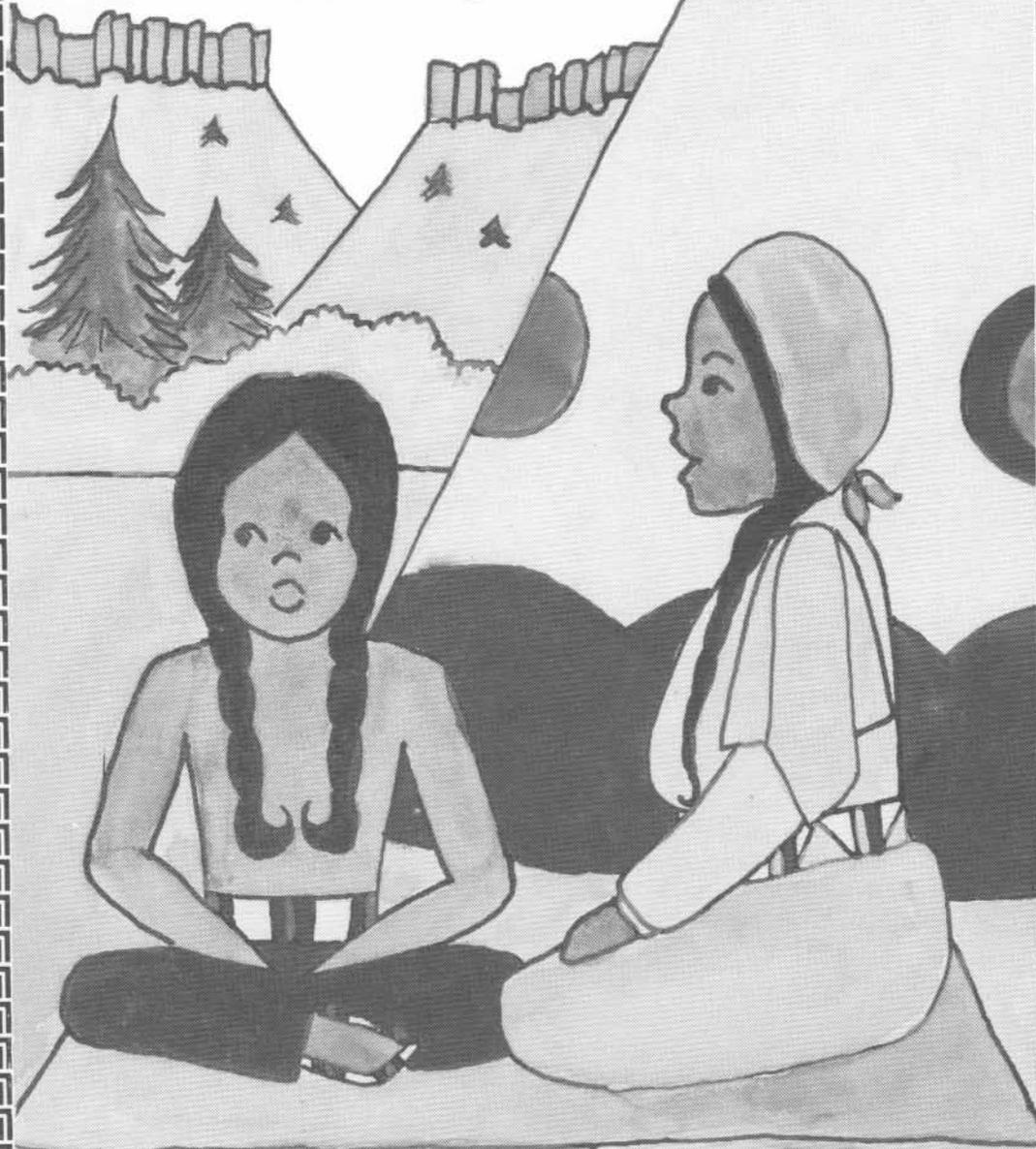


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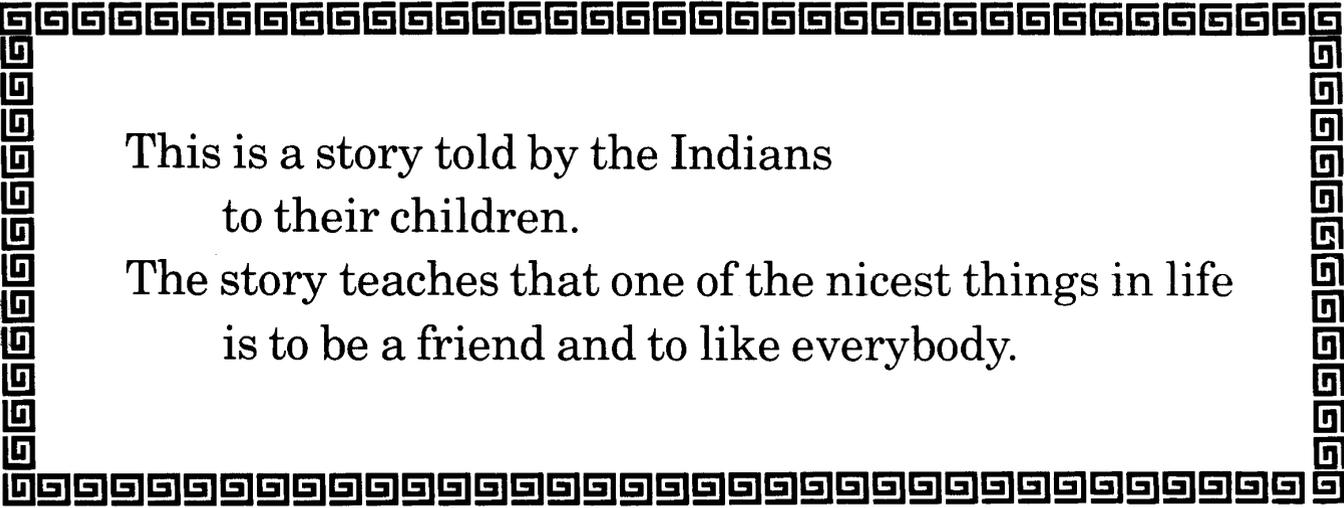
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This is a story told by the Indians
to their children.

The story teaches that one of the nicest things in life
is to be a friend and to like everybody.

