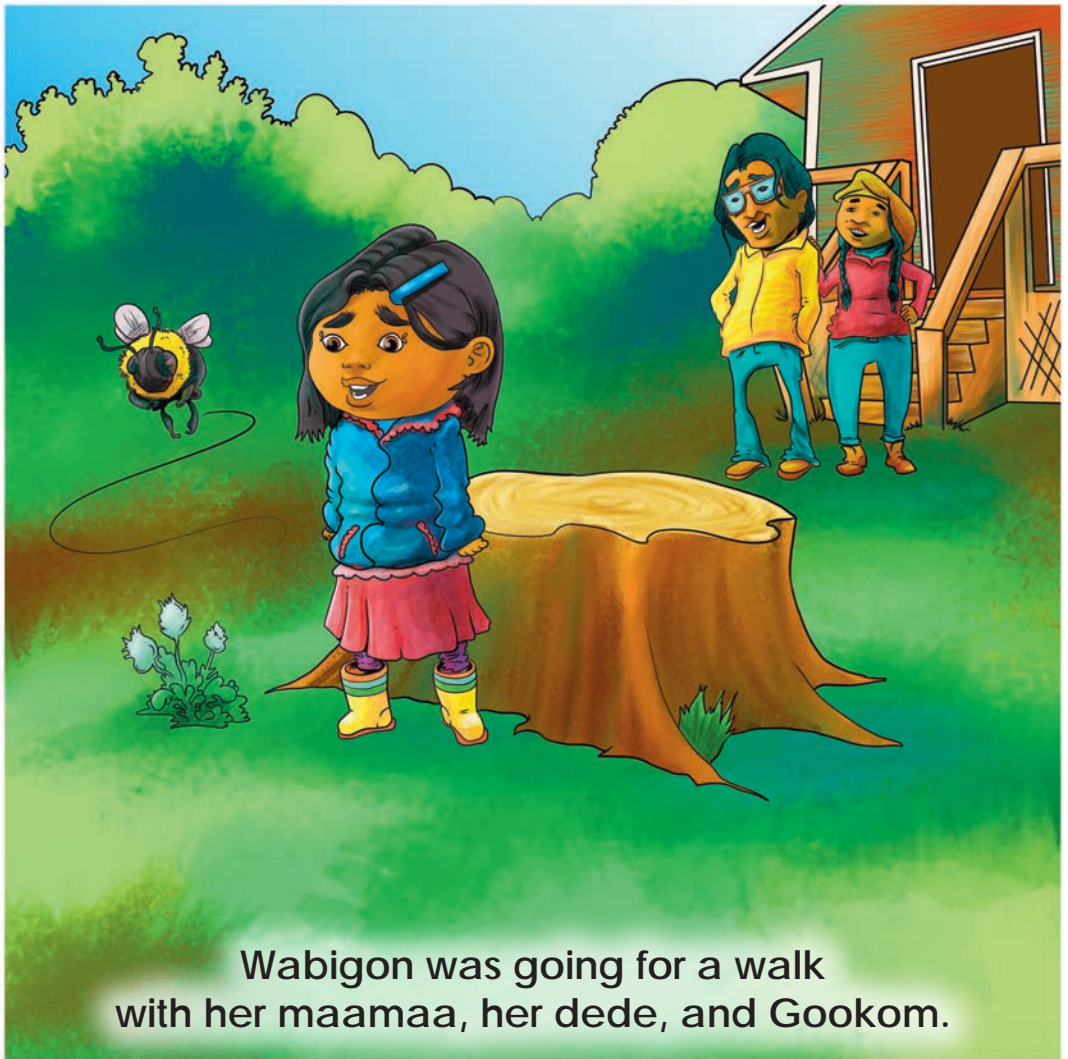


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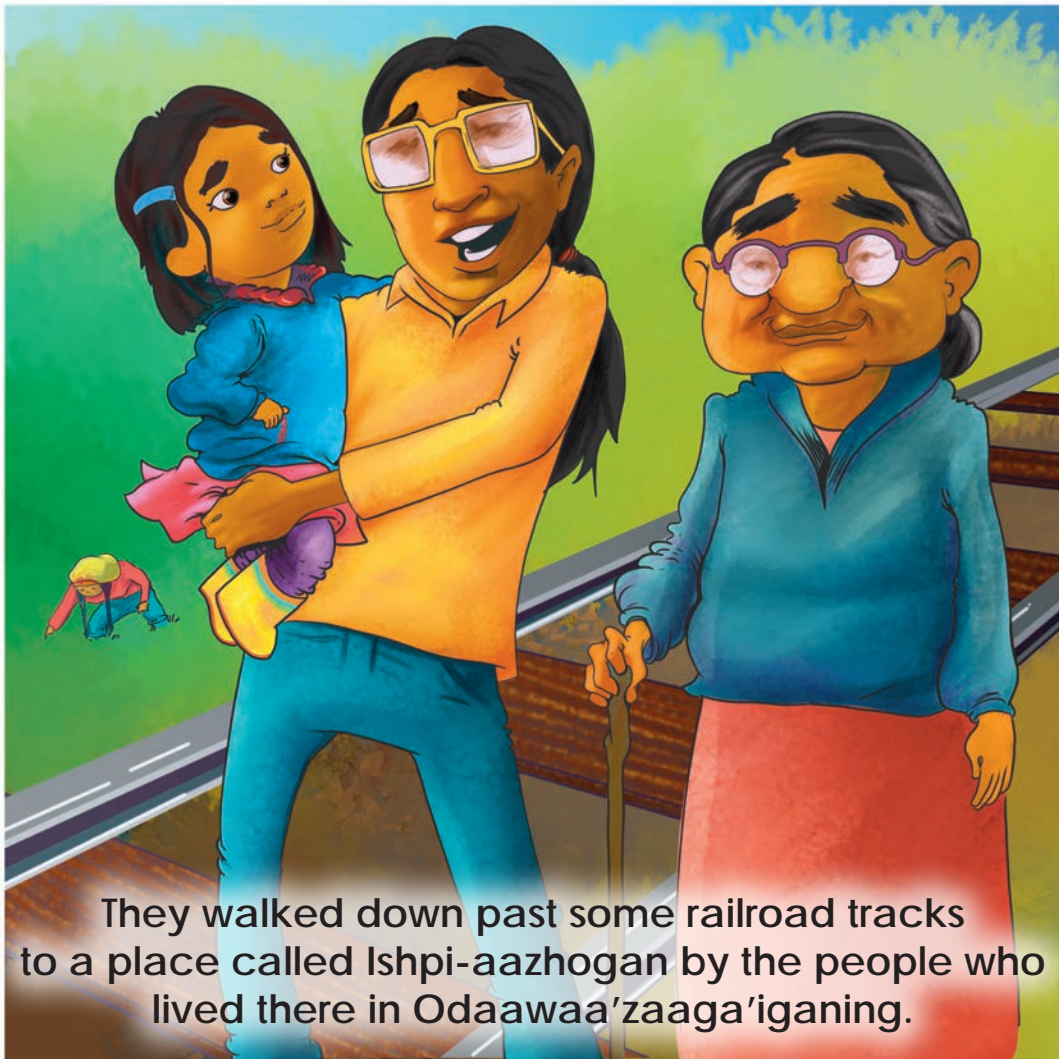




Wabigon was going for a walk
with her maamaa, her dede, and Gookom.



They were going to the place where Gookom grew up.

