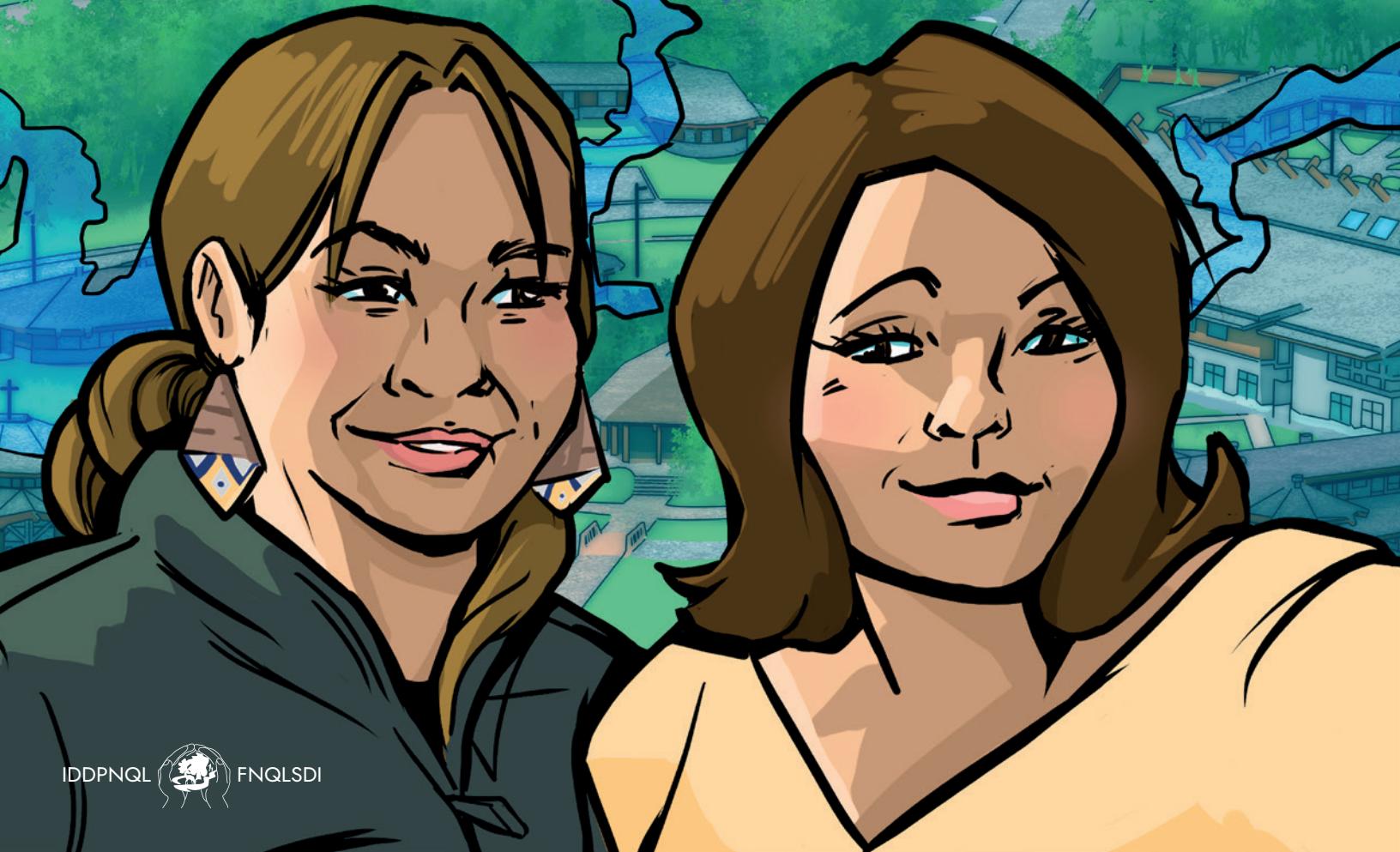




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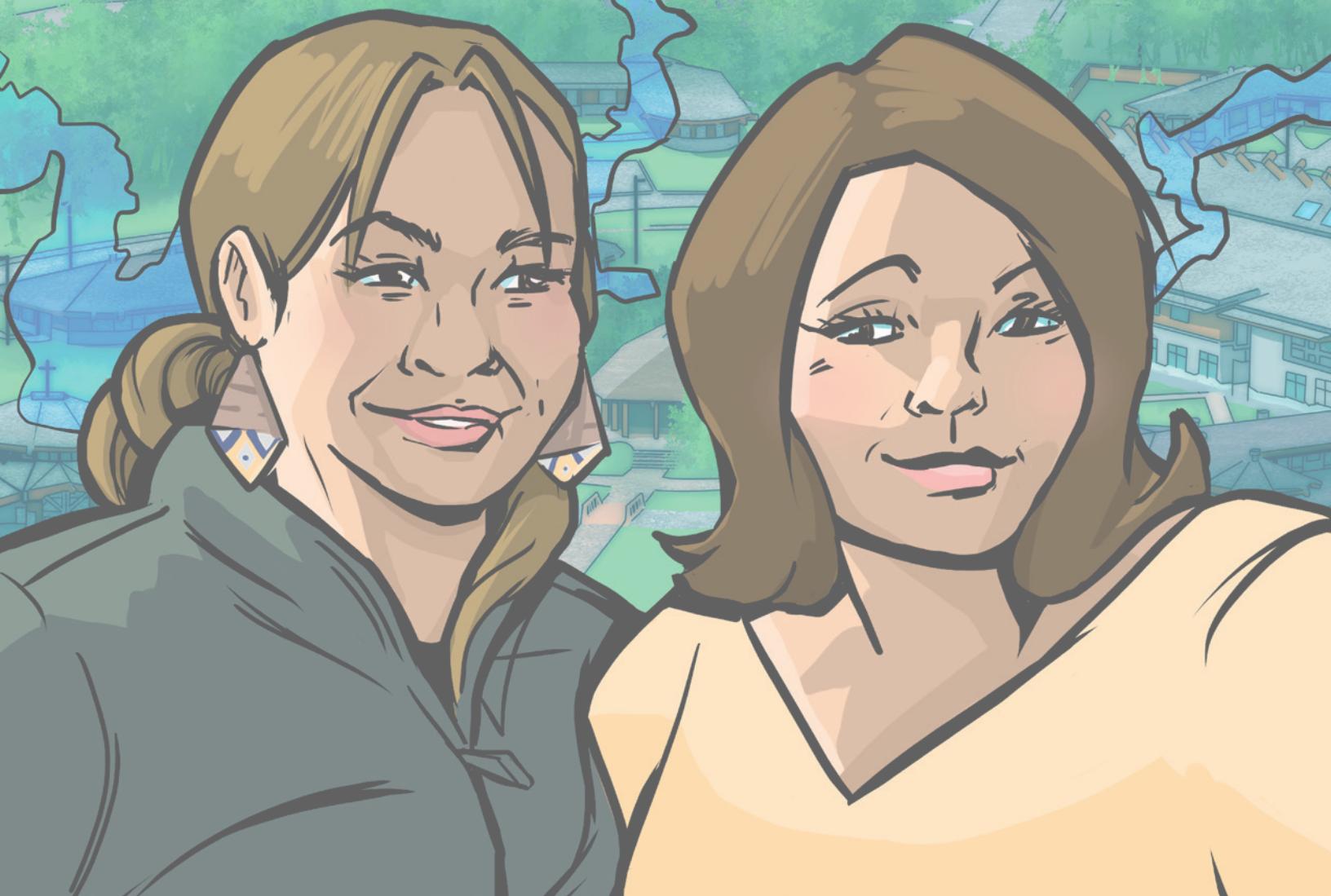
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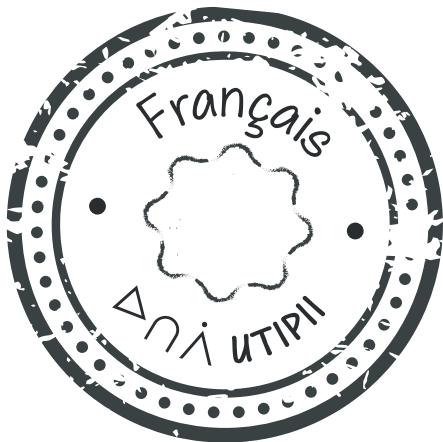


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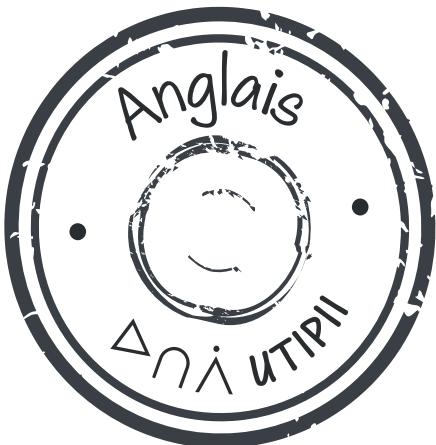
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# Introduction

Chères personnes qui ont choisi de lire ce livre,

Quel plaisir de vous partager **DÀ UTIPII**, le quatrième et dernier volet de notre série de bandes dessinées sur les énergies renouvelables! Nos nouvelles reporters, Carole Bérubé-Therrien (Matimekush-Lac-John) et Alaniss Matte (Pessamit) sont chaleureusement accueillies à Oujé-Bougoumou, en territoire Cri. Elles découvrent l'histoire d'une communauté visionnaire qui a choisi d'utiliser la biomasse forestière, l'énergie de la terre, pour vivre en harmonie avec le territoire.

**DÀ UTIPII** signifie racine en *iiiyuu ayimuun* (cri, dialecte du sud). Ce titre symbolise l'histoire d'une communauté qui retrouve sa place après avoir vécu de multiples bouleversements. **DÀ UTIPII**, ce sont aussi des langues et des cultures nourries par le territoire. Et comme les racines qui relient toutes les plantes de la forêt, c'est l'image du réseau souterrain qui apporte la chaleur et relie entre elles les maisons des habitants d'Oujé-Bougoumou.

Avec **DÀ UTIPII**, nous refermons le cercle qui avait été ouvert par notre amie et ancienne collègue Sabryna Godbout (wendake), créatrice du concept de la série. Reporter pour les trois premiers volets, Sabryna nous a partagé les enseignements dans lesquels la série est enracinée :

« Lorsque j'étais plus jeune, une femme-médecine de ma communauté m'a enseigné que mes ancêtres représentaient notamment leur connexion à la Mère-Terre par la roue de médecine. La roue est utilisée par de nombreuses Premières Nations, mais chacune d'elles possède sa propre conception et sa propre configuration de ce symbole.

Selon notre conception holistique, il est important de protéger l'harmonie entre tous les éléments du cercle, puisqu'ils sont interconnectés : le bouleversement d'un élément se répercute inévitablement sur les trois autres... Aujourd'hui, la roue est déséquilibrée, et la crise climatique est un symptôme de ce dérèglement.

Les énergies vertes peuvent nous aider à rétablir l'équilibre, et de plus en plus de communautés autochtones les utilisent. Gardiennes du territoire depuis des millénaires, notre utilisation de ces énergies est une manifestation de notre expertise

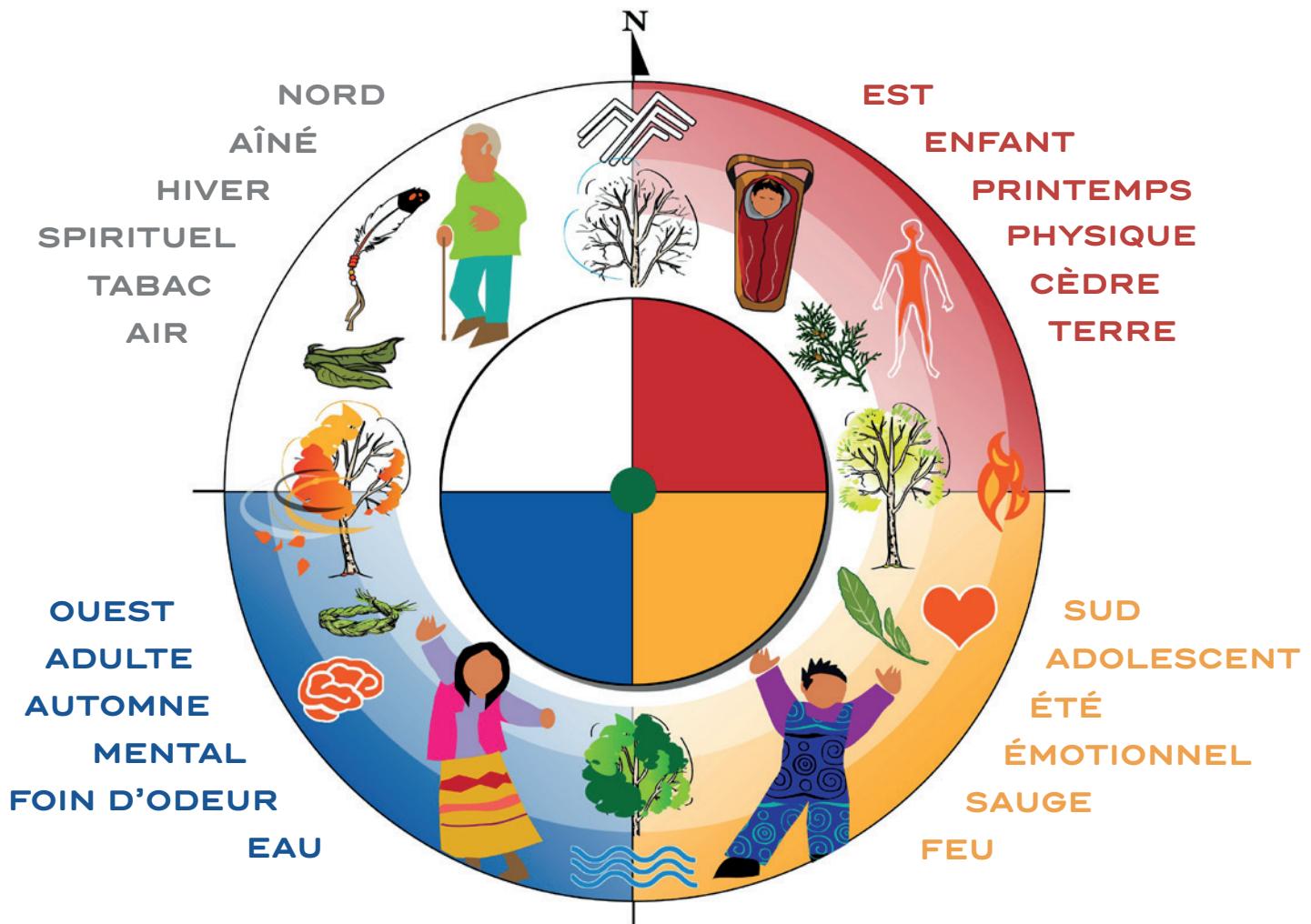
en matière de préservation de notre environnement. Non seulement les énergies renouvelables aident la terre, mais elles soutiennent également le développement socioéconomique des communautés et une meilleure qualité de vie.

Nous garantissons un avenir aux sept générations futures en permettant que l'air que nous respirons soit plus pur, que les étoiles dans le ciel puissent être observées sans nuages de pollution, que l'eau soit bonne à boire et que la vie terrestre perdure. C'est ce qu'on appelle le développement durable. »

Toute l'équipe de l'Institut de développement durable des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador (IDDPNQL) est fière de vous présenter ce 12e livre de notre collection multilingue. Les livres portent les voix de gens qui tracent des chemins vers des futurs durables, tout en incarnant les valeurs de leurs ancêtres.

Chaque phrase, chaque mot est une invitation à renouveler notre relation avec la Terre, à se réapproprier notre place dans le cercle.

Nous vous remercions d'être ici, avec nous.



# Introduction

Dear you who has chosen to read this book,

What a treat to share with you **DNĀ UTIPPII**, the fourth and final installment of our comic book series on renewable energy! Our new reporters, Carole Bérubé-Therrien (Matimekush-Lac-John) and Alaniss Matte (Pessamit) are warmly welcomed in Oujé-Bougoumou, in Cree territory. They discover the story of a visionary community that has chosen to use forest biomass, the energy of the earth, to live in harmony with the land.

**DNĀ UTIPPII** means root in iiyuu ayimuun (Cree, southern dialect). This title symbolizes the story of a community that finds its place after experiencing multiple upheavals. **DNĀ UTIPPII** is also about languages and cultures nourished by the land. And like the roots that connect all forest beings, it is the image of the underground network that brings warmth and connects the houses of the inhabitants of Oujé-Bougoumou.

With **DNĀ UTIPPII**, we close the circle that was opened by our friend and former colleague Sabryna Godbout (wendake), creator of the series' concept. Reporter for the first three installments, Sabryna shared with us the teachings in which the series is rooted:

"When I was younger, a medicine woman in my community taught me that one of the ways my ancestors represented their connection to Mother Earth was through the medicine wheel. The wheel is used by many First Nations, but each has its own conception and configuration of this symbol.

According to our holistic understanding, it is important to protect the harmony between all the elements of the circle, as they are interconnected: the disruption of one element inevitably affects the other three... Today, the wheel is out of balance, and the climate crisis is a symptom of this disruption.