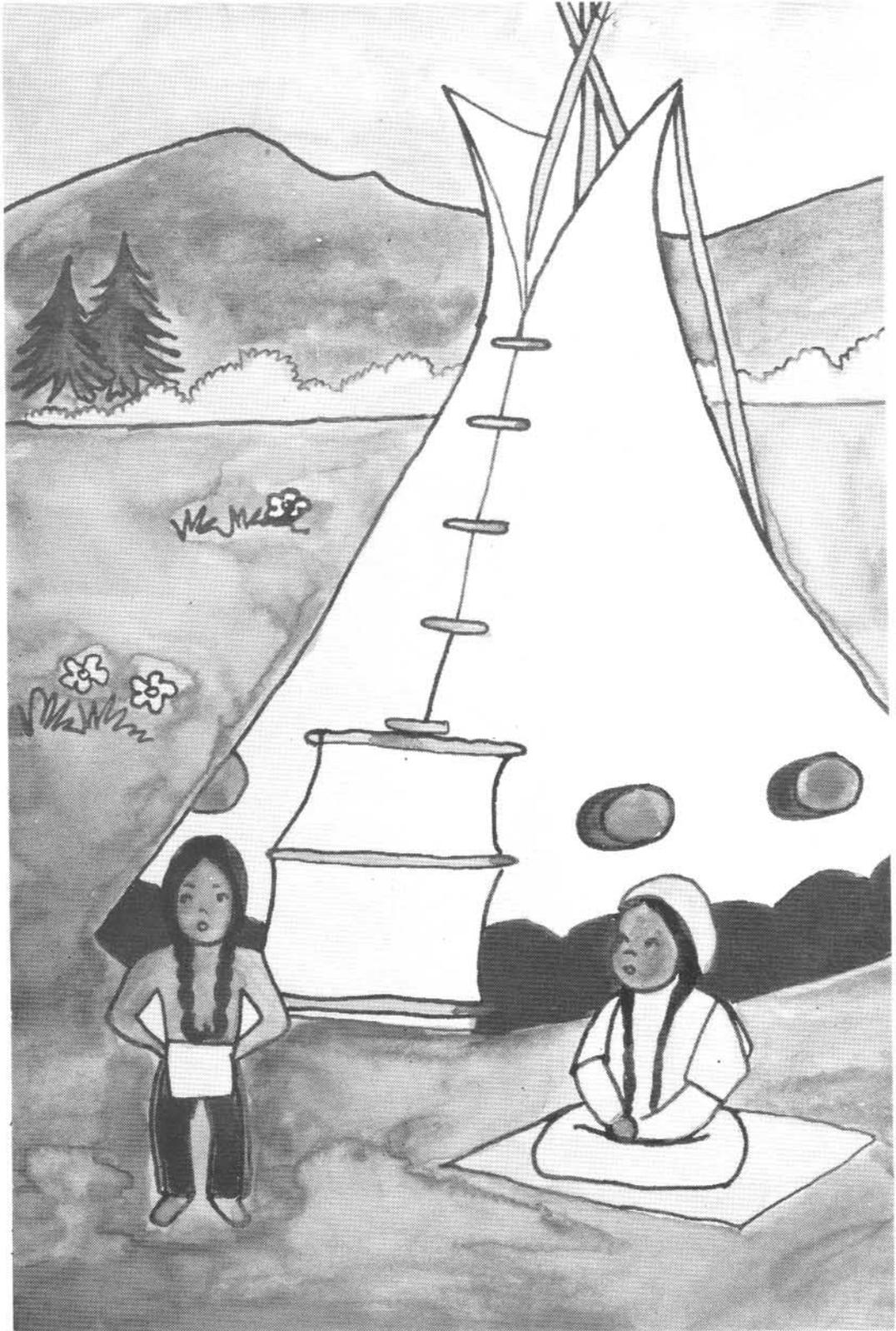
This story is about little Waski, who lived long, long ago
when the animals could talk.



