

**Nenda-gikendamang
ningo-biboonagak**



Dagwaagin



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Nigig miinawaa Ininishib namadabiwag jiiigiig odazhiikaanaawaan omanoomin-aabajichiganiwaa. Nigig odoozhi'aan iniw bawa'iganaakoon miinawaa gaye Ininishib odoozhitoon gaandakii' iganaak.



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Mikinaak obagamoondaan jiimaan.

“Howa! Wawiinge sa go ingii-nanaa'itoon i'iw jiimaan,” Nigig ikido.

“Eya, gidaa-gashkitoonaawaa da-manoominikeyeg wii-aabajitooyeg i'iw,” Mikinaak ikido.



Na'idaa zaagijigwaashkwani agaamay'i
mitigong a'aw Makwa.

“Aaniin giinawaa!” Makwa ikido.

“Ay'yay! Ingii-naniibikimin
ingoding, gego geyaabi
goshko'ishigen!” Nigig
ikido.

“Tiwe! Gaawiin onjidaa
indoondanziin. Ingii-onzaamenim
da-waabaminagog giinawaa,”
Makwa ikido.

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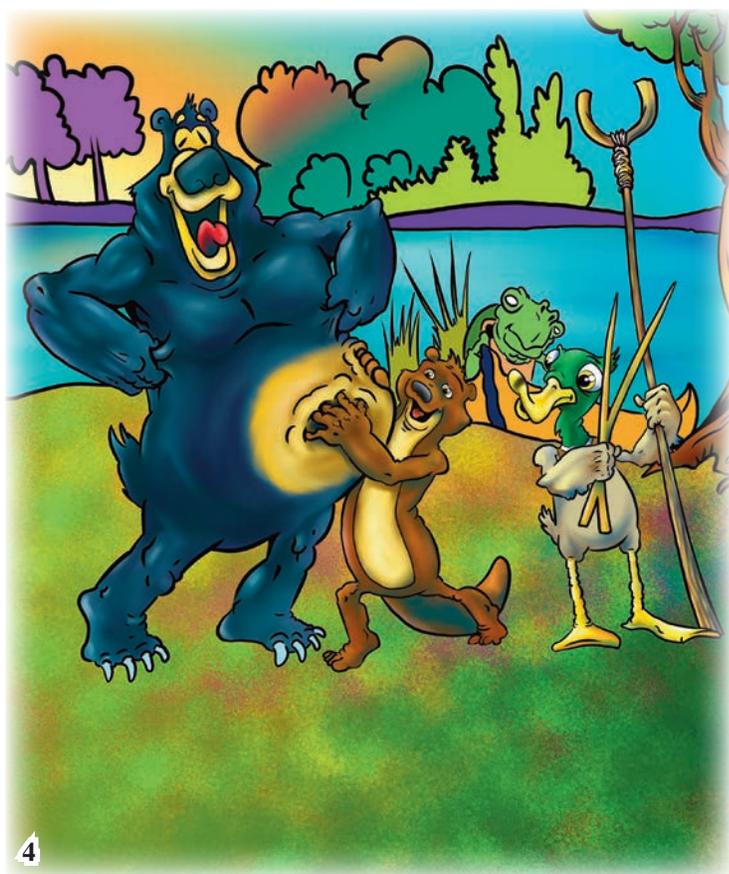
Nigig goshkwendam onzaam
iniginiwan iniw Makwan.

“Howa! Aaniin
ezhi-minogaamoyan?”

Nigig gagwedwe.

“Oooh, nashke, ingii-nitaawichige
da-nandawenjigeyaan niibing,”
Makwa ikido.

“Weweni, gidaa-ziinibidoon
oboogidiwin,” Ininishib ikido.



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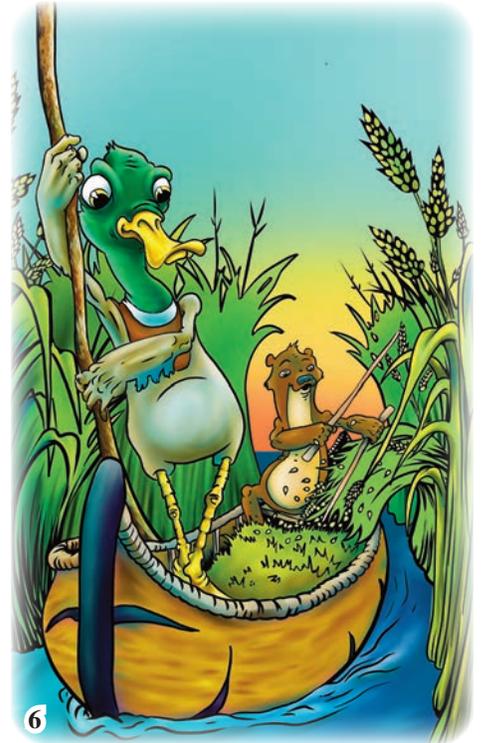
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Ininishib miinawaa Nigig manoominikewag. Ininishib gaandakii'ige niigaan jiimaaning zhigwa waabamaad iniw Nigigoon bawa'aminid.

“Weweni, giishpin chi-bakite'aman giga-banaajitoon a'aw manoominagaawanzh,” Ininishib ikido.

Dabwaa maajii-manoominikewaad, waabanda'iwe ezhi-biindaakoojiged a'aw Ininishib.

“Nashke, nimbagidinaan o'o wiigwaasinaagan. Biinjayi'ii wiigwaasinaaganing etegin aanind miijim miinawaa bagiwayaan miinawaa eyaad asemaa,” Ininishib ikido. “Oooh, onizhishin,” Mikinaak miinawaa Nigig ikidowag.