Green energy can help us restore the balance, and more and more Indigenous communities are using them. As stewards of the land for thousands of years, our use of these energies is a demonstration of our expertise in preserving our environment. Not only does renewable energy help the Earth, it

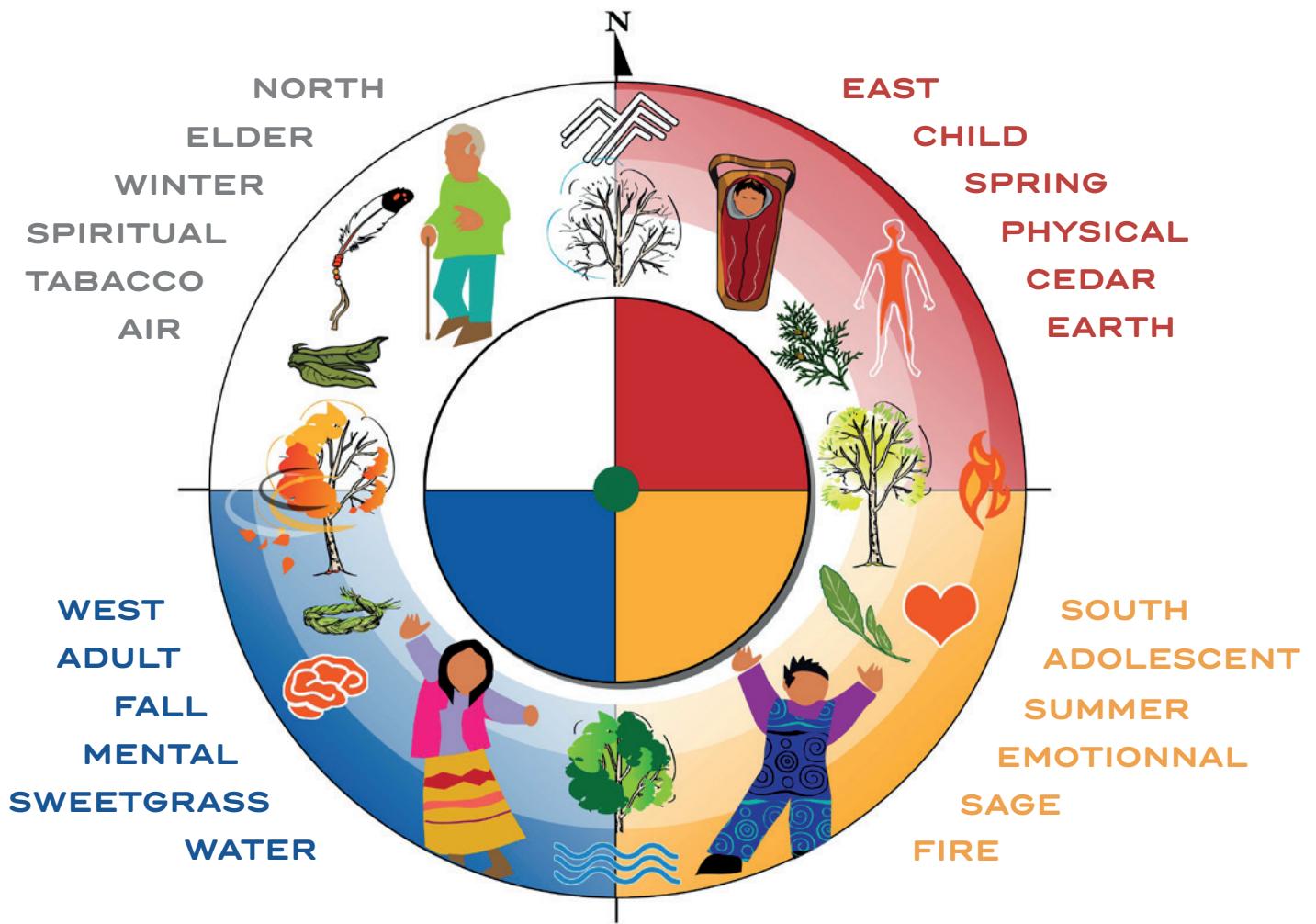
also supports the socio-economic development of communities and a better quality of life.

We are securing a future for the seven generations to come by allowing the air we breathe to be cleaner, the stars in the sky to shine without pollution, the water to be sweet and good to drink, and for life on Earth to continue. That is what we call sustainable development."

The entire team of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute (FNQLSDI) is proud to present this 12th book in our multilingual collection. The books carry the voices of people who are tracing paths towards sustainable futures, while embodying the values of their ancestors.

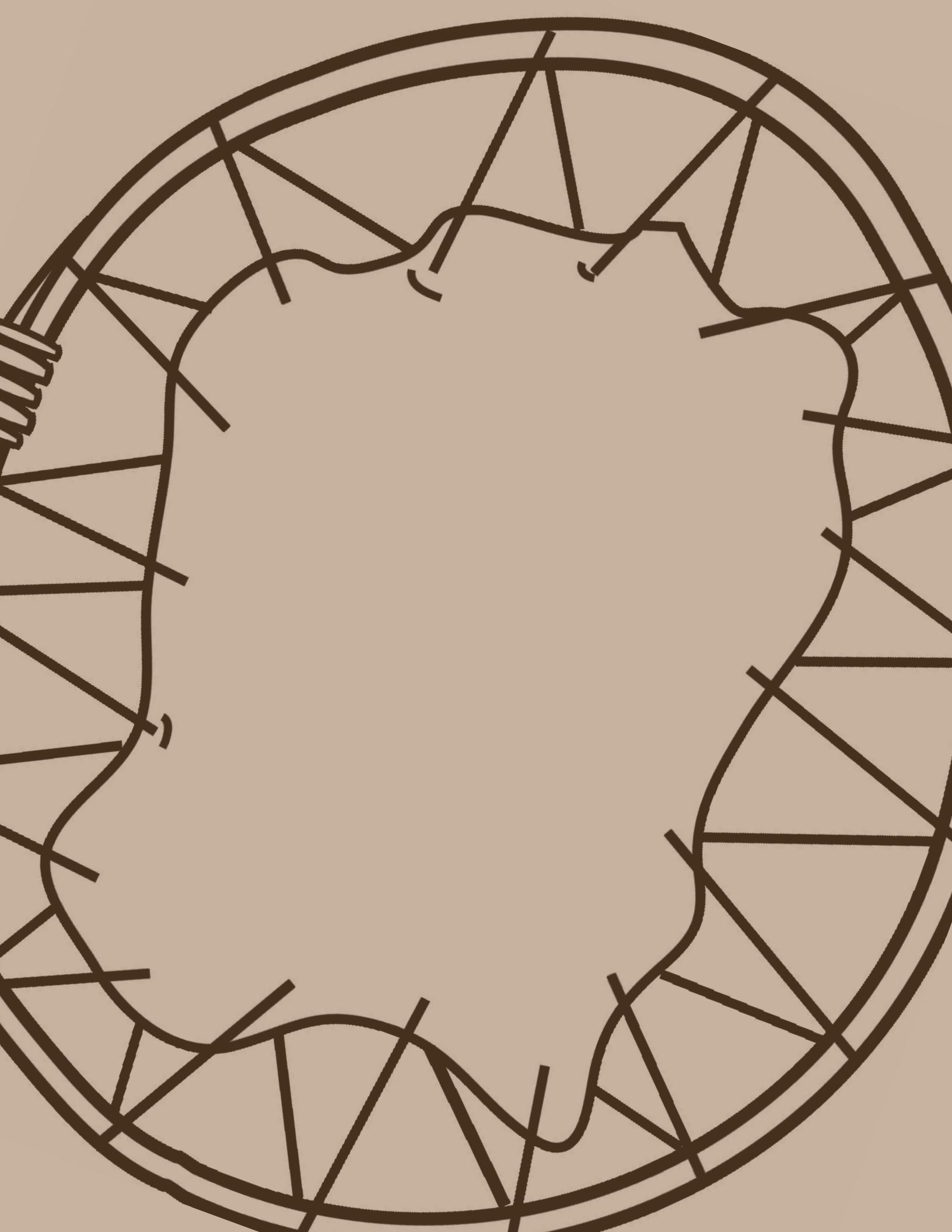
Each sentence, each word is an invitation to renew our relationship with the Earth, to reclaim our place in the circle.

We thank you for being here, with us.



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(syllabique)





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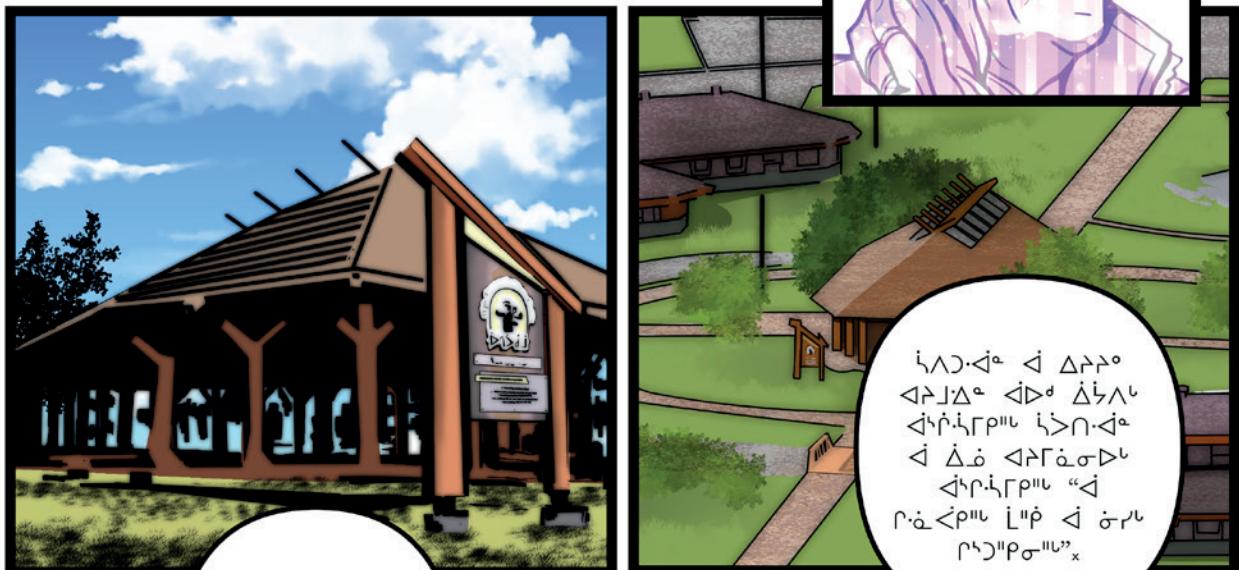




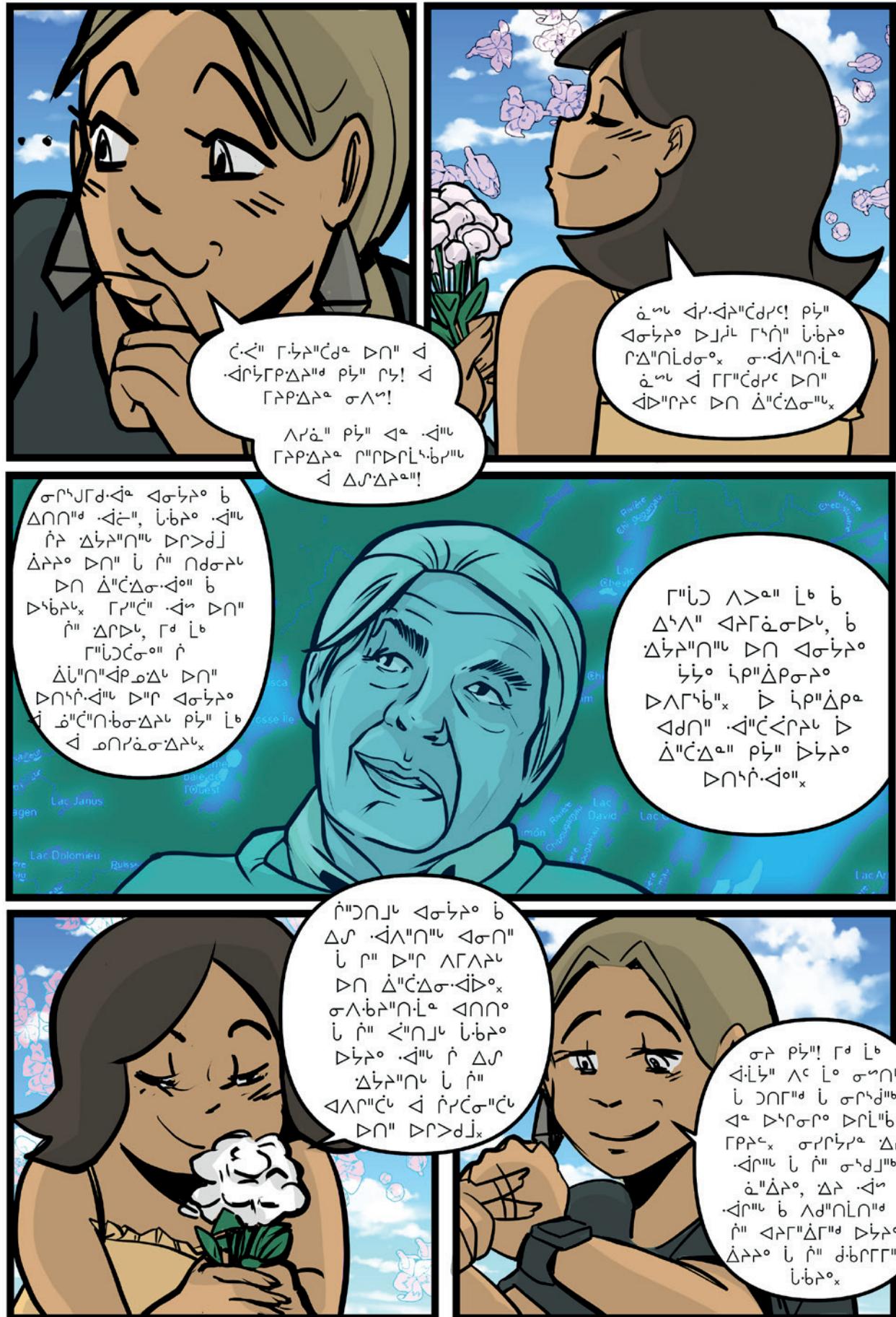




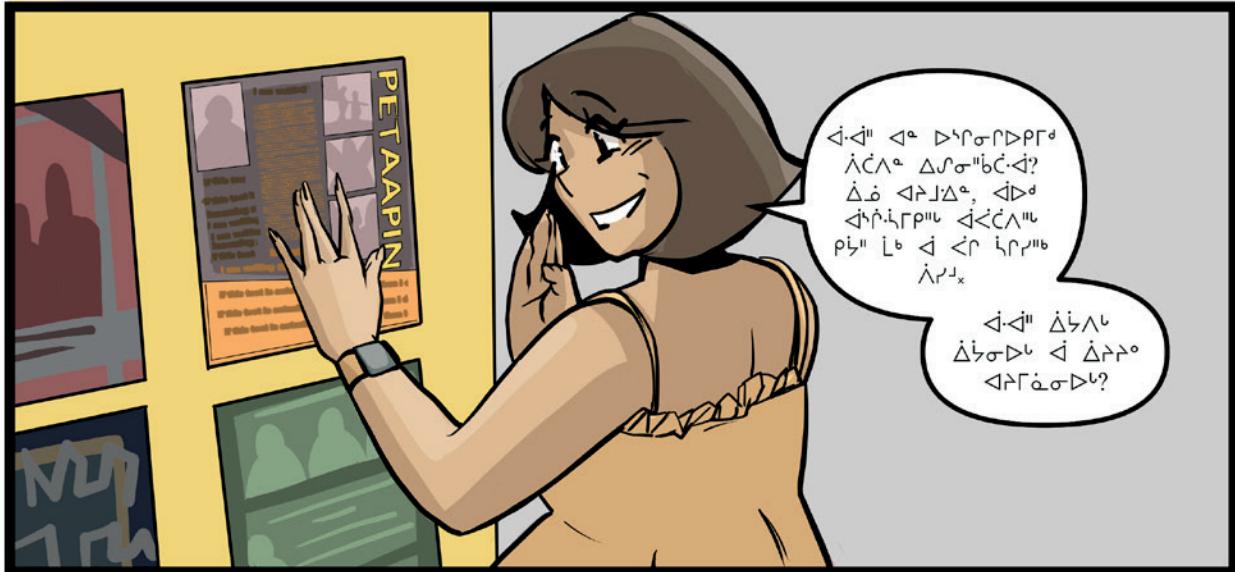
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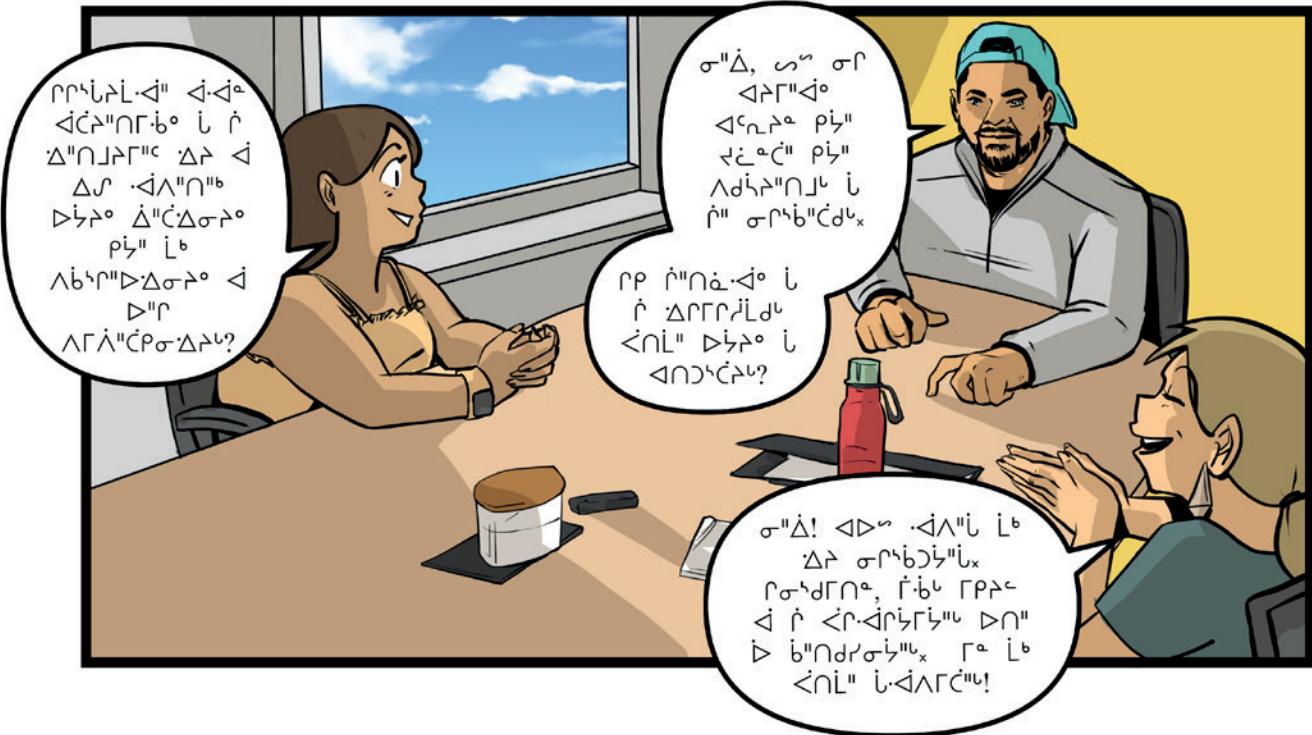