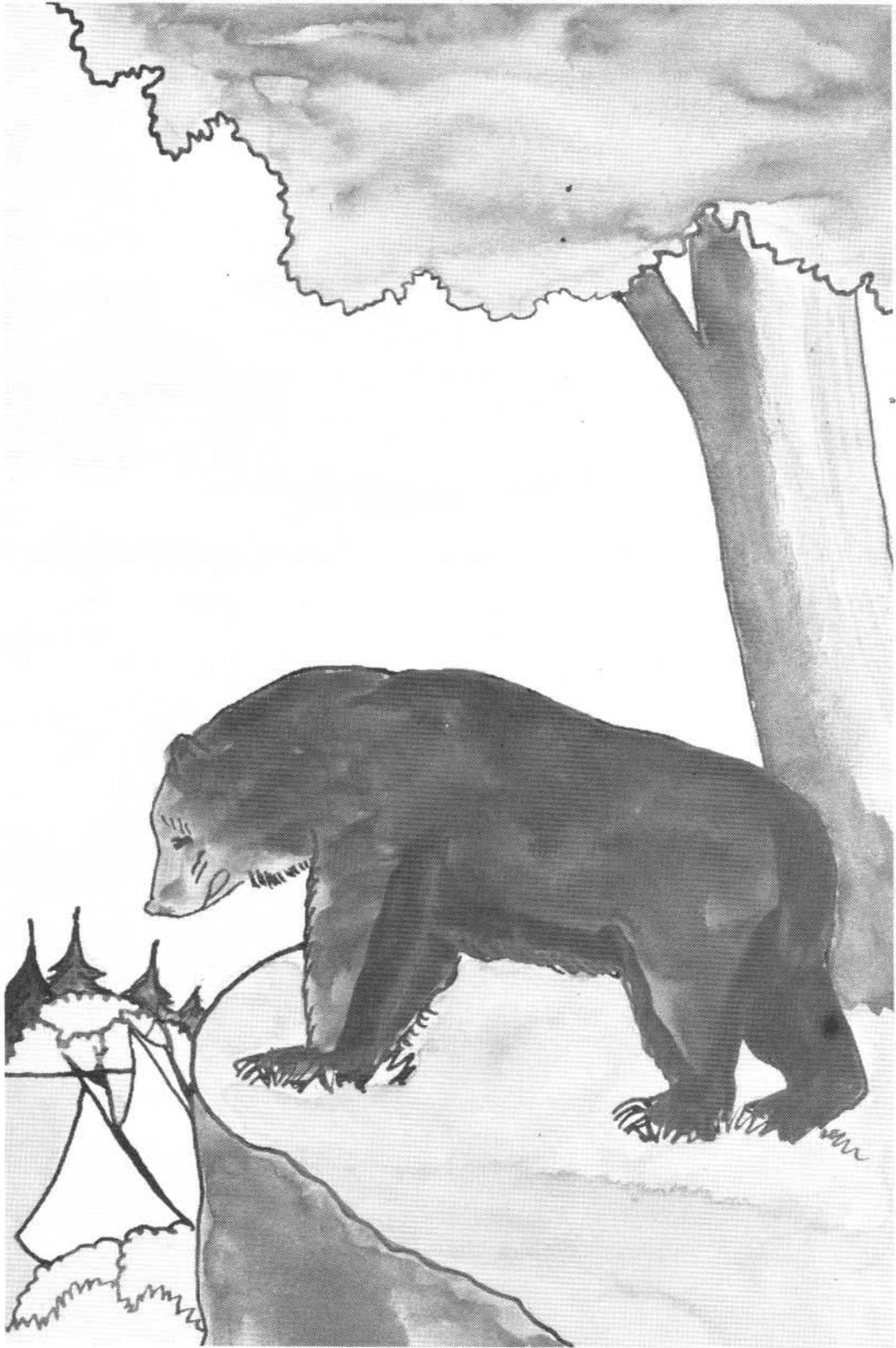
Little Waski lived with his grandmother
by a big forest.

His friends were the Forest People
and the Stream People.

They taught Waski many things.



But the bears were not friendly.
They were rough and had mean tempers.