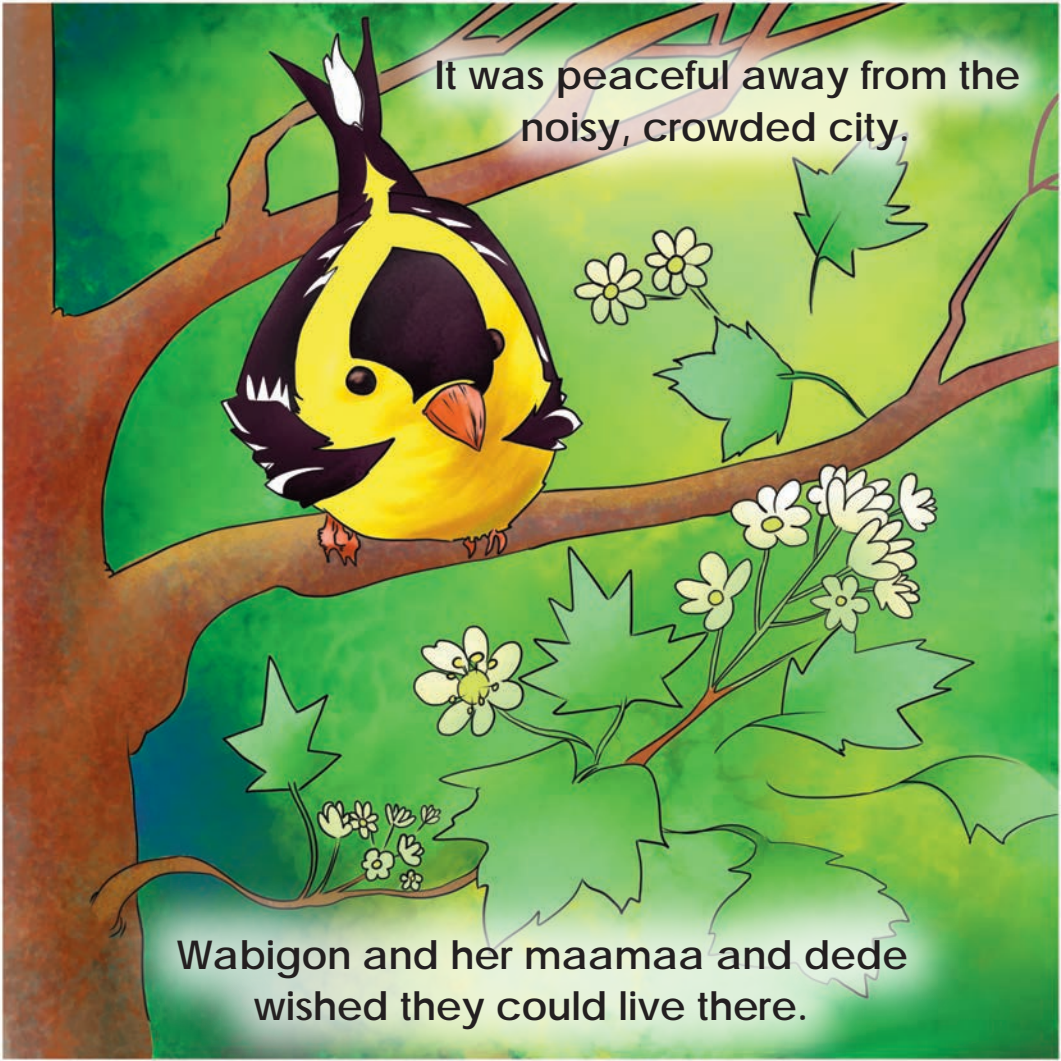


They walked down past some railroad tracks to a place called Ishpi-aazhogan by the people who lived there in Odaawaa'zaaga'iganing.

It was early spring.