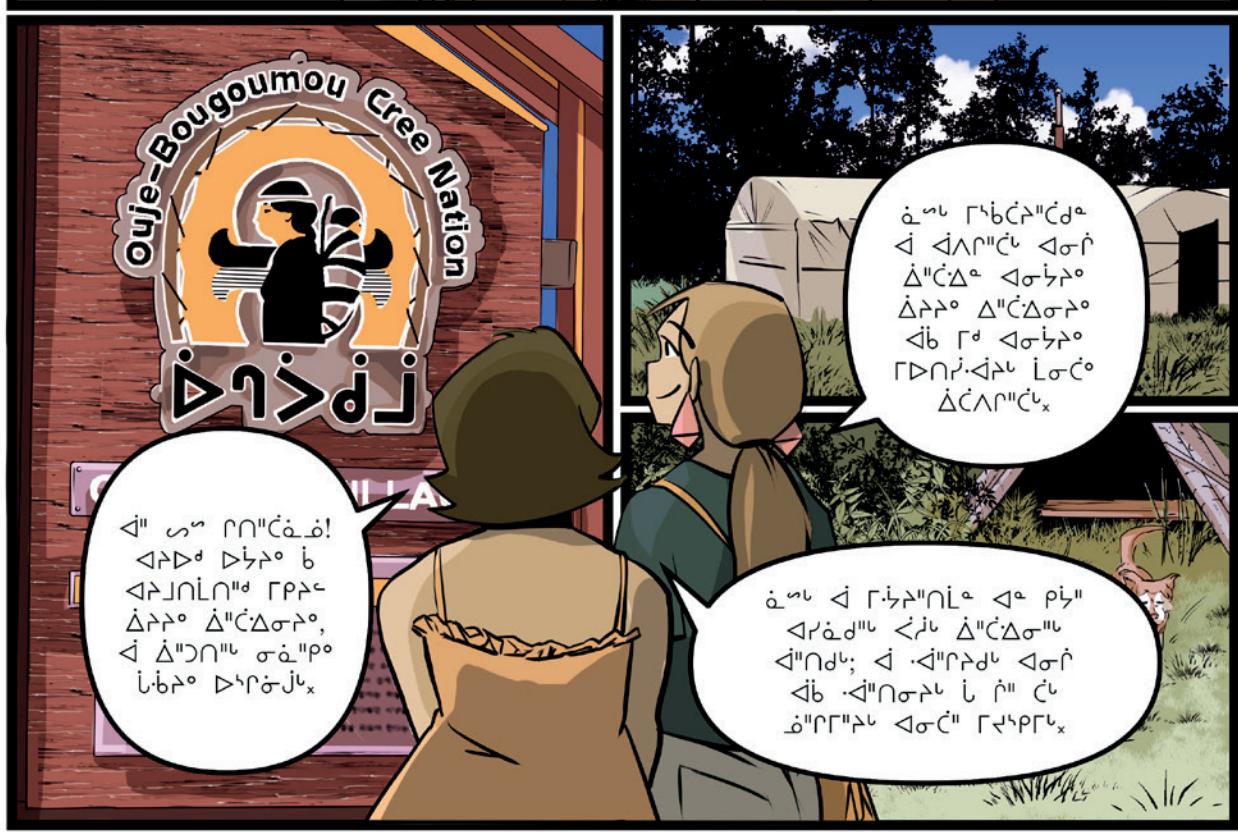
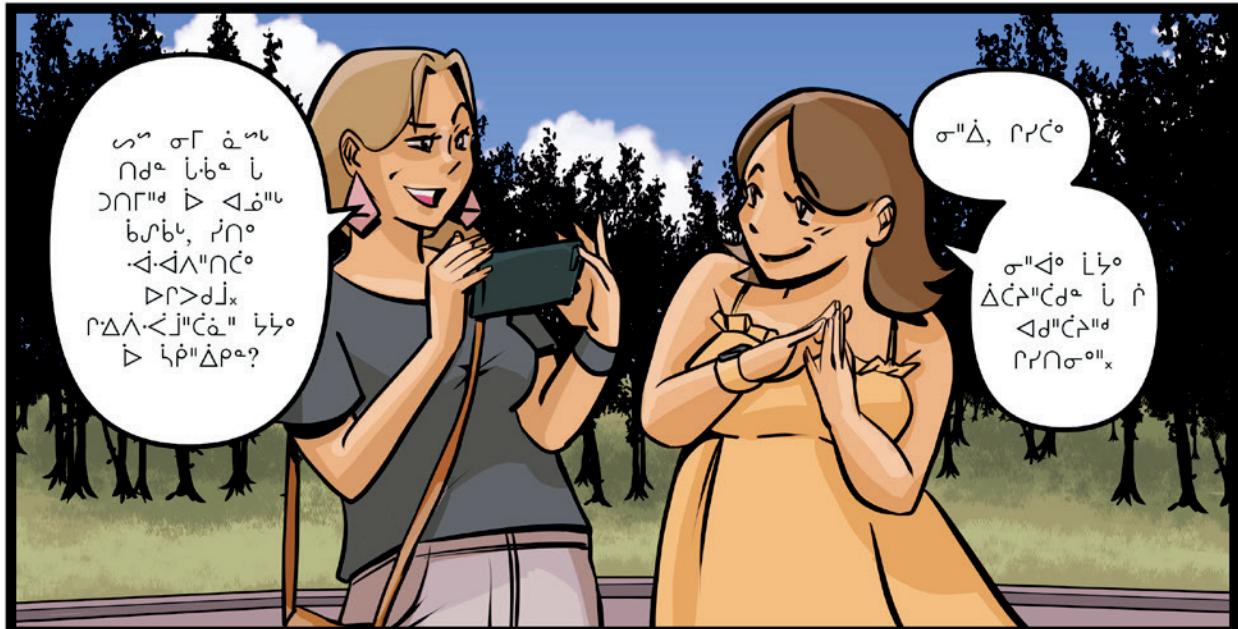