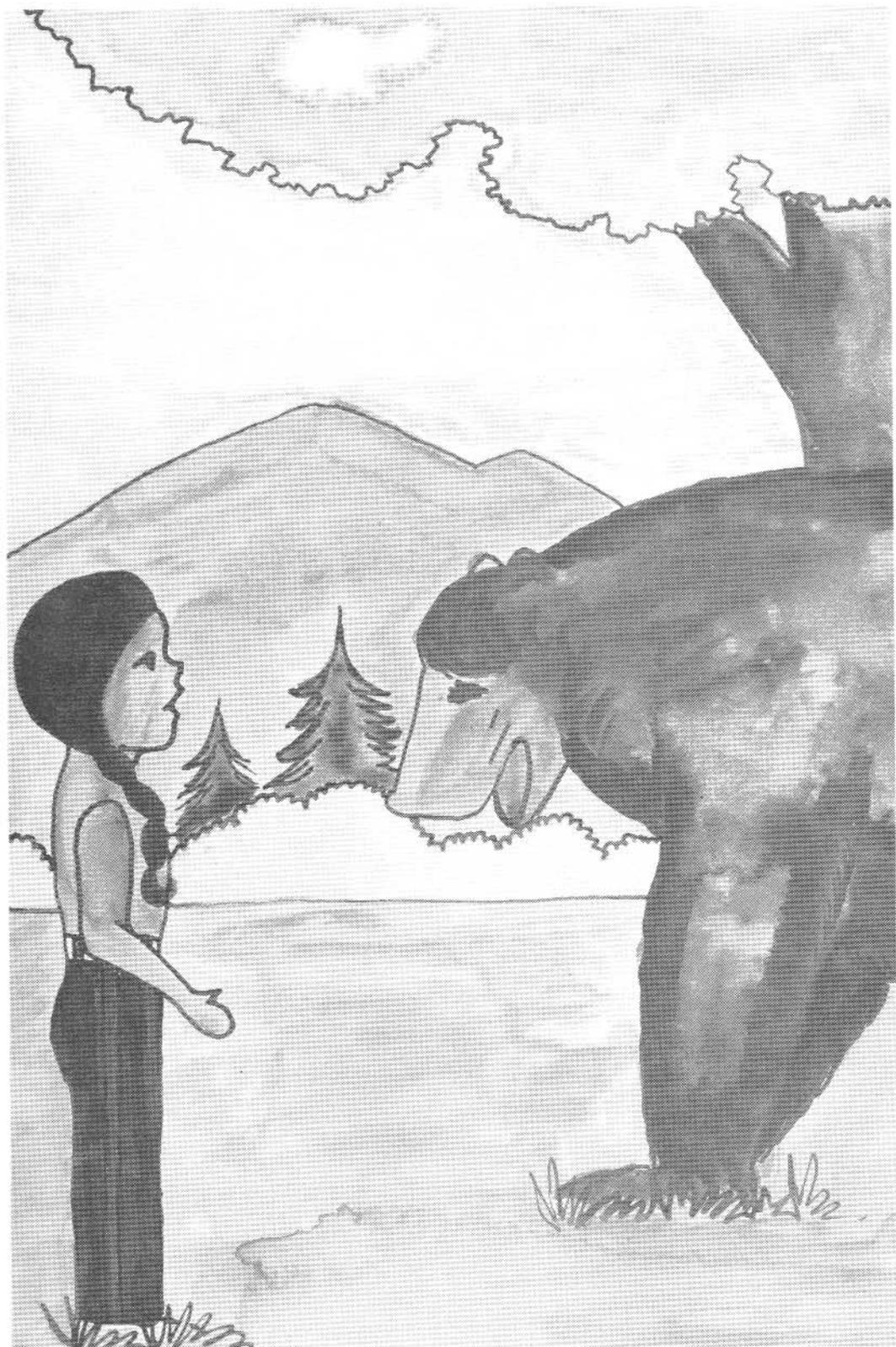
Waski's grandmother told him the bears were mean
because they were frightened.
"Everyone hunts bears for their thick fur,"
said Grandmother.



One day Waski met a bear who said to him,
 “In summer I eat berries, nuts and honey.
In winter I sleep most of the time.
I will teach you many things.
I may be old and have a mean temper,
 but I have a warm heart.”



“Teach me to be a hunter,” said Waski,
“so I can win praise among my people.”



“I do not like hunters,” Bear said.
“But I am not afraid of them.
They chew pine twigs and tobacco.
We can smell them coming so we keep
 out of their way.
Many men are heavy steppers.
They do not have hearing ears
 or seeing eyes.
They look to the left and look to the right.
They are poor hunters.”



Bear continued, “We call some hunters ‘swing-mouth’
because they talk to themselves.
These hunters are noisy, loud and boastful.
All the bears laugh at them.”



When Waski returned home, he said to his grandmother,
“I do not think I want to be a great hunter.
I would rather be a good friend.”



“Ah-na,” answered Grandmother.