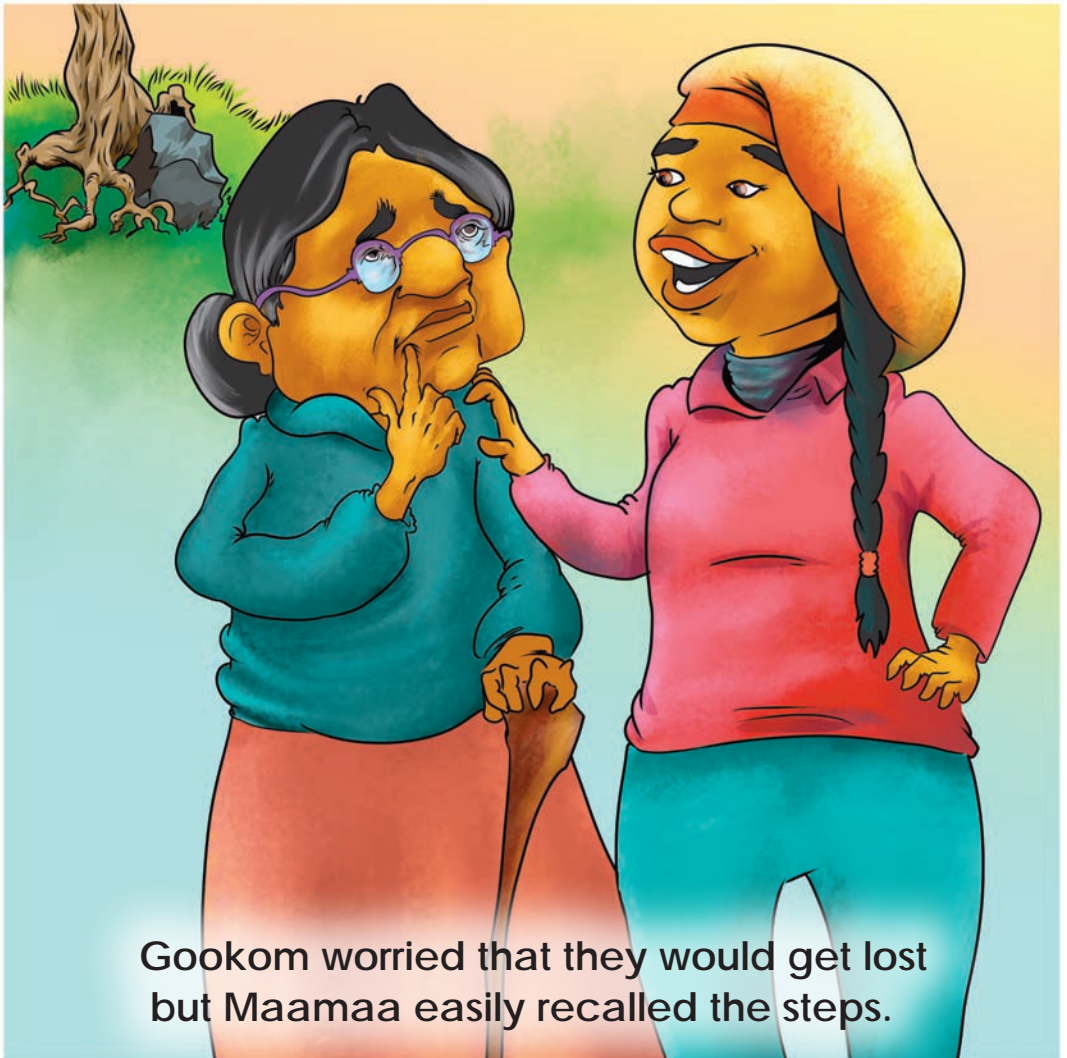


The mitigoog and mitigoonsag were lime green.

A vibrant illustration of a yellow and black bird, possibly a chickadee, perched on a brown tree branch. The bird has a bright yellow body with black wings and a black cap with a white patch on its back. It has a small, pointed orange beak and is looking towards the right. The background is a lush green landscape with several white flowers and green leaves. The scene is framed by a brown tree trunk on the left and a brown branch on the right.

It was peaceful away from the
noisy, crowded city.

Wabigon and her maamaa and dede
wished they could live there.



Gookom worried that they would get lost but Maama easily recalled the steps.



They arrived safely

and offered their asemaa imaa.





As they continued on the miikanensing, an aroma caught Maamaa's attention.