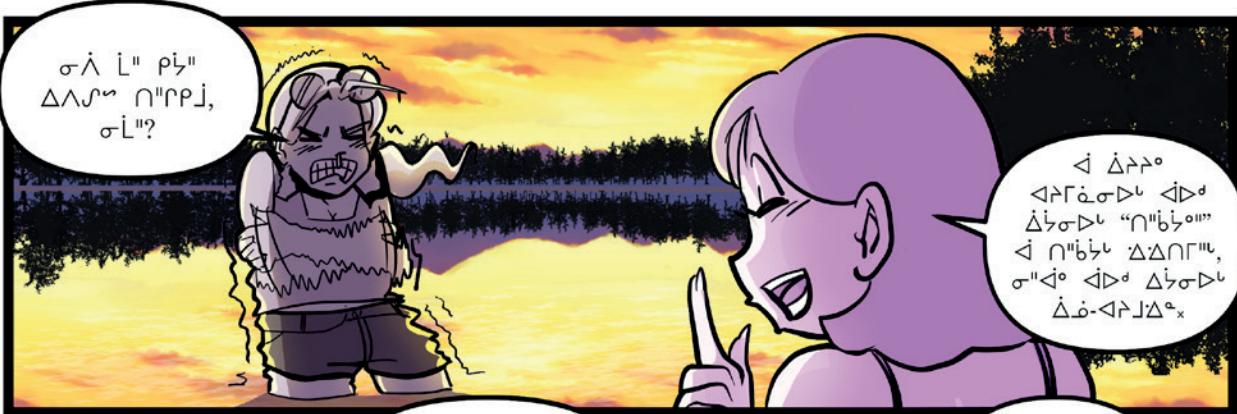


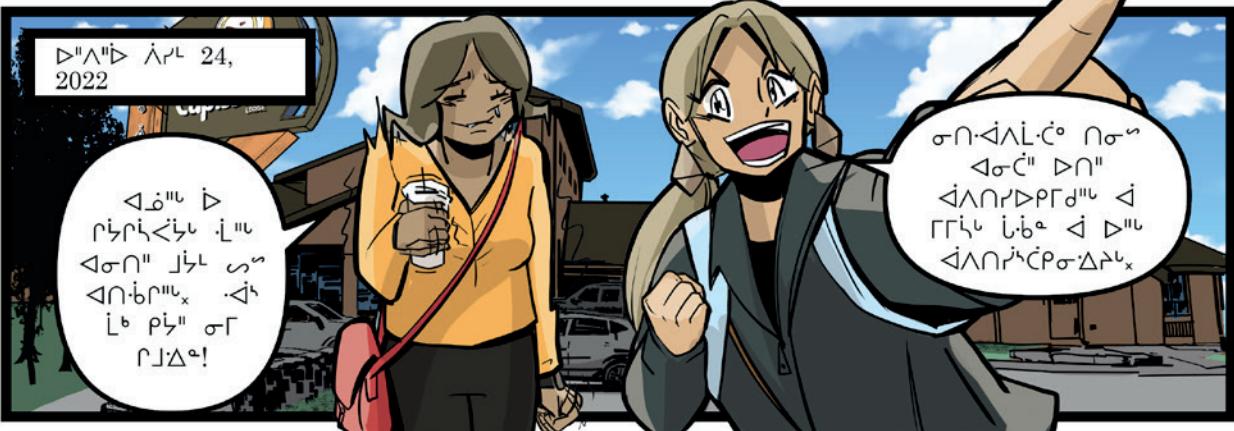




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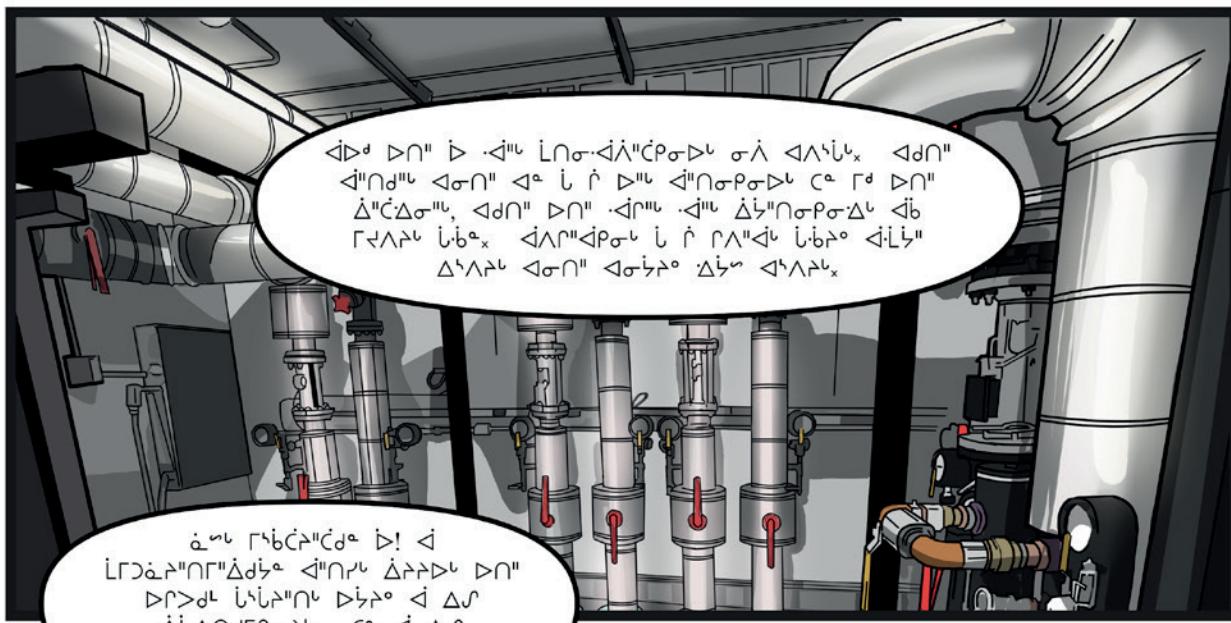
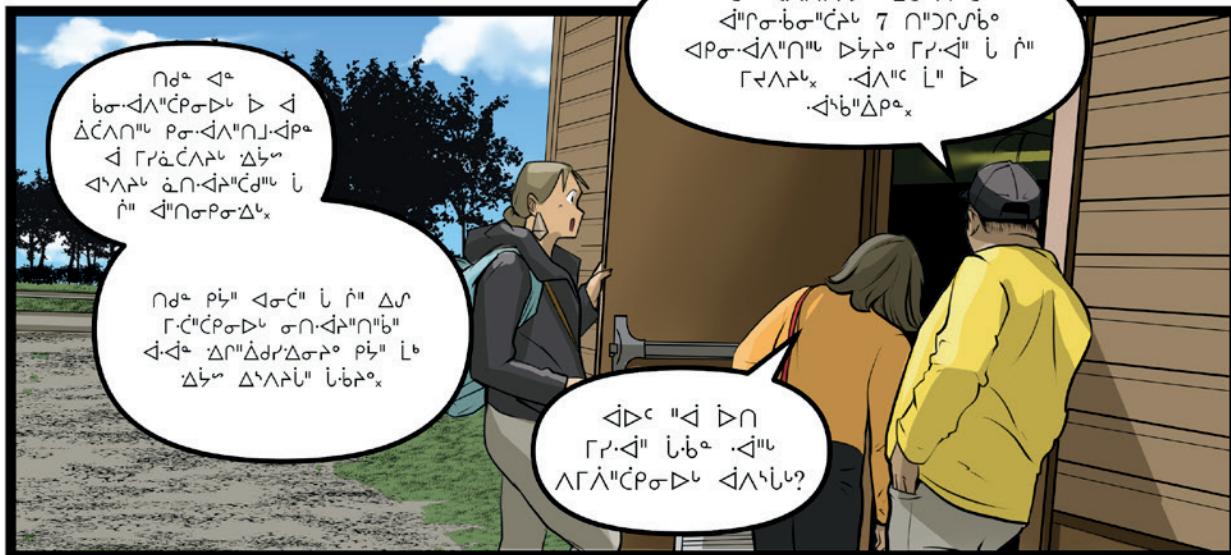
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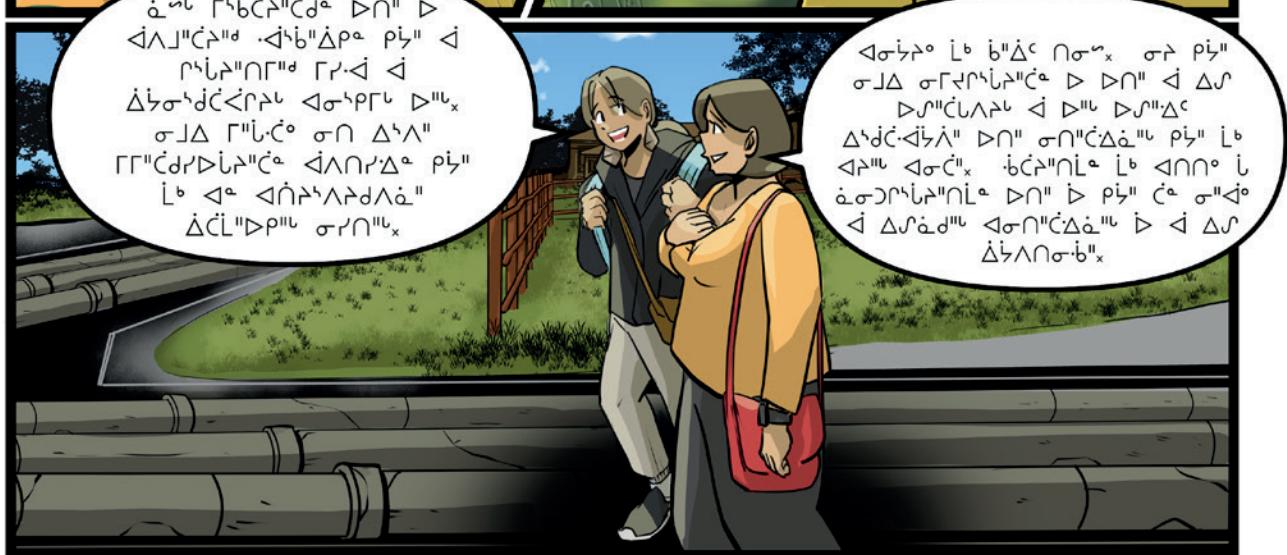
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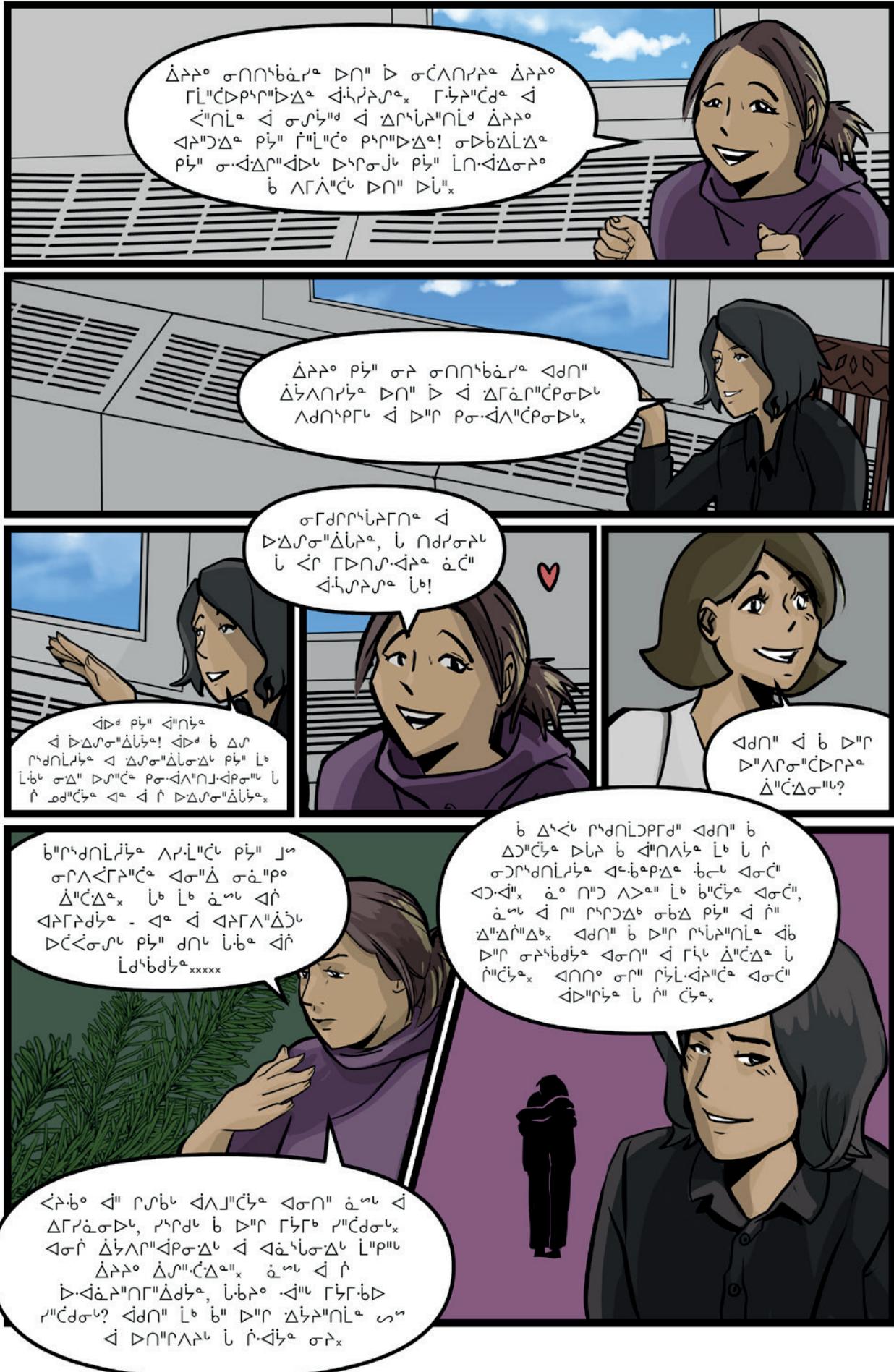
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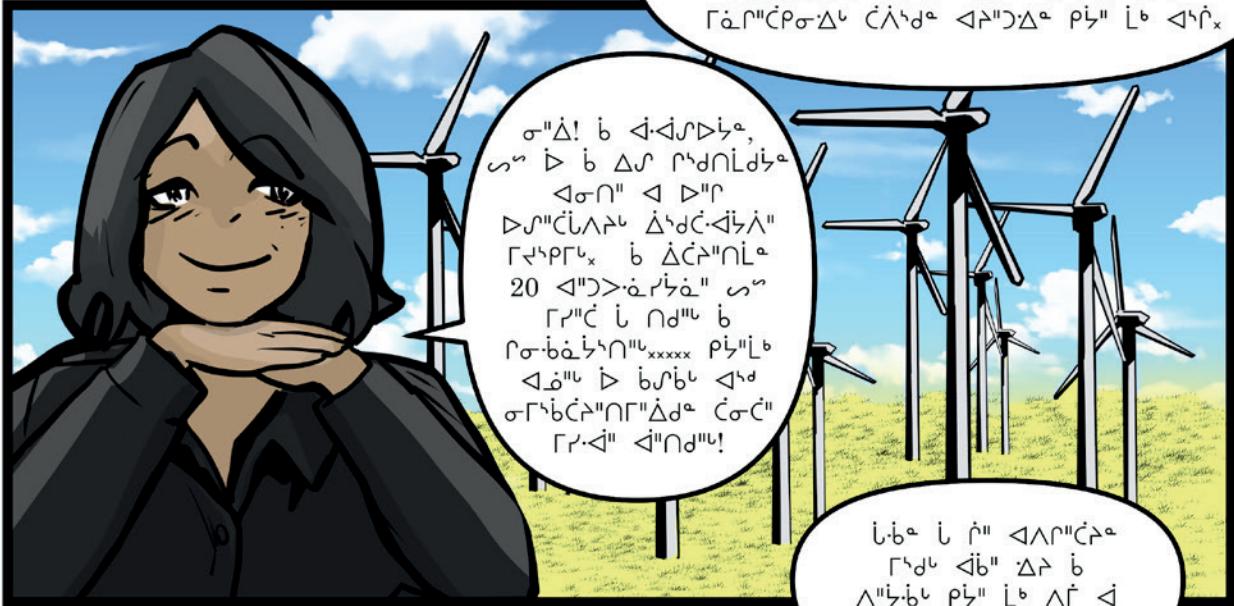
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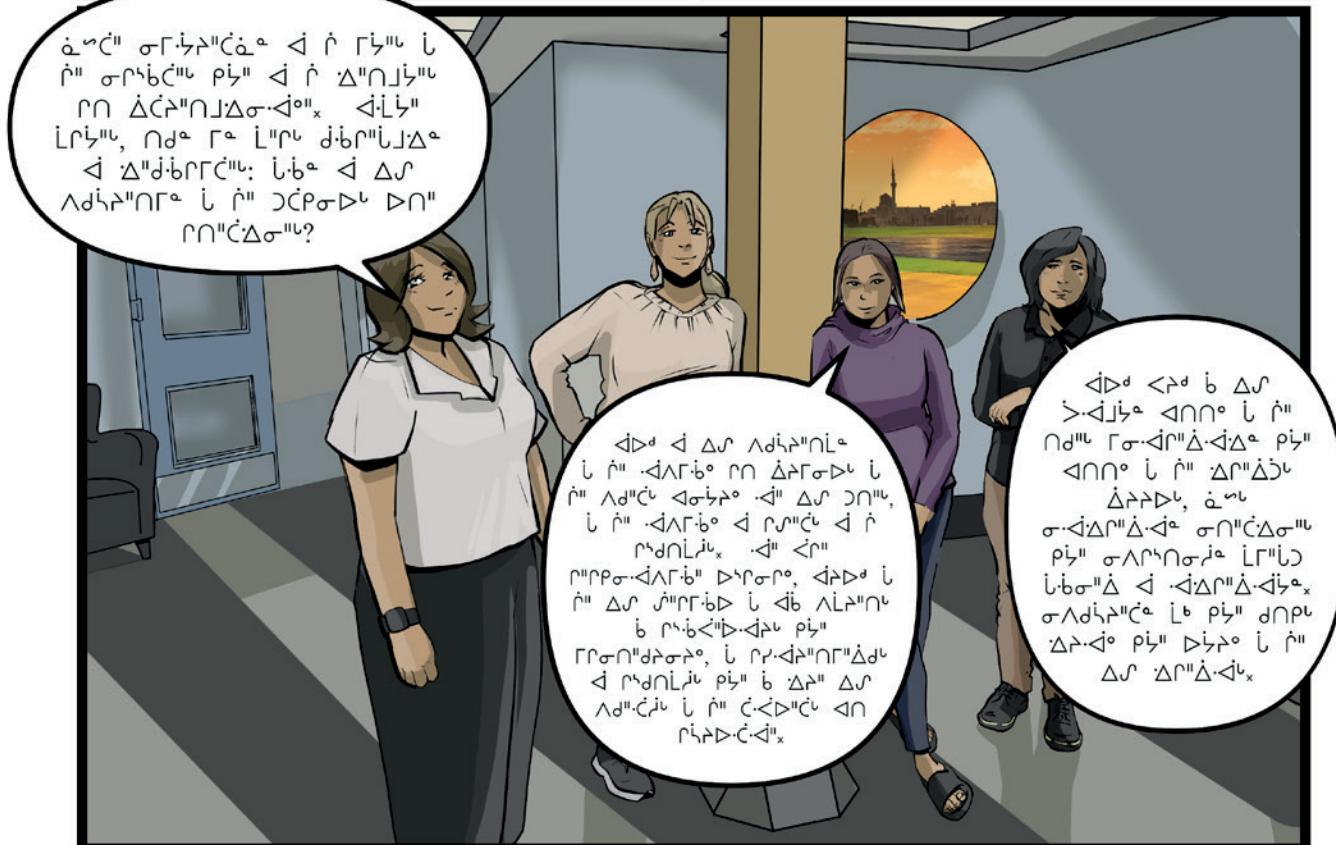
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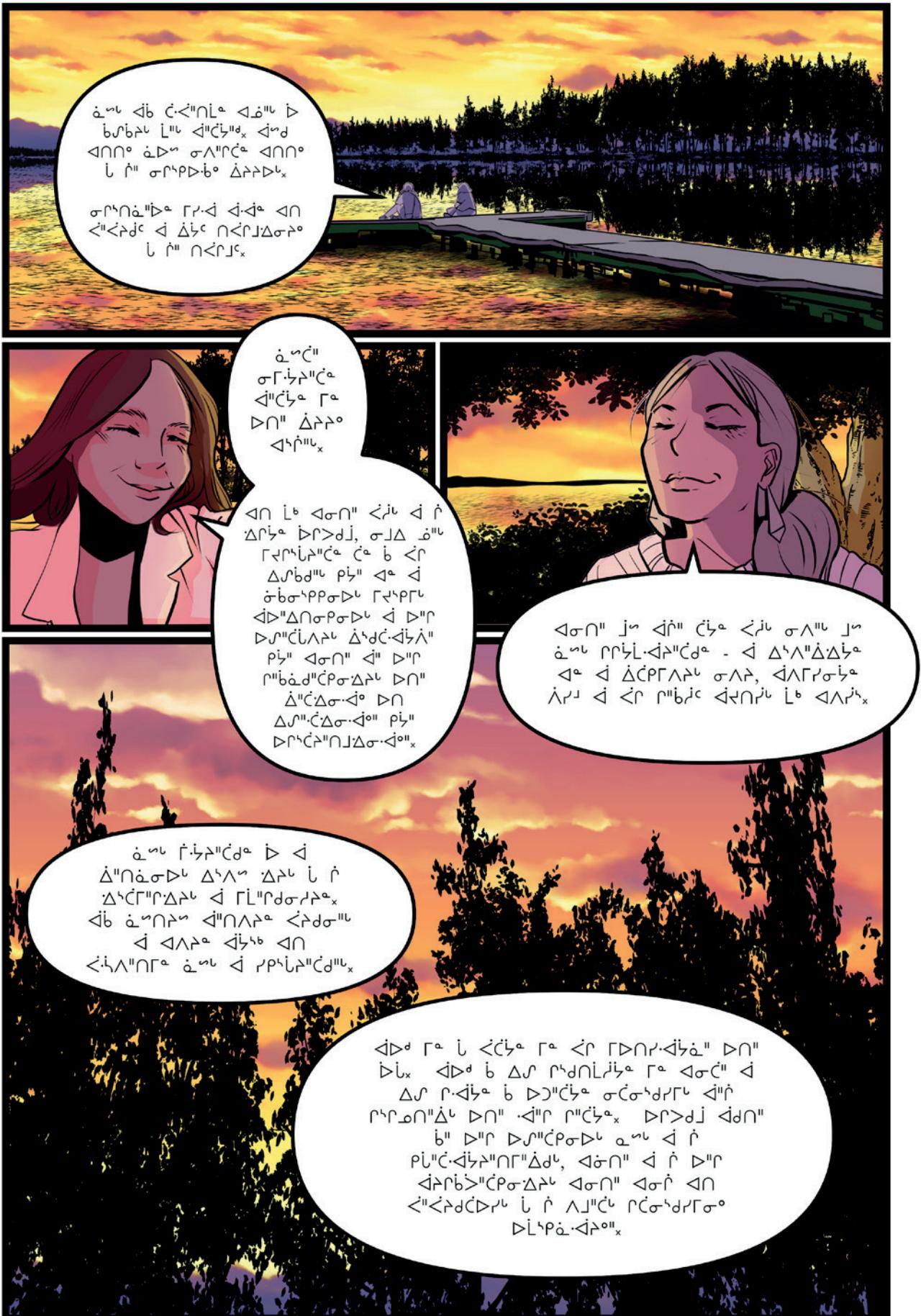
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# Français

# Présentation générale des Cris

## Ethnonyme et langue :

Les membres de cette nation sont connus sous le nom de Cris, mais ceux-ci se désignent plus précisément comme étant Eeyou. La langue criée parlée au Québec, l'iifyuu ayimuun, est le cri de l'Est.

À Oujé-Bougoumou, en 2016, 77,7% des membres de la communauté déclaraient parler leur langue à la maison.

## Territoire :

Le territoire traditionnel des Eeyou se nomme Eeyou Istchee. Au Québec, il y a **neuf communautés cries**, soient: Chisasibi, Eastmain, Mistissini, Nemaska, Oujé-Bougoumou, Waskaganish, Waswanipi, Wemindji et Whapmagoostui.

### Oujé-Bougoumou :

La population totale est de 937 personnes dont 793 vivent sur la communauté et 144 vivent à l'extérieur de la communauté.



Kuei,

Mon nom est Alaniss Matte. Je suis Innue de Pessamit. Je vis en milieu urbain depuis mon adolescence, tandis que ma famille est restée dans la communauté. L'innu-aimun est ma langue maternelle, et je suis également passionnée des autres langues autochtones.

Je travaille présentement en administration, mais c'est important pour moi de m'impliquer dans les cultures et les langues.



Kuei,

Mon nom est Carole Bérubé-Therrien. Je suis Innue du côté de ma mère et Québécoise du côté de mon père. Je viens de Forestville et j'ai grandi à Sept-Îles, disons que je suis une fille de la Côte-Nord qui habite maintenant dans la grande ville de Montréal.

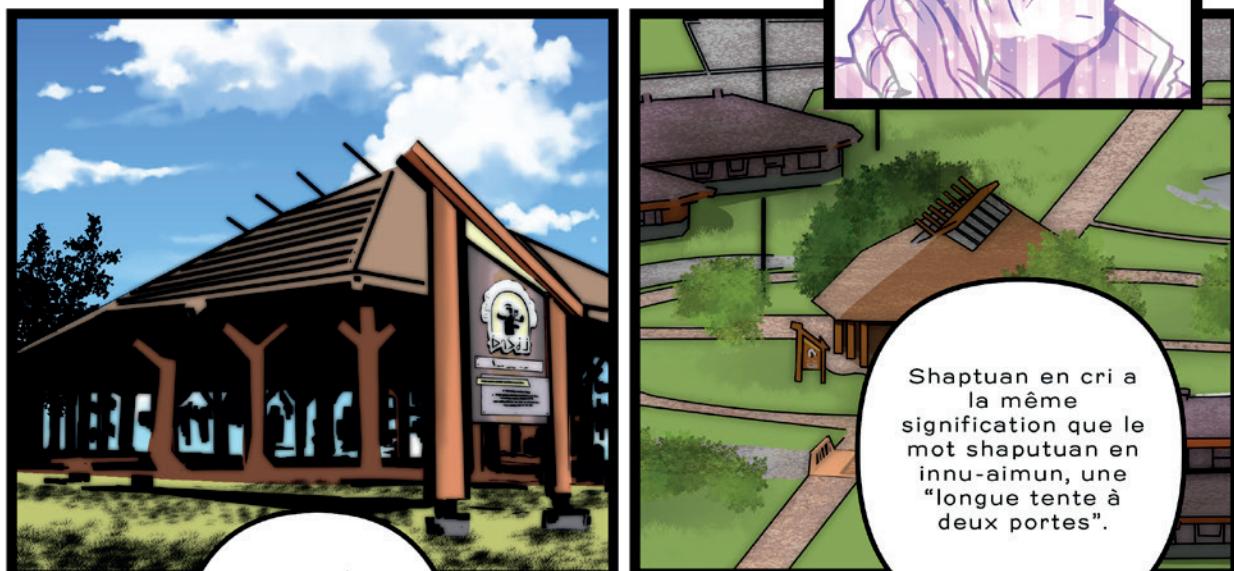
Je travaille dans le milieu culturel autochtone depuis plus de 5 ans, ce qui m'a donné l'occasion d'en apprendre davantage sur mon identité. Je suis également artisanne, musicienne et globe-trotteuse, passionnée par les grands espaces.