**“It is much harder to be a good friend
than a great hunter.**

**A good friend must have a good ear and bright eyes.
He must not be boastful.**

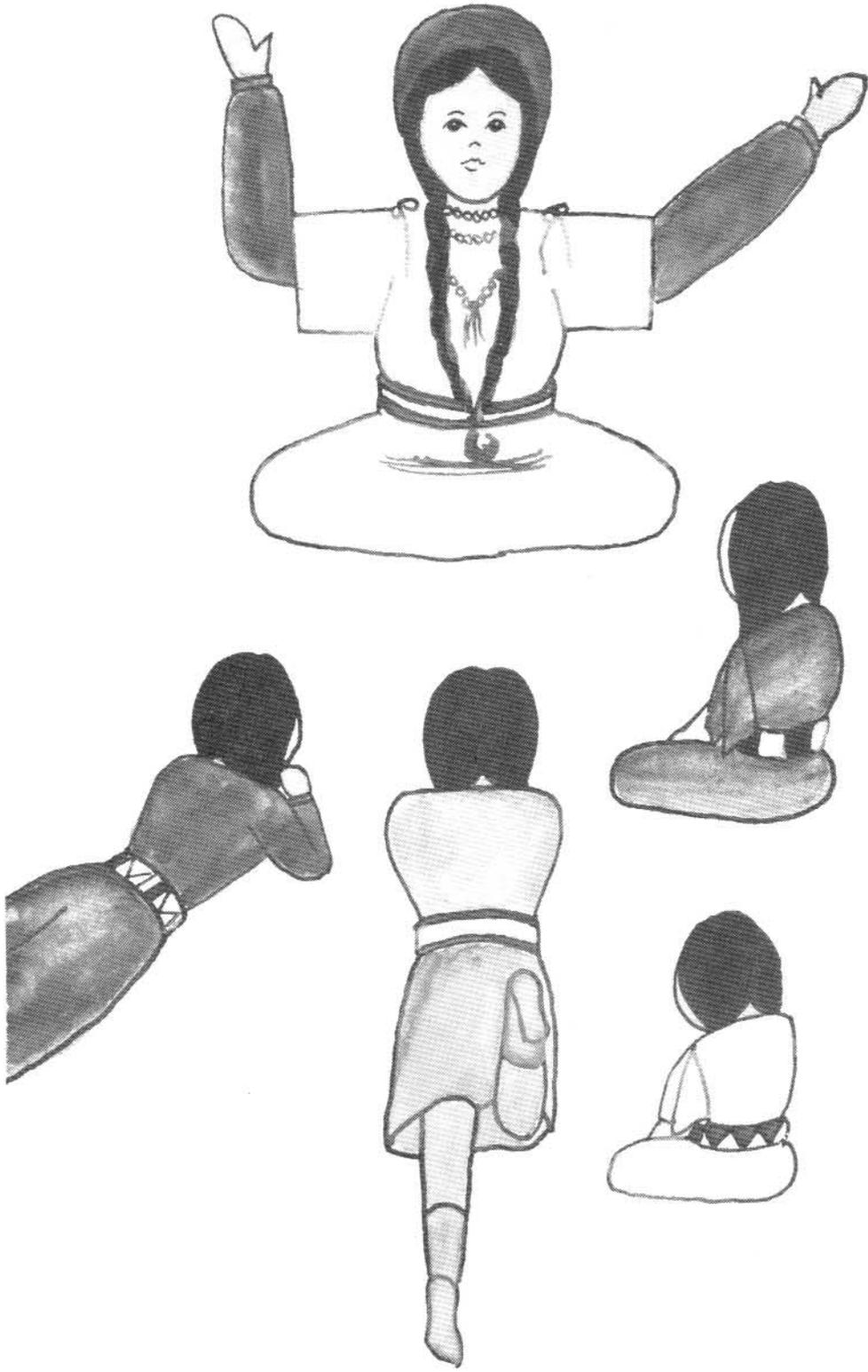
**But more than this, a good friend must have
great love in his heart for all things
made by the Great Spirit.”**



“I will always try to have love in my heart
for every living thing,” said Waski.
“I will try to make friends with everyone.”



And this is the story,
the way the Indian people tell it to their children.





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