the fundamental connection between language and identity, the decline of nîhiyawîwin is a matter of serious concern. Incorporating nîhiyawasinahikîwin (written Cree) provides an additional way to engage with the language and ensure its preservation for future generations. May this book serve as a bridge connecting generations, honoring those who came before us and empowering those yet to come to carry nîhiyawîwin proudly into the future.

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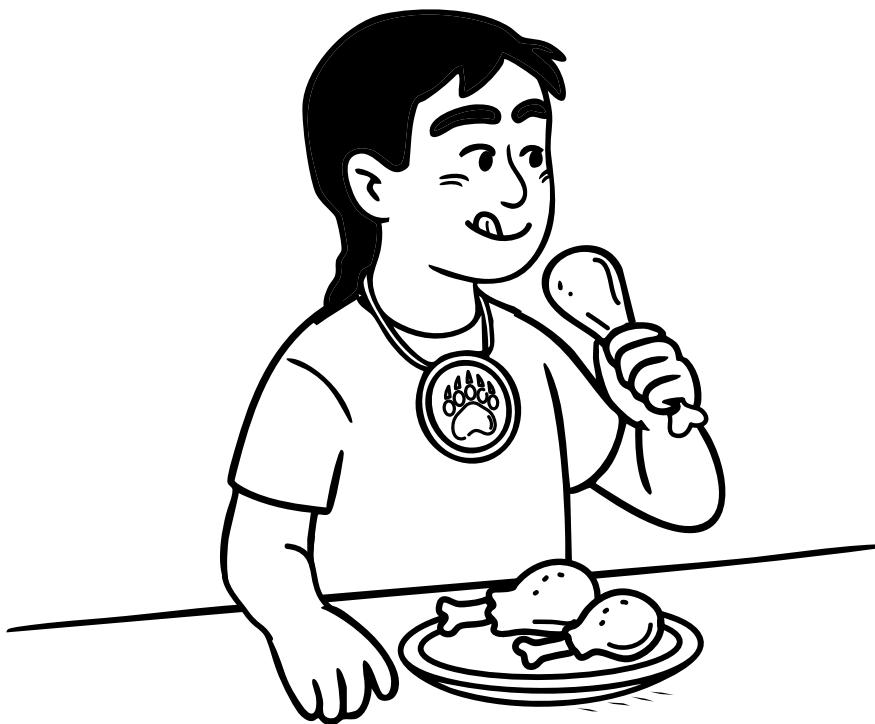
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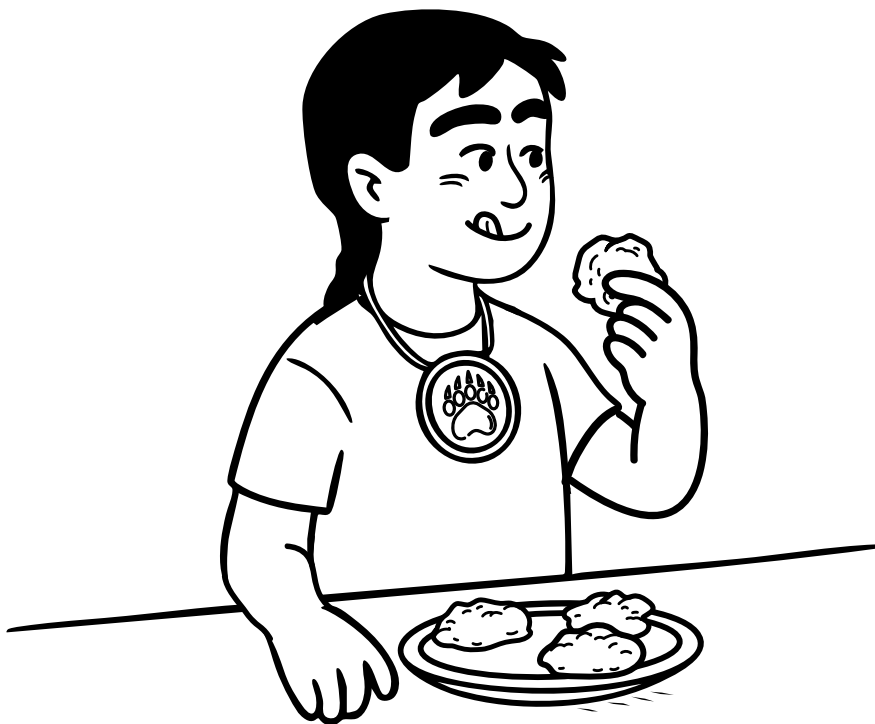
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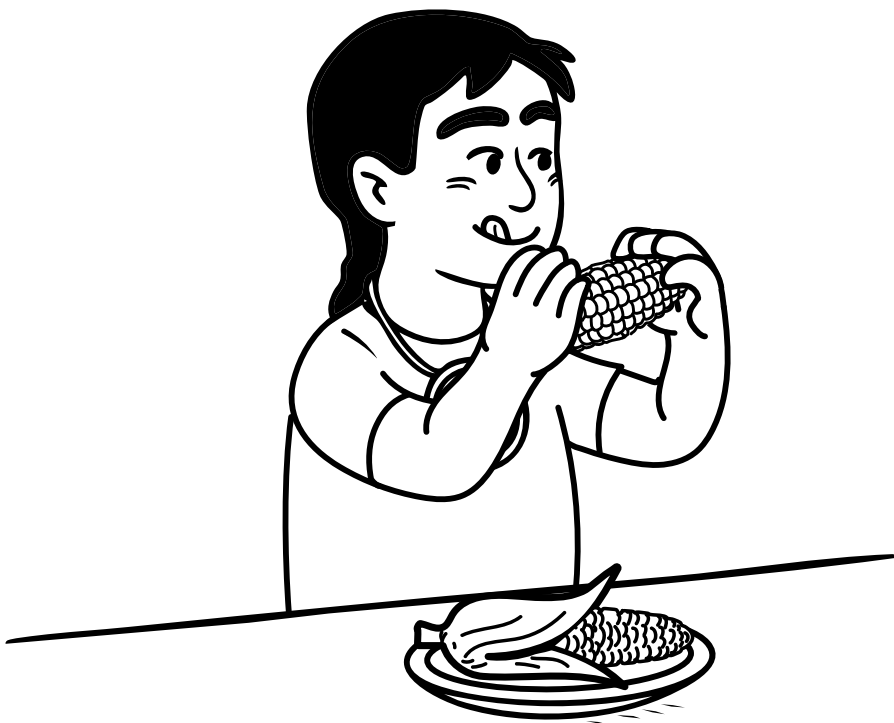
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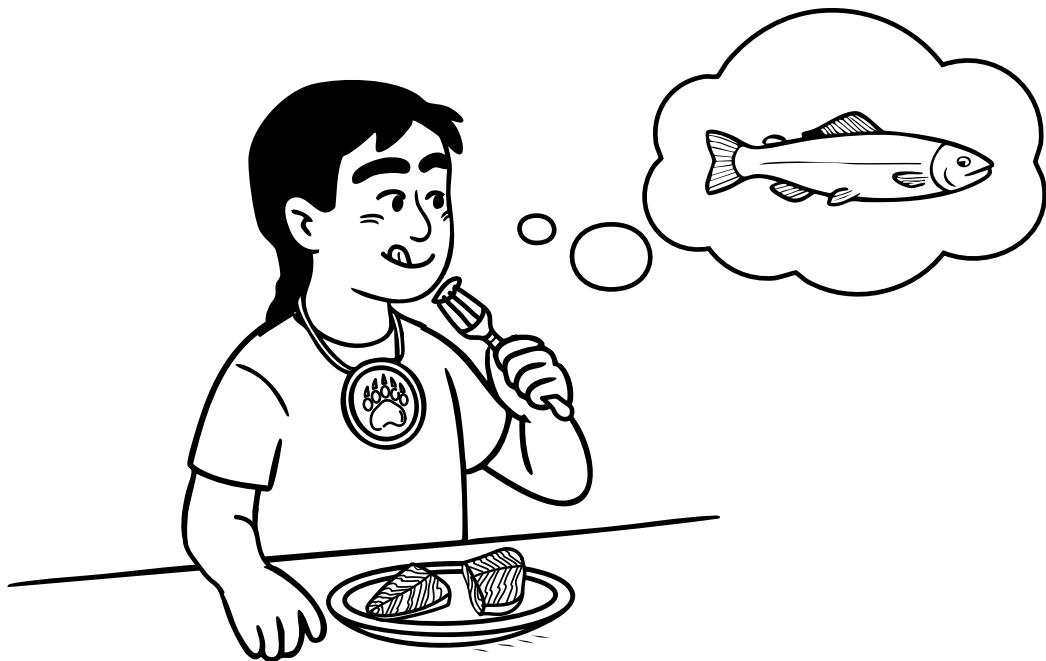
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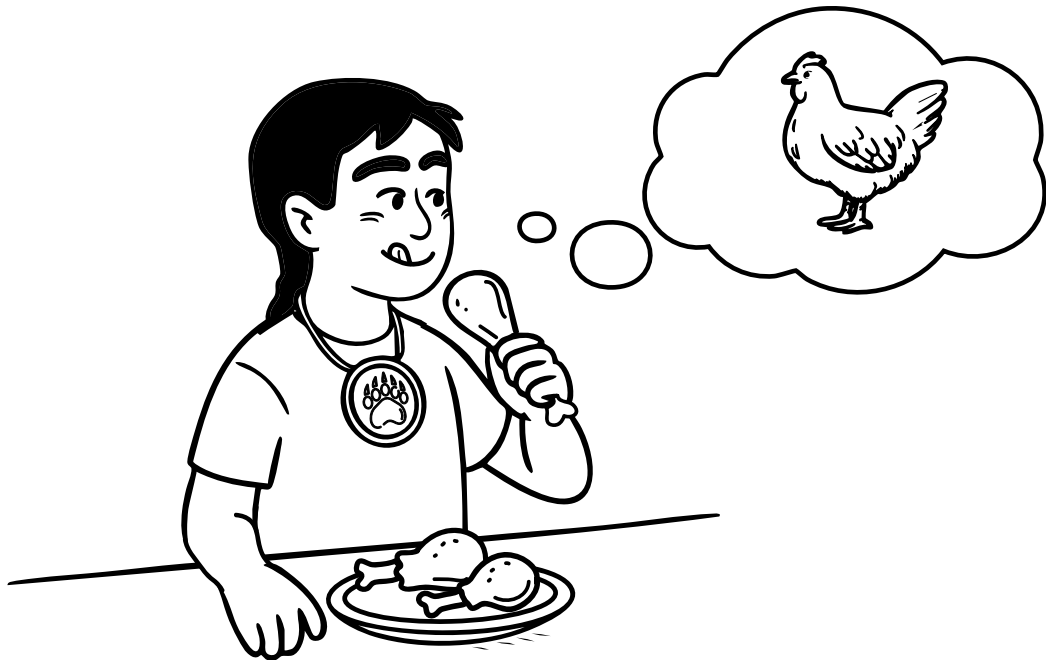