On vient rencontrer  
des gens et en apprendre un  
peu plus sur votre système  
de chauffage à la biomasse.  
On écrit une série de  
bandes dessinées sur  
l'énergie verte.

C'est génial! Avez-vous  
remarqué que si vous  
regardez vers le bas  
depuis le plafond du  
shaptuan, vous pouvez  
voir le logo  
d'Oujé-Bougoumou?

C'est une femme qui  
porte un bébé sur son  
dos. Ils sont debout  
devant un canot et  
une peau de castor.

Bon, nous  
allons devoir y  
aller. J'espère  
que vous  
passerez une  
belle visite!



La femme symbolise la  
force de la communauté,  
c'est elle qui porte la  
nouvelle génération sur son  
dos. Les femmes tiennent la  
maison au chaud, apportent  
un sentiment de sécurité  
aux enfants et sont  
nourricières.

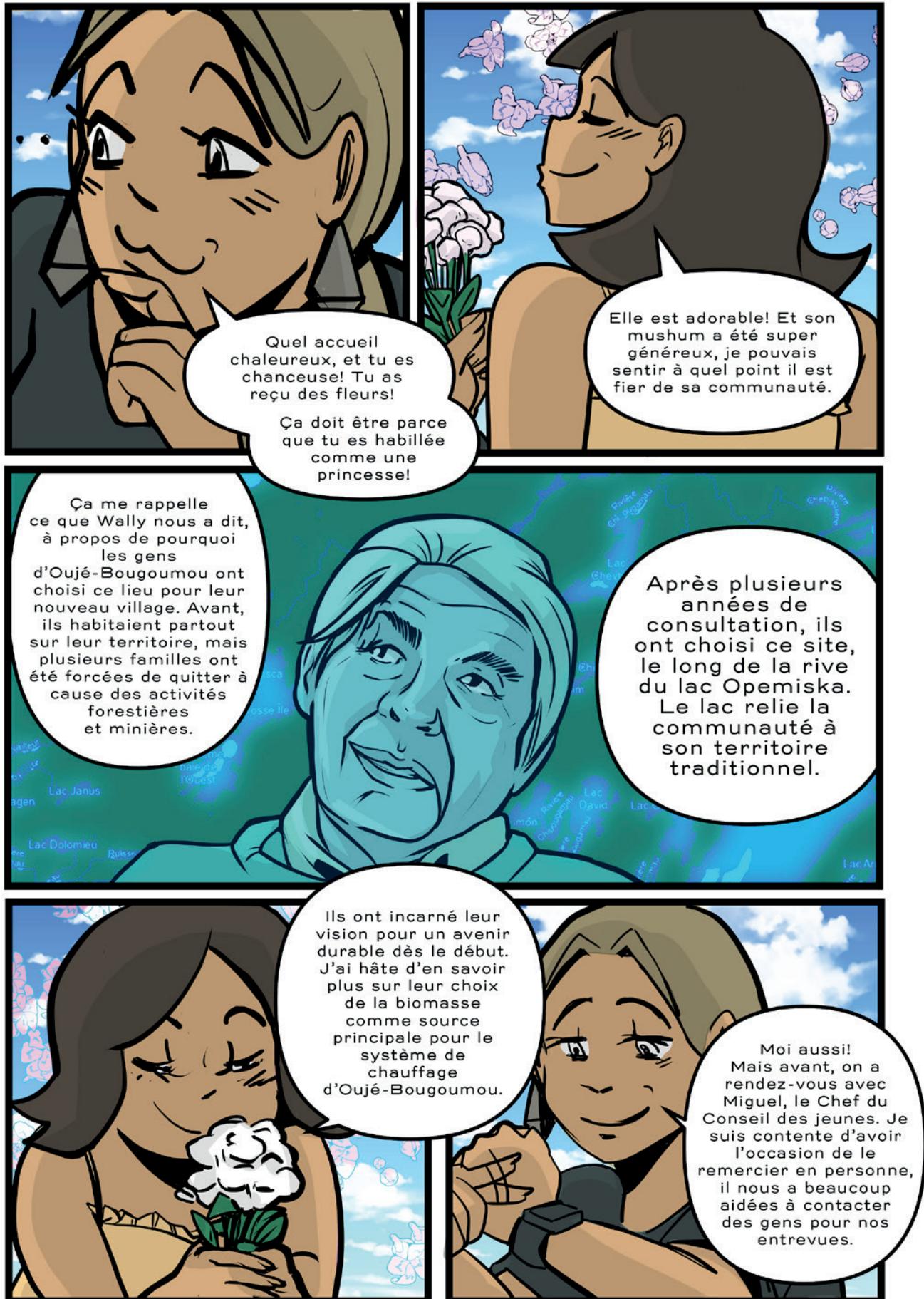
Le canot symbolise le fait  
que nous nous déplaçons  
vers l'avant, vers le futur, et  
l'ombre reflétée dans l'eau  
représente le passé qui nous  
a mené jusqu'ici.

Tout en bas, vous voyez  
l'écriture syllabique crie.  
C'est notre langue et  
notre culture réunies en  
une seule image.

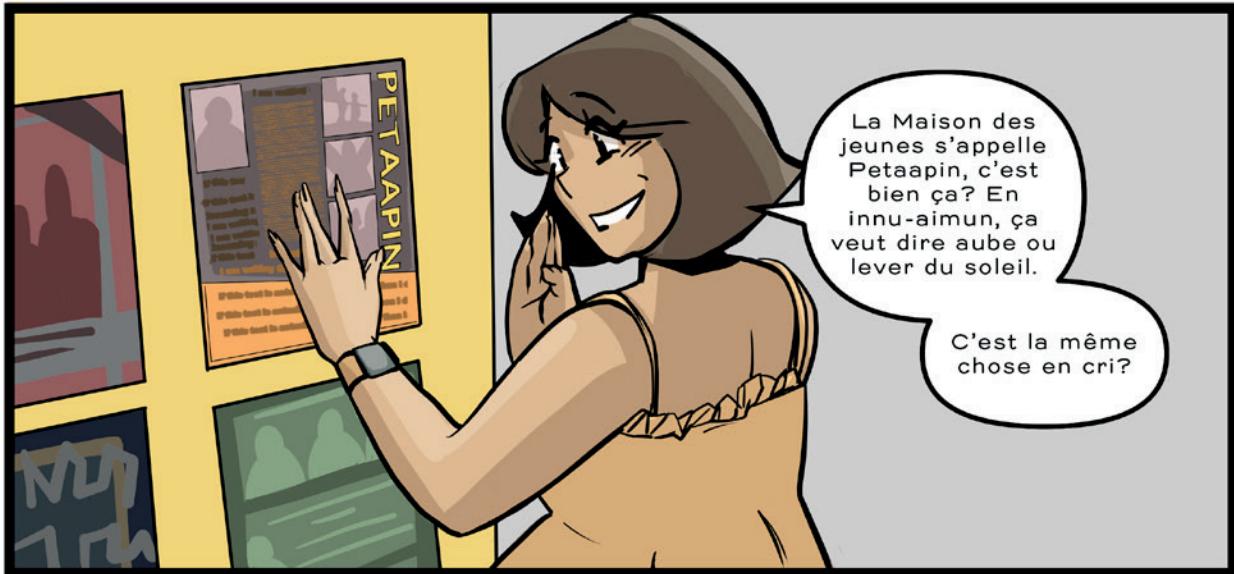
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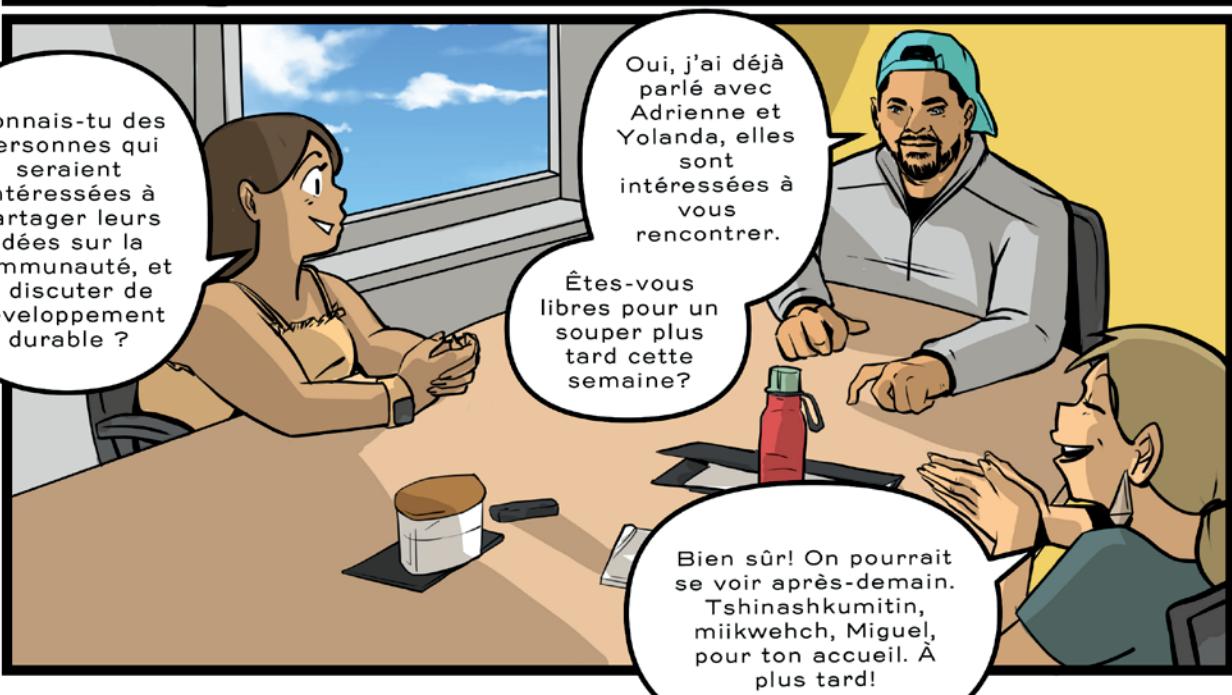
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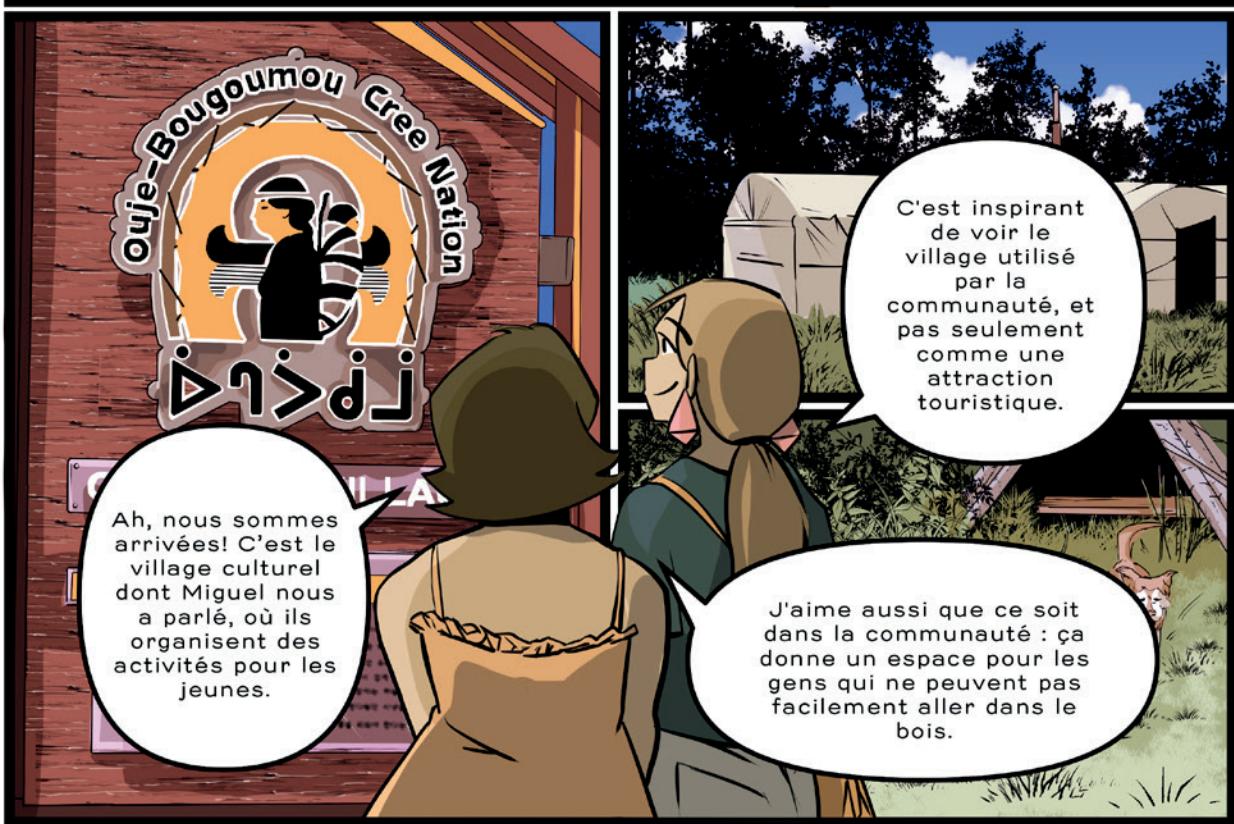
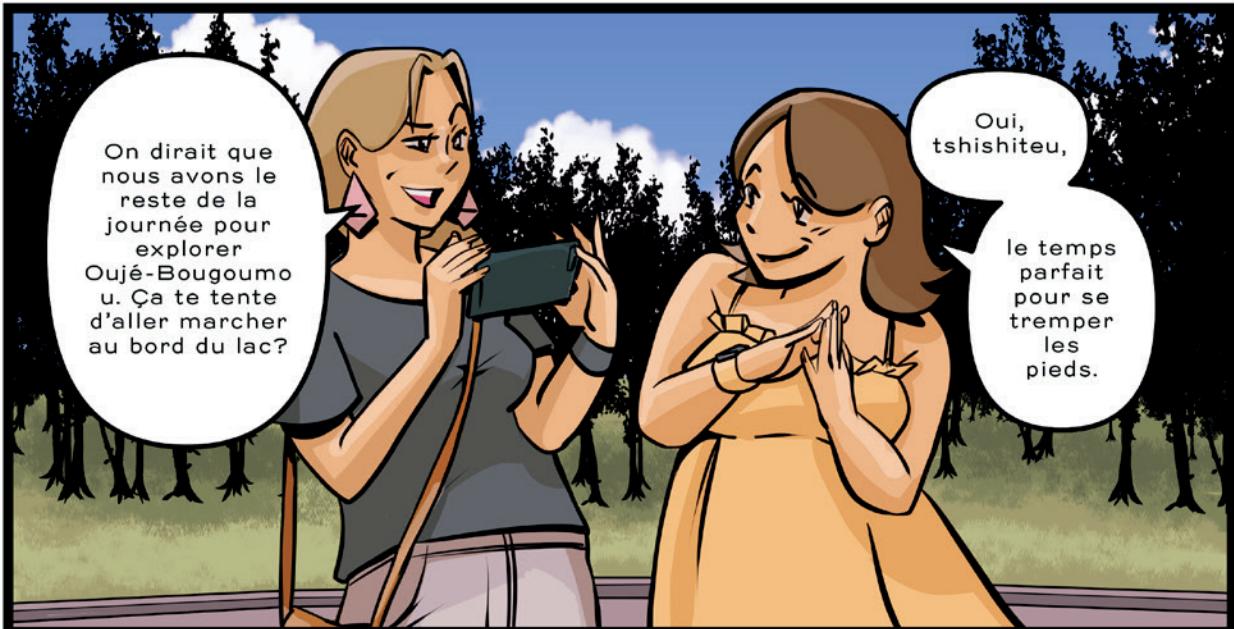












Tshishiteu = il fait chaud en Innu-aimun et en cri



Wow, on dirait qu'on a trouvé la plage, c'est populaire.

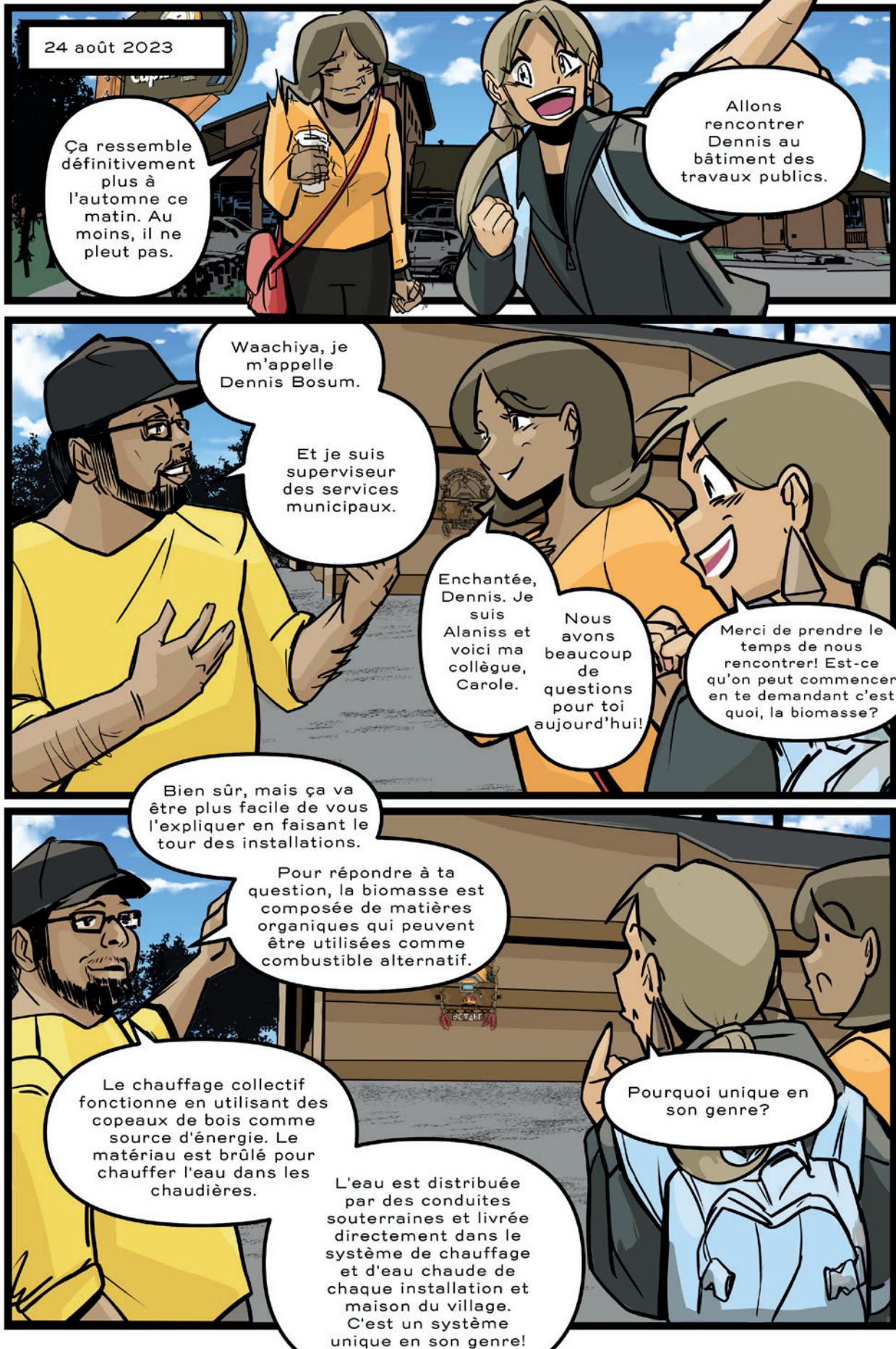
Oui,  
nah?

Oh! Mes  
expressions  
cries  
reviennent  
\*rire\*

Quelle chance  
de pouvoir  
profiter des  
derniers  
moments de  
l'été ici!

On prend  
une photo  
ensemble!





Nous sommes l'un des rares villages à utiliser la biomasse pour le chauffage collectif de toutes les installations et habitations.

Généralement, c'est un système utilisé pour les grandes installations, comme les hôpitaux et les usines. Nous avons récemment remplacé notre ancien système par une toute nouvelle chaudière à biomasse.

Quand le chauffage collectif a-t-il été construit?



En 1992, les fondateurs du village ont proposé comme alternative pour chauffer la communauté sans dépendre d'Hydro-Québec. C'est moins cher et c'est aussi une énergie renouvelable.

DISTRICT HEATING

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Le logo qui représente notre chauffage collectif a été créé par un artisan d'Oujé en utilisant uniquement des morceaux de métal recyclés qu'il a peints.

Quelle belle façon de réutiliser les matériaux, ça illustre bien l'objectif principal des chaudières à biomasse, qui réutilisent les copeaux de bois pour le système de chauffage.



C'est un magnifique visuel pour représenter le fonctionnement du système de chauffage.

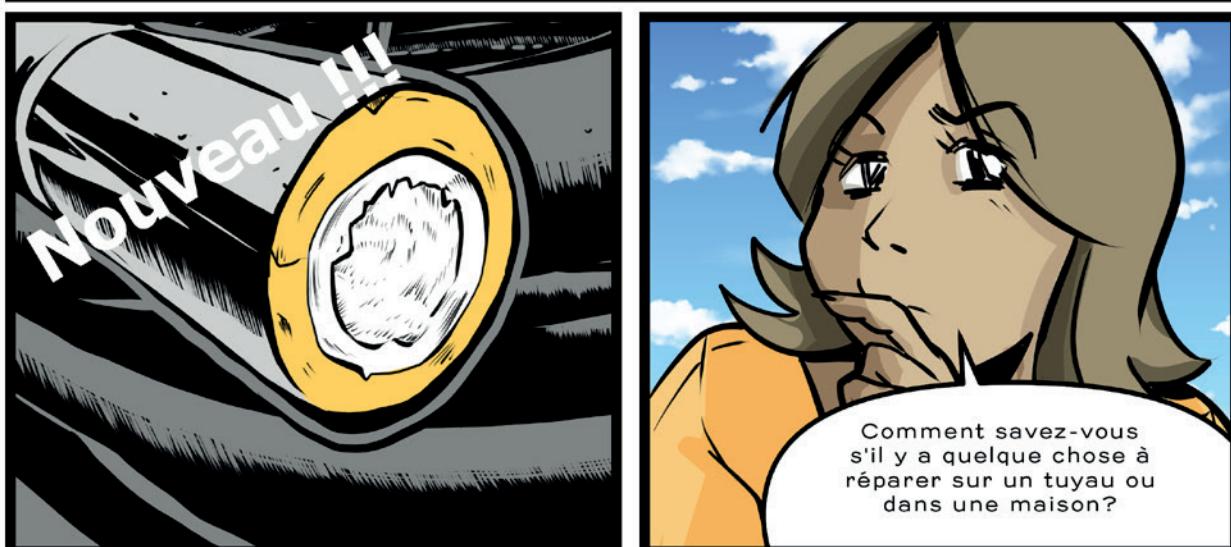
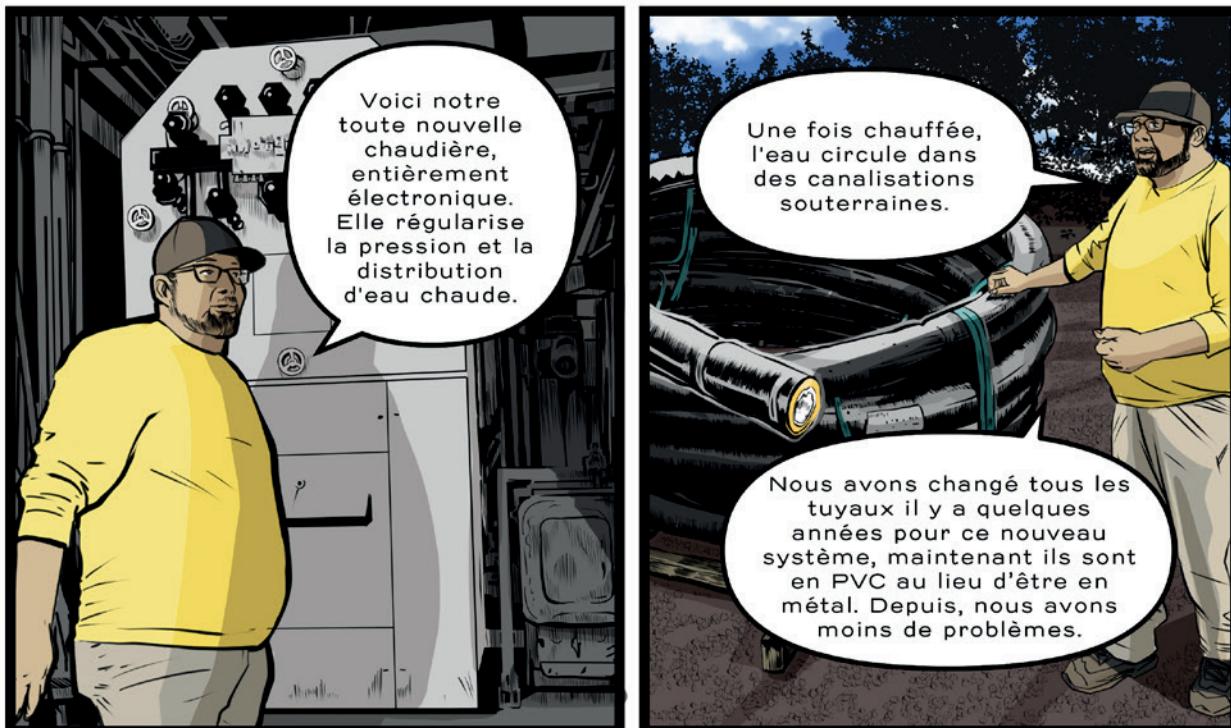
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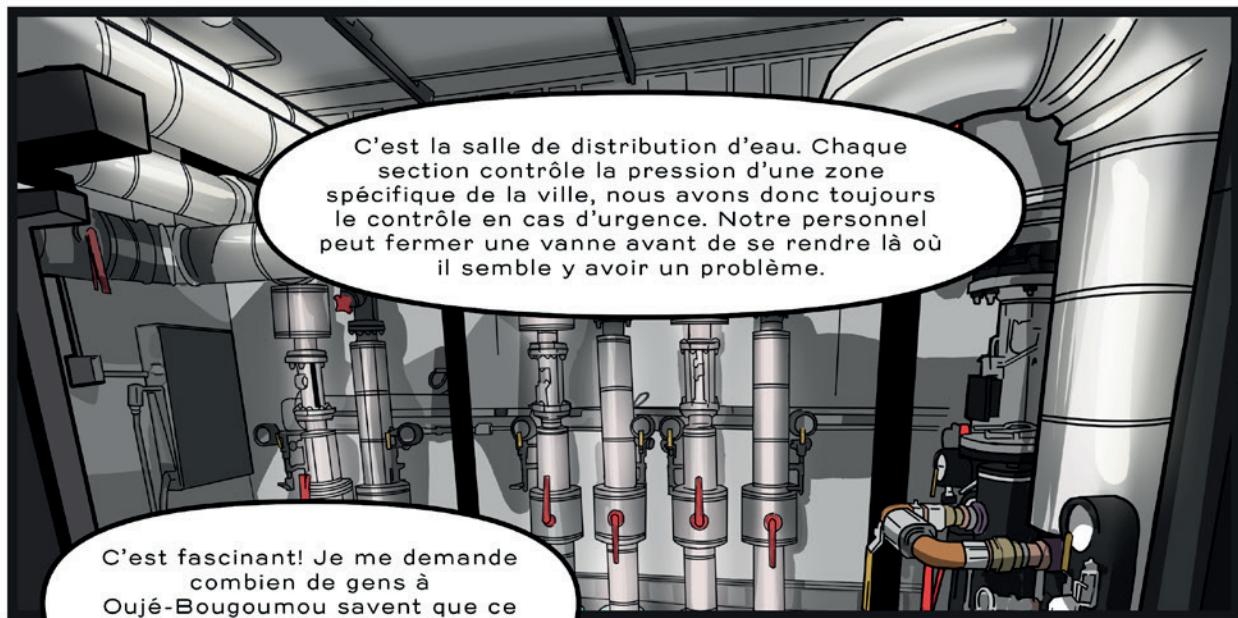
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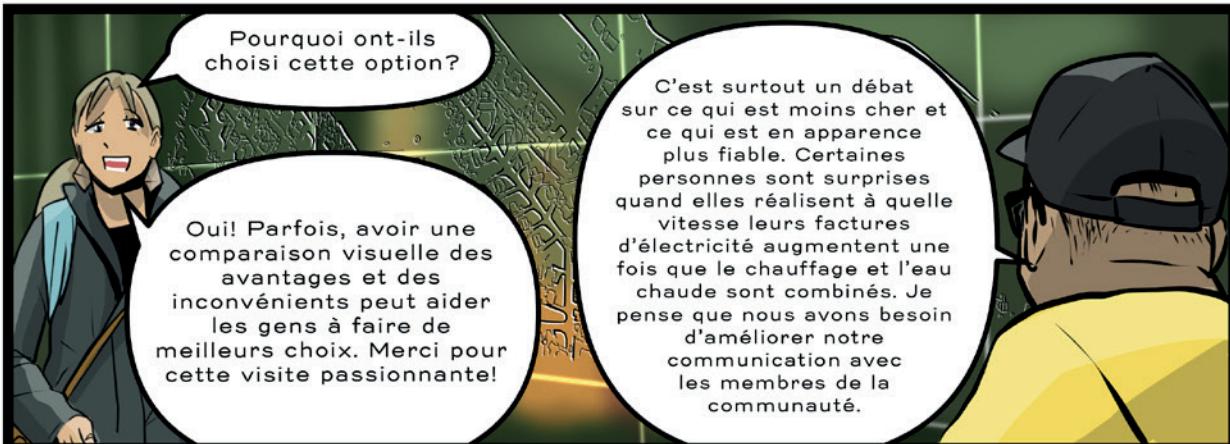


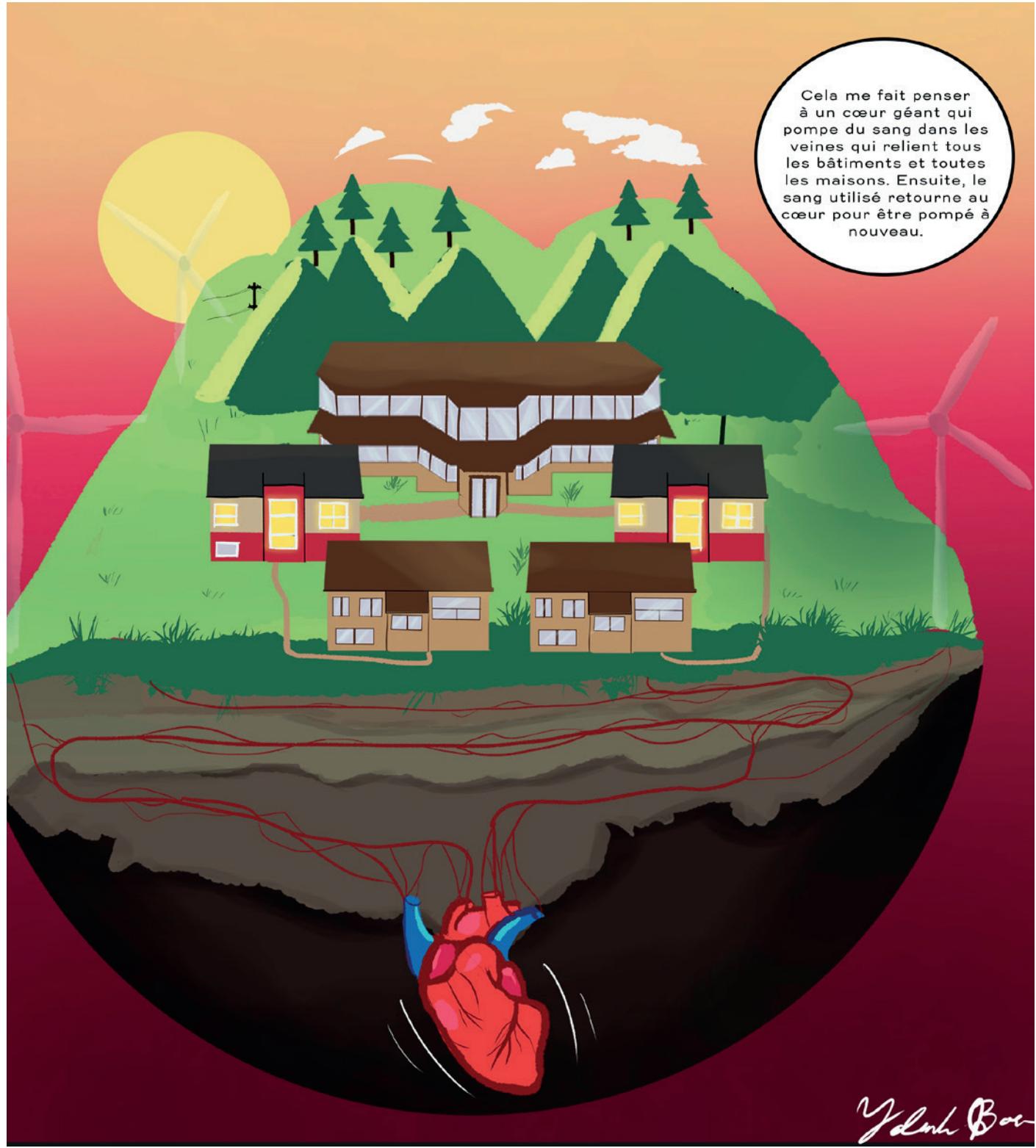












Ça me rappelle ce que le Chef Bosum a dit quand nous avons parlé au téléphone. Il a dit que la vision de la communauté est basée sur les gens et le territoire. Ils font des changements pour que leur économie soit davantage axée sur la durabilité et la protection du territoire. Les gens d'Oujé-Bougoumou veulent que leur communauté continue de se développer, de façon durable.

25 août, 2022

Kuei, Alaniss! Miguel nous a fixé un rendez-vous avec Adrienne et Yolanda au Conseil de bande. Allons voir si elles sont arrivées.