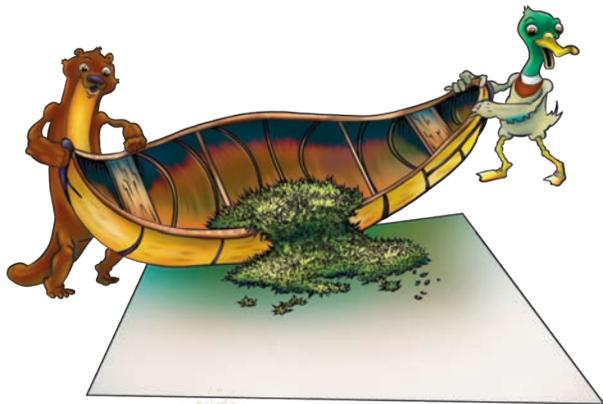


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Inashke, Wazhashk gaandakii'ige zhigwa bawa'aminid niigaan jiimaaning iniw Oniijaaniwan. Geget sa go bebakaan ezhi-manoominikeng. Giishpin apiitendaman manoominagaawanzh da-mino-bimaadiziwag Anishinaabeg.



Mii apii gii-azhegiwewaad Nigig
miinawaa Ininishib oziigwebinaanaawaa
agiji-babagiwayaaneginong da-baateg i'iw
ozhaawashko-manoomin.
Mii bijinag baateg Wazhashk obiinitoon
i'iw ashki-manoomin, mii
gaa-izhi-gaapiziged a'aw Makwa.
Odaabiji-waninawe'aan i'iw manoomin
zhigwa gidasang
da-jaagidesinok a'aw Makwa.
Mii gaa-izhi-mimigoshkang i'iw
gidasigan a'aw Ayaabe
Mii apii bijinag nooshkaachigaadeg i'iw
manoomin.





Mii apii da-wiisining!

“Niwii-tagonaanan miinan biinjayi’ii nimanoominim,” Makwa ikido.

“Niwii-tagonaag ashaageshiinyag biinjayi’ii nimanoominim,” Ininishib ikido.

“Niminopidaan eta go manoomin,” Ayaabe ikido. Gaawiin waabamaasiidogenan zhigwa naazikaaged a’aw Ma’ingan onzaam wiisiniwag menoominikejig.

“Niwii-tagonaan wiiyaas biinjayi’ii nimanoominim,” Ma’ingan ikido.

Ojaanimendamoo mii wenji-ni-maajaawaad Ininishib miinawaa Ayaabe.

“Inashke, Ma’ingan, inga-maada’oonin nimanoominim miinawaa nimiiniman,” Makwa ikido.





“Tayaa, gaawiin
nimisawendanziin
gimiiniman.
Nimisawendaan wiiyaas.
Mikinaak!
Gigii-waabamaa na
gaa-izhaad Ayaabe?”
Ma’ingan ikido.
“Hay”
gii-animibatoodog,”
Mikinaak ikido.

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Mii apii gii-piidawaad
Waatebagaa-giizis Nigig
iniw Ookomisan i’iw
manoomin. Ookomisan
ogiikanaabasaan iniw
giigoonyini.



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Naagaj Ma'iinganens
gii-pi-izhaad da-gagwedwed.
Owii-meshkwadoonamawaan
iniw Nigigoon i'iw
oshki-makizinan.
"Giwii-meshkwadoonamaw ina
gimishkwiiminan, nindayaanan
iniw oshki-makizinan?"
Ma'iinganens ikido.
"Eya' meshkwadoonigedaa!"
Nigig ikido.
"Giwii-o-paaga'adowe na gaye?
Inga-baaga'adowemin
mashkodeng."
Ma'iinganens ikido.
"Ahaw izhaadaa."



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Naayogaadejig miinawaa Bemisejig baaga'adowewag. Geget sa go
chi-minwendamodogenag onzaam gii-baaga'adowewag ginwezh.



Baamaapii
ani-giikiibingwashi a'aw
Makwa
"Mii apii na'iiwaanen,"
ikido zhigwa
naanibaayawed a'aw
Makwa.
"Awegonen dinowa
gaa-tazhindaman?"
Ma'inganens gagwedwe.



"Nashke mekowijig dibishkoo niin sa, gina'iimin gabe-biboonagak
da-babaamendanziwaang mijim. Miinawaa gaye aanind bineshiinyag
wii-nanda-biboonishiwag zhaawanong da-gawajisigwaa," Makwa ikido.
Na'idaa bimibizowag ingiw Zhiishiibag.
"giga-waabamigoom ziigwang."



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Owiidookawaawaan iniw Makwan da-biidoodenid waanzhing.
“Enigok, gaanzikawishin!” Makwa ikido.
“Pegizh gaawiin inga-boogijizhisiwangid!” Nigig ikido.



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Gii-azhegiwed Ma'iinganens ogii-waabamaan iniw
onanoondiwisiwan asekenid.
Jiishaakwa'igewan iniw oshiimeyan.
“Inga-waabamin, miigwech da-wiiji'iyan Nigig!”
Ma'iinganens ikido.



Dagoshin zhigwa
bangishimog owaazhing
Nigig. Mii gaa-ni-gisinaag.
Maajii-gashkadin ziibi,
miinawaa maajipon.



Biinjayi'ii omashkikiwanini onagoodewan abanzhiing miinawaa
odasanjigowinini eteg ataasowining ookomisan. Ookomisan
omiinaan Nigig giigoonyaaboo miinawaa aniibiishaaboo.

“Nokomis, gidaa-dibaajimotaw ina Daga?” gagwedwe Nigig.
Ookomisan maajii-dibaajimowan, “Ahaw. Aabading gichi-gigizheb
megwayaak baa-ayaad Nigig baa-wiikobinaad iniw
ozhooshkodaabaanensan...”



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