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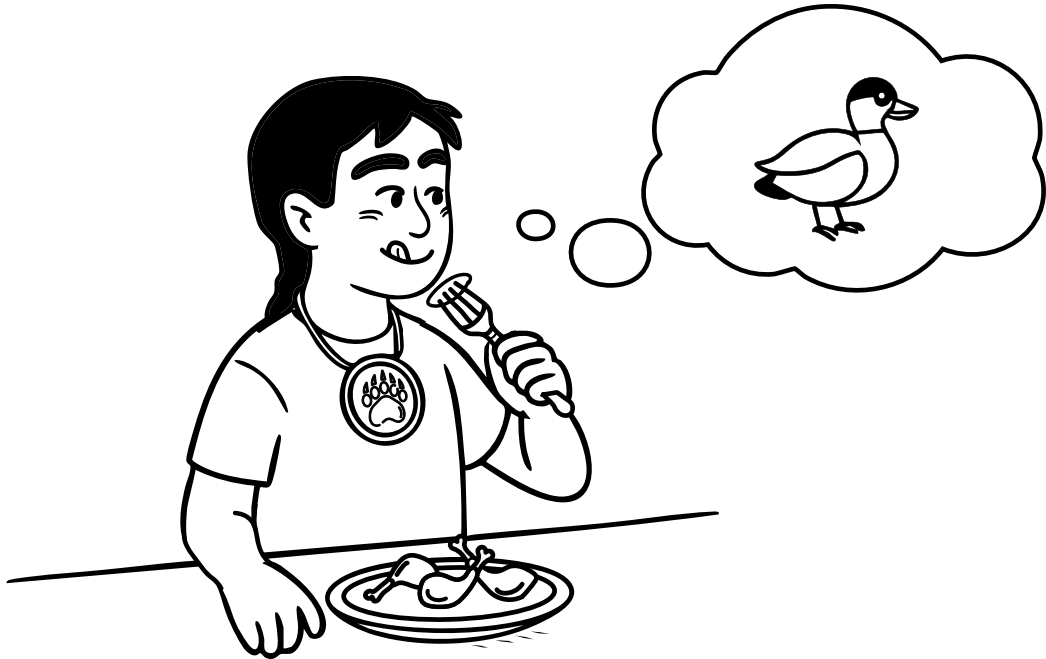


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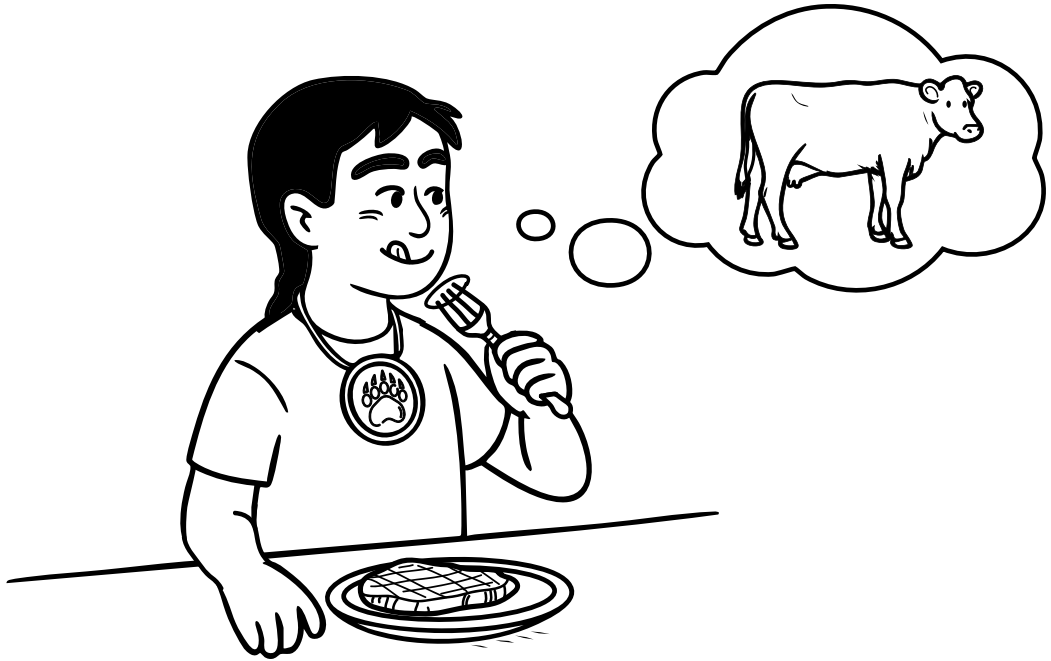


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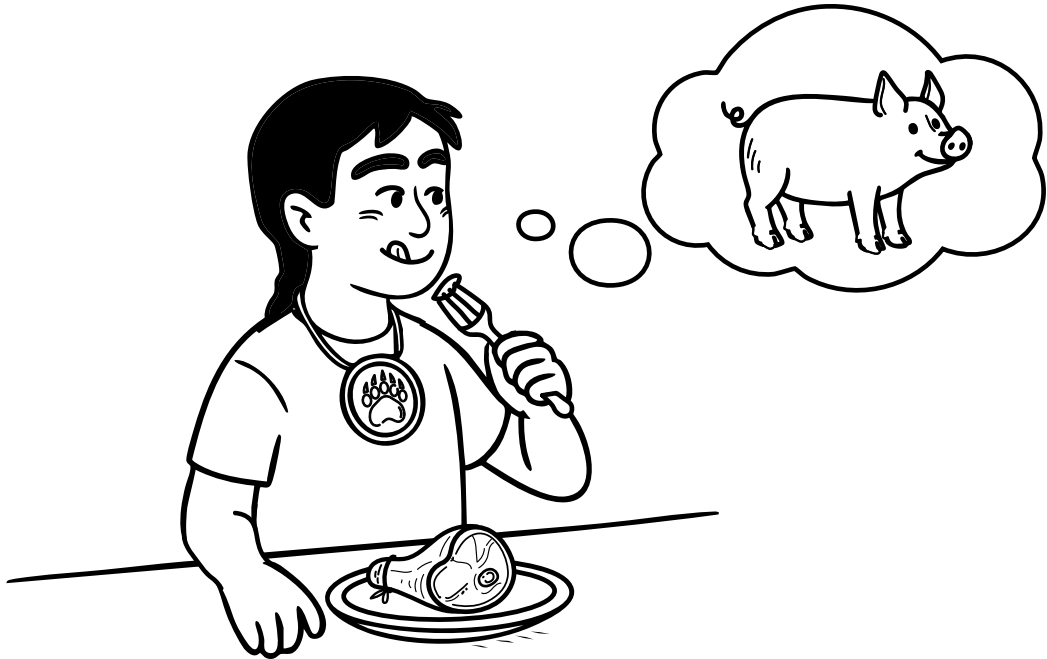


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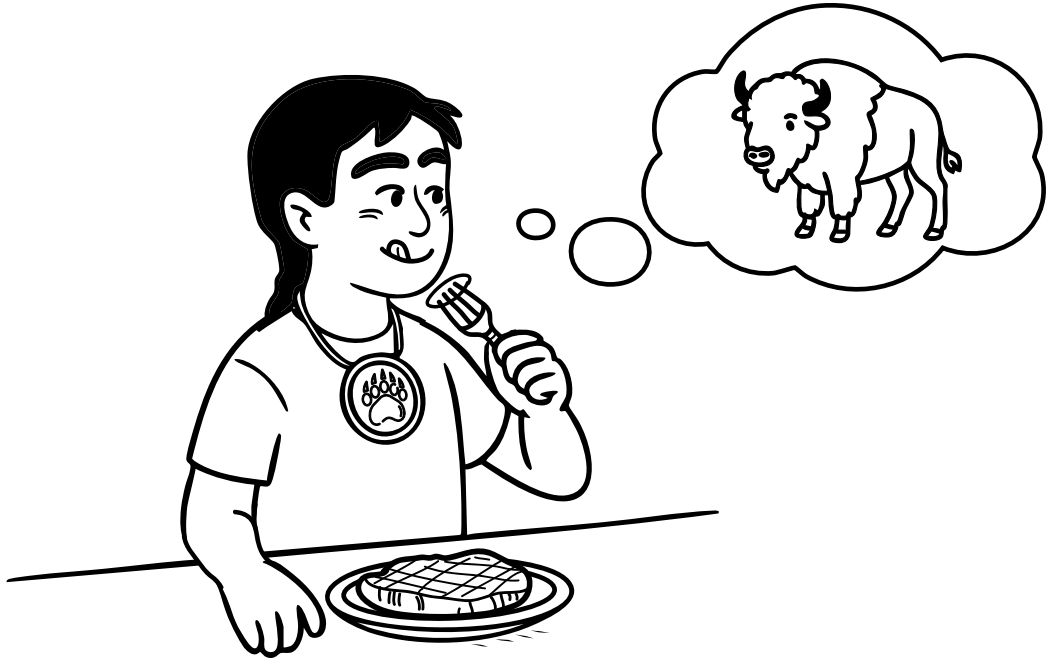




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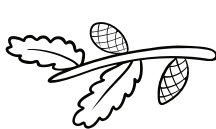
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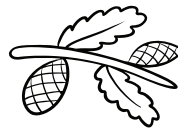
wîhkasin paskwâwimostos
wiyâs.



môsowiyâs māmawaci
niwîhkistîn.



Glossary



wīhkitisiw ikwa wīhkasin mīciwin.

I like the taste of food.

wīhkitisiw kīkisiṗāmīciwin.

Oatmeal tastes good.

wīhkitisiw pahkwīsiḱan.

Bread/bannock tastes good.

wīhkitisiw mahtāminak.

Corn tastes good.

wīhkitisiw kinosīw.

Fish tastes good.

wīhkitisiw papahākwān.

Chicken tastes good.

wīhkitisiw sīsīp.

Duck tastes good.

wīhkasin mostos wiyās.

Cow (beef) tastes good.

wīhkasin kohkōsiwiyās.

Pig (pork) tastes good.

wīhkasin paskwāwimostos wiyās.

Buffalo meat tastes good.

mōsowiyās māmawaci niwīhkistīn.

Moose meat is my favourite.



nîhiyawî