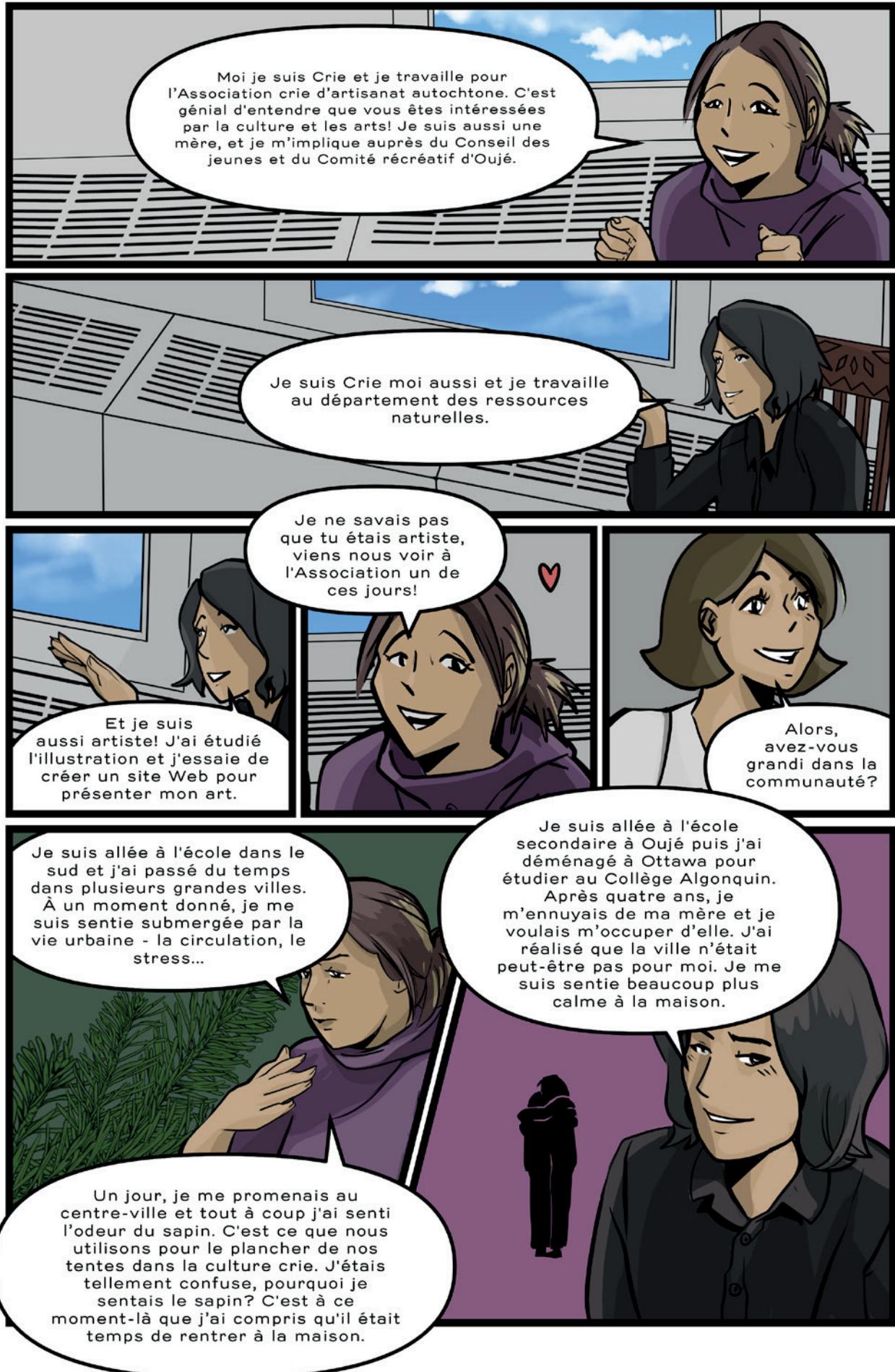
Bonjour, je suis Adrienne. Êtes-vous les journalistes dont Miguel nous a parlé?

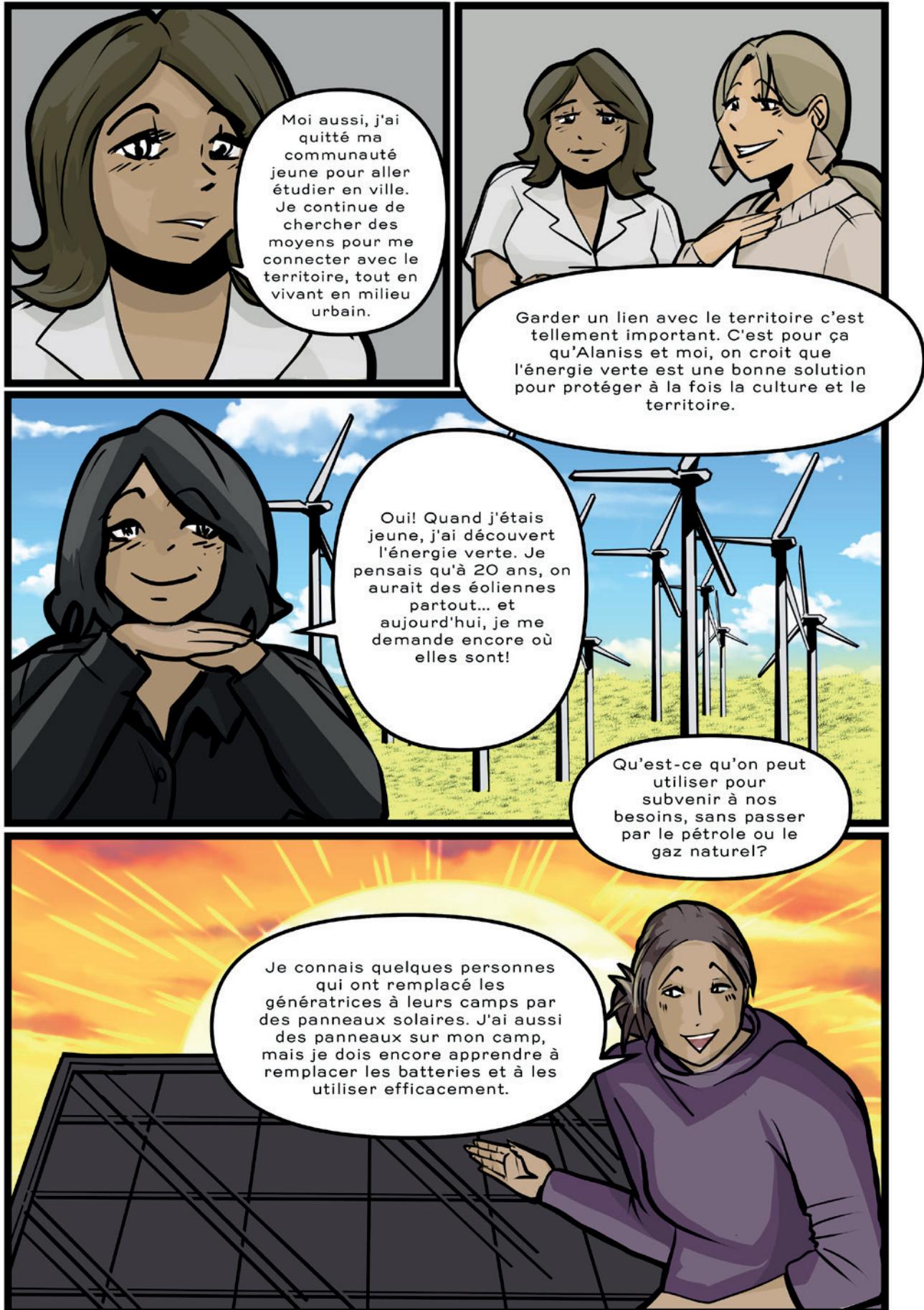
Enchantée, je suis Yolanda.

Merci de prendre le temps de nous rencontrer aujourd'hui! Je m'appelle Alaniss, je suis Innue de Pessamit. L'innu-aimun est ma langue maternelle, mais je suis aussi passionnée par les autres langues.

J'ai vécu et travaillé à Mistissini pendant deux ans, et j'adore comparer les langues innue et cri parce qu'elles se ressemblent beaucoup. Je ne parle pas le cri, mais je le comprend assez bien.

Je suis Carole, Innue de Matimekush et je travaille avec Alaniss sur ce projet. Je suis aussi une artisanne - tout ce qui touche aux arts, à l'artisanat et aux cultures m'intéresse! Je fabrique surtout des bijoux en écorce de bouleau.





Avoir de l'énergie verte dans les camps permettrait à tout le monde de profiter de la nature et du calme, plutôt que d'entendre le BRRRRRRRRR constant des génératrices!

La seule bonne chose à propos des génératrices, c'est qu'elles éloignent les loups!

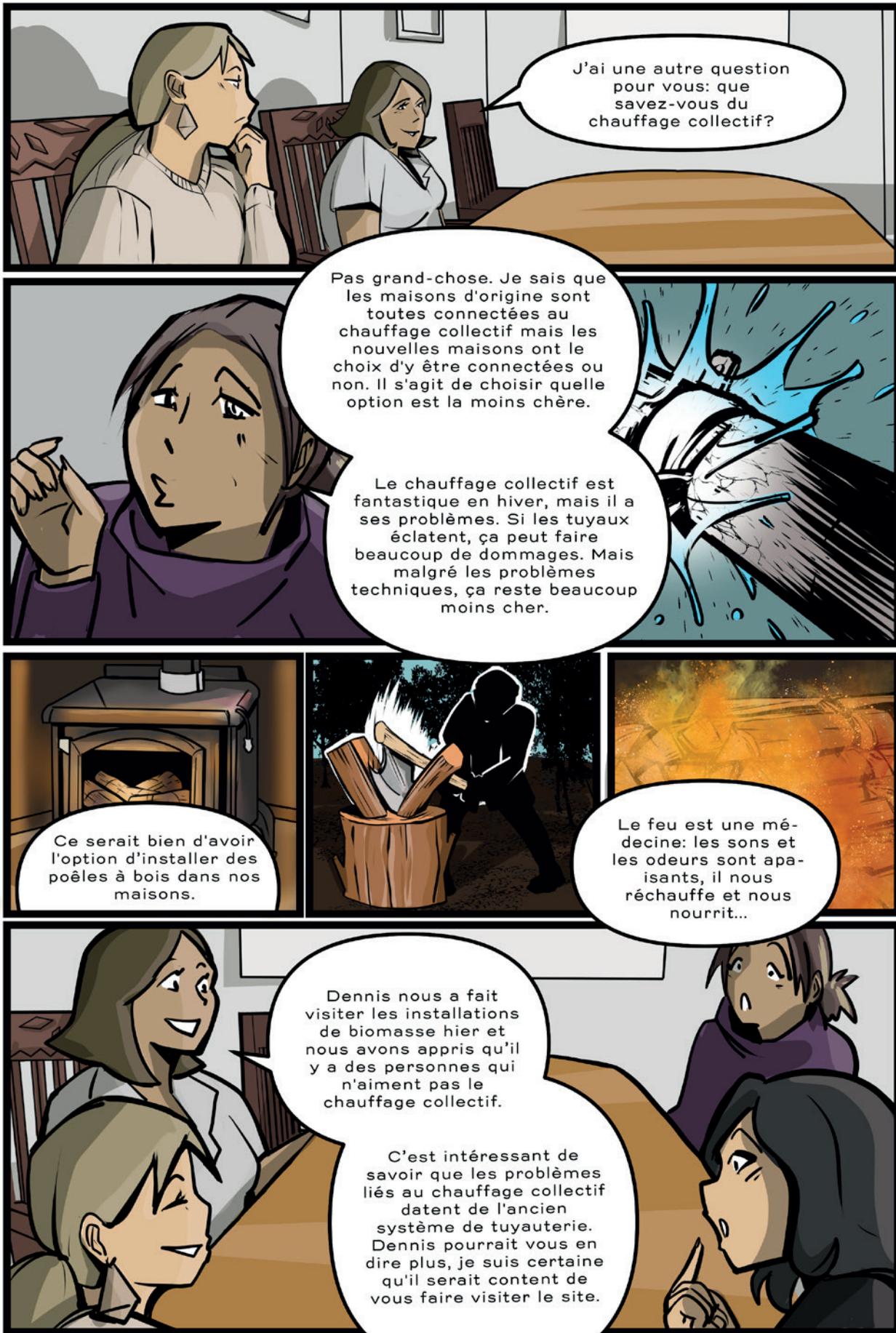
Selon vous, qu'est-ce qui pourrait rendre l'énergie verte plus populaire?

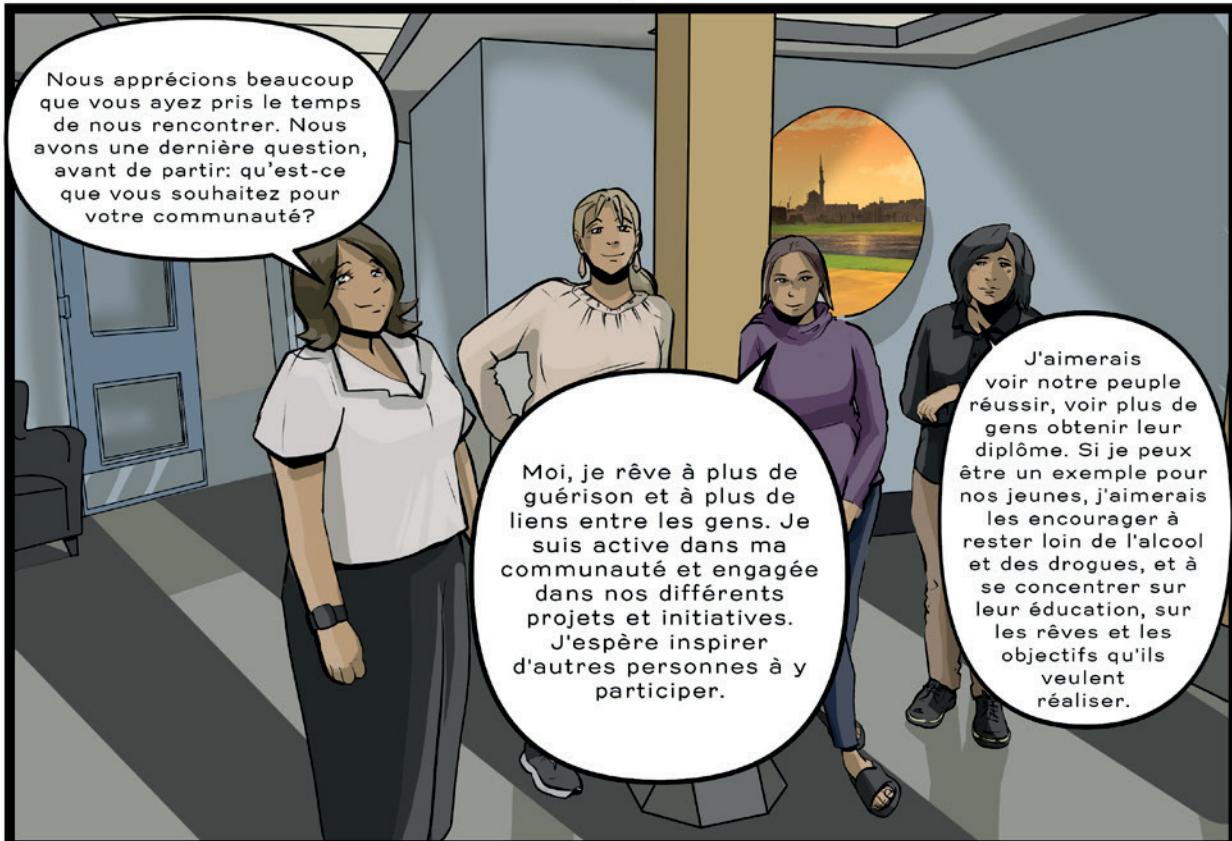
Des formations seraient certainement utiles. Peut-être avoir un lieu où les différentes composantes seraient présentées, et où on pourrait les manipuler pour apprendre comment elles fonctionnent ensemble?

On pourrait même organiser des événements et offrir des prix, comme un kit de panneaux solaires!

Oui, et apprendre à connaître les avantages et les inconvénients pourrait aussi aider.

Par exemple, savoir combien est-ce qu'on peut économiser en passant à l'énergie verte?

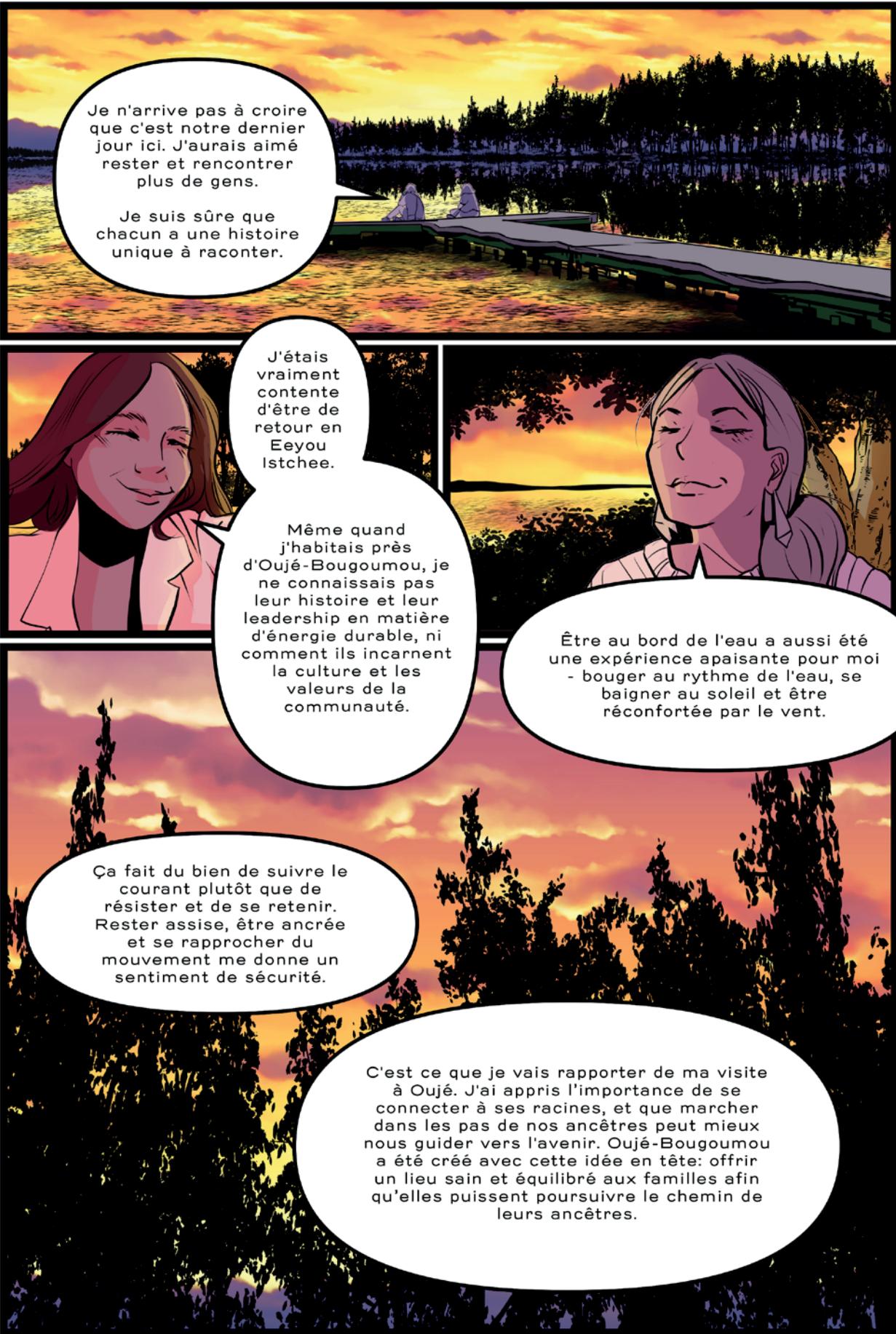






Ça me rappelle ce que Wally a dit à propos du Centre de formation qu'ils construisent. La prochaine génération apprendra à être autonome en étant capable de construire des installations solaires et des serres. Ça aidera à garder les jeunes sur le territoire, plutôt que de les envoyer étudier dans les grandes villes.

Il faut donner aux jeunes les outils dont ils ont besoin pour construire ensemble un avenir meilleur, en apprenant dans un environnement où ils peuvent se connecter avec leur territoire et leur culture. N'est-ce pas ce que faisaient les générations précédentes? Vivre et apprendre du territoire?



# English

# General Presentation of the Cree

## Ethnonym and Language:

The members of this nation are known as Cree, but they are more specifically referred to as Eeyou. The Cree language spoken in Quebec, liiyuu ayimuun, is called East Cree.

In Oujé-Bougoumou, in 2016, 77.7% of community members reported speaking their language at home.

## Territory:

Eeyou call their traditional territory Eeyou Istchee. In Quebec, there are nine Cree communities: Chisasibi, Eastmain, Mistissini, Nemaska, Oujé-Bougoumou, Waskaganish, Waswanipi, Wemindji and Whapmagoostui.

### Oujé-Bougoumou :

The total population is 937 people, of which 793 live in the community and 144 live outside the community.



Kuei,

My name is Alaniss Matte. I am Innu from Pessamit. I've been living in urban settings since I was a teenager, while my family stayed in the community. Innu-aimun is my first language, and I am also passionate about other Indigenous languages.

I currently work in the administration sector, but it is very important for me to get involved in cultures and languages.

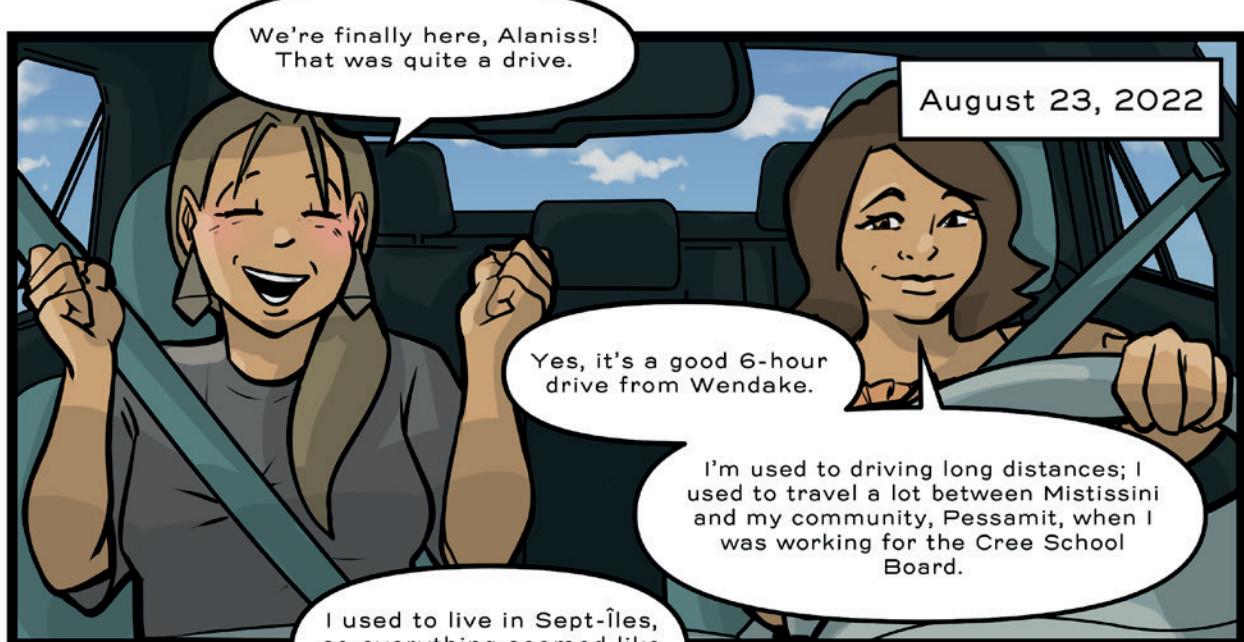


Kuei,

My name is Carole Bérubé-Therrien. I am Innu on my mother's side and Québécoise on my father's side. I am from Forestville but grew up in Sept-Îles. Although I currently live in the big city of Montreal, I still consider myself a North Shore girl.

I have been working in the Indigenous cultural sector for over 5 years and it has given me the opportunity to further learn about my identity. I am also an artisan, a musician, and a globetrotter, passionate about wide spaces.

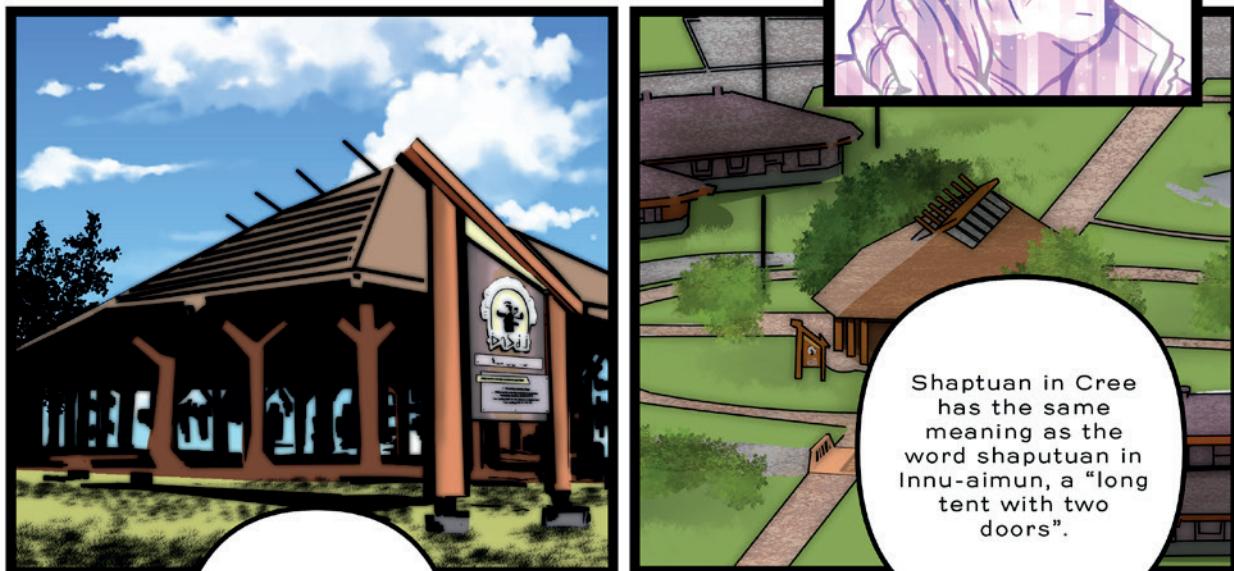


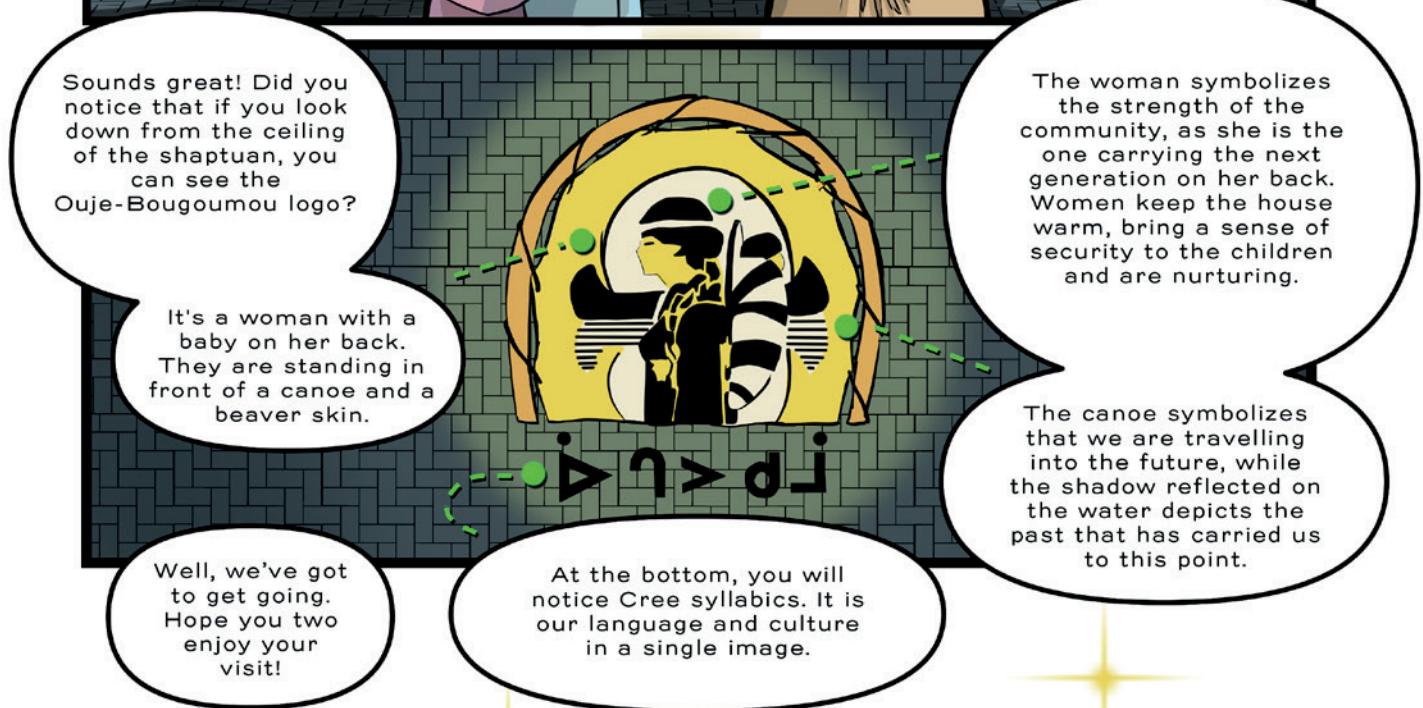


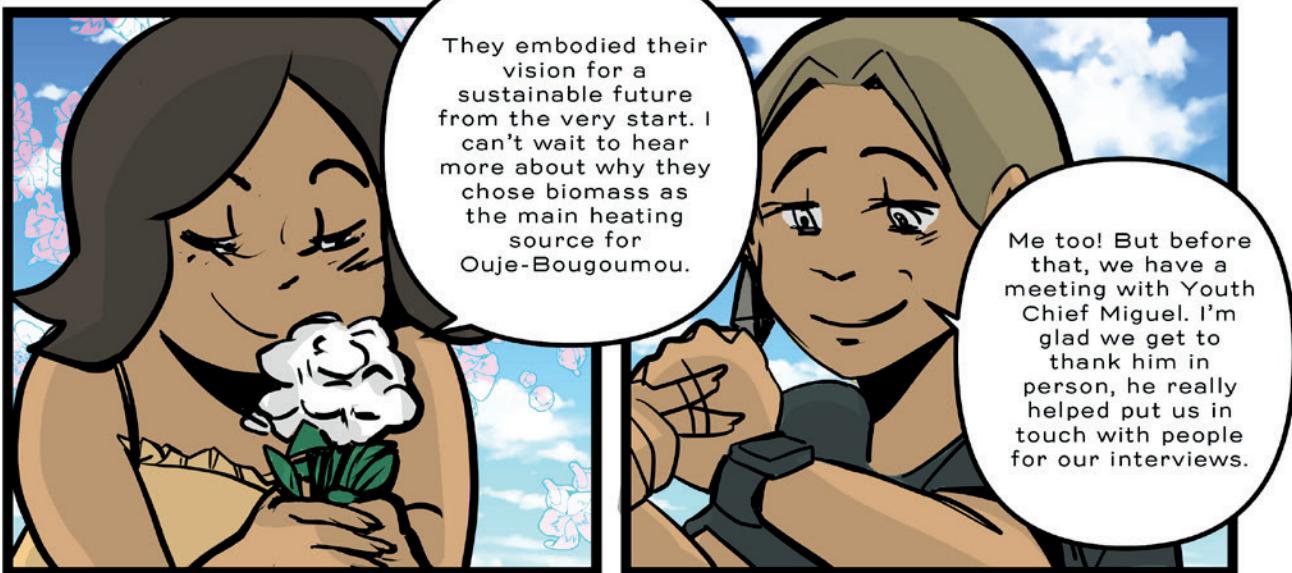
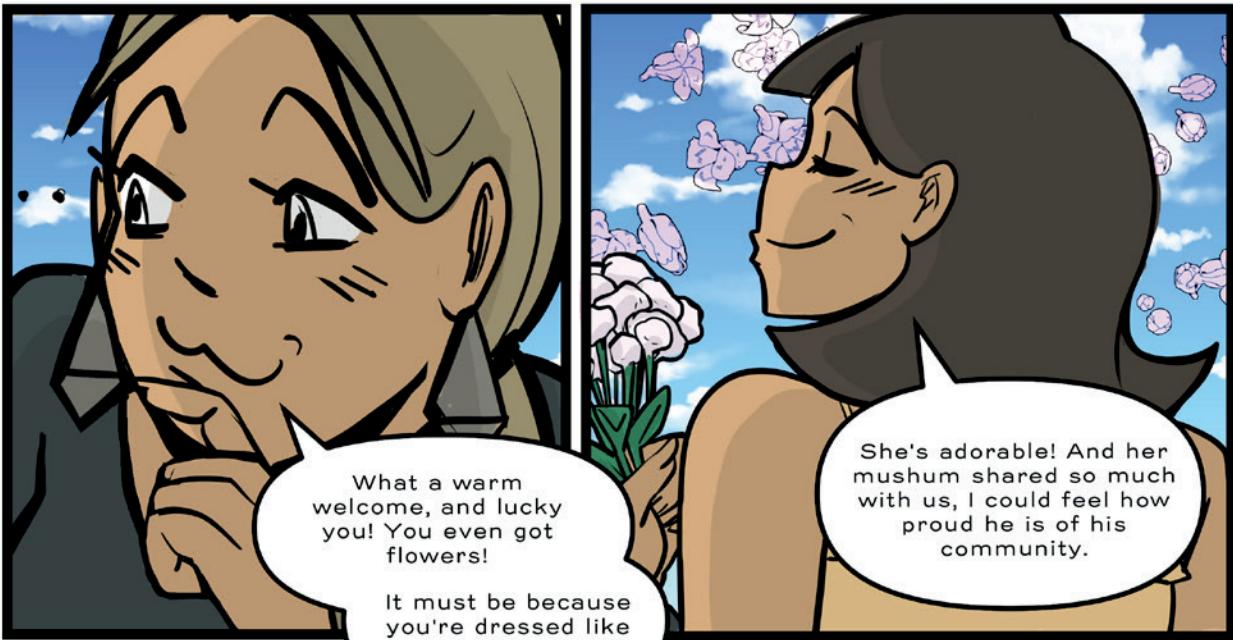




DOUGLAS CARDINAL







Later...

Do you know how to get to the Youth Centre?

I think it's this way. And speaking of youth, it must be lunchtime, look at all the kids heading home!

Waachiya, Alaniss. I'm Miguel Shecapio-Blacksmith, the Youth Chief.