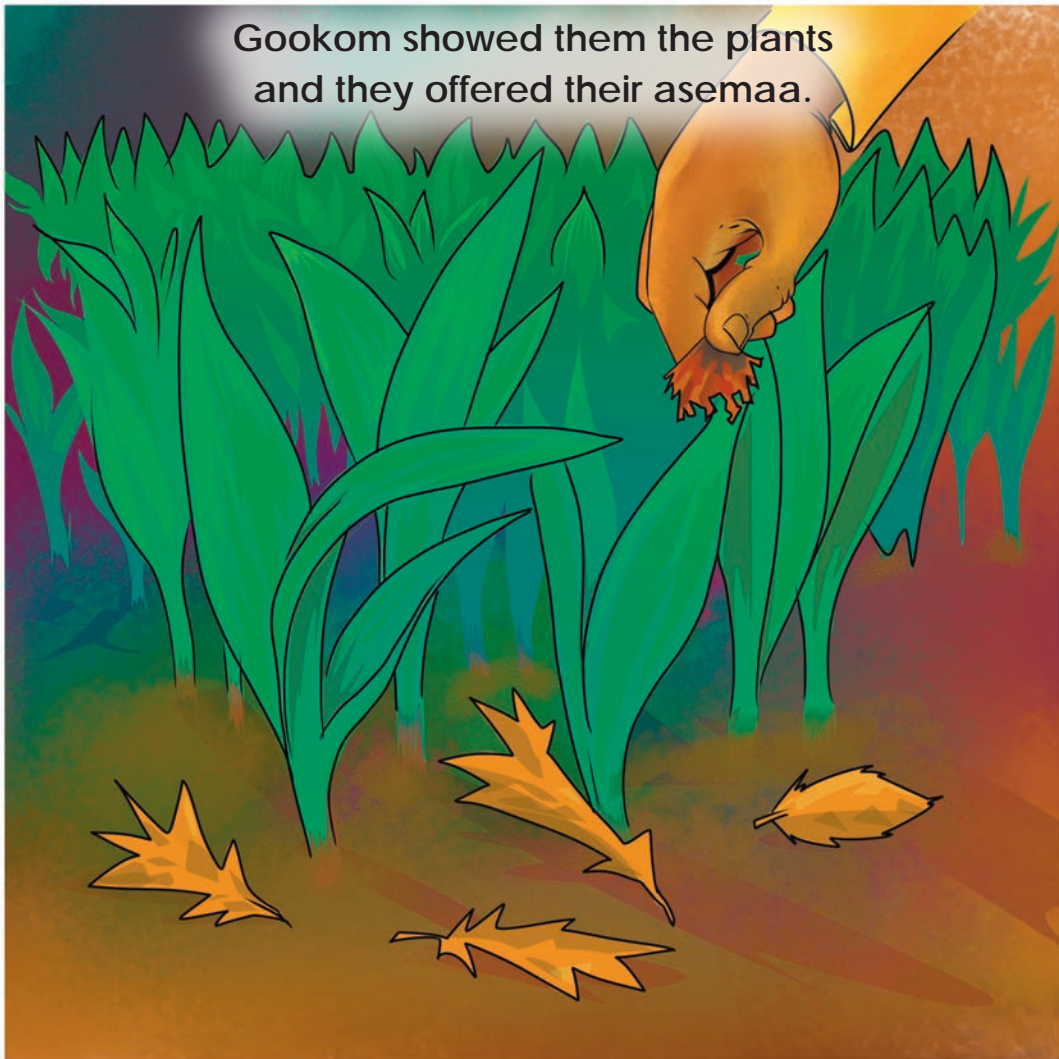


"Awegonen is that smell?" Maamaa asked Gookom.



Gookom replied, "We are standing in the middle of a patch of bagwaji-zhigaagawaanzhiig!"

Gookom showed them the plants
and they offered their asemaa.





They picked the tops and leaves off of some of the bagwaji-zhigaagawaanzhiig.

Gookom showed them how to use the plants to make bagwaji-zhigaagawaanzhiig nabooob and pizza.





From that day on, they would pick bagwaji-zhigaagawaanzhiig every year.



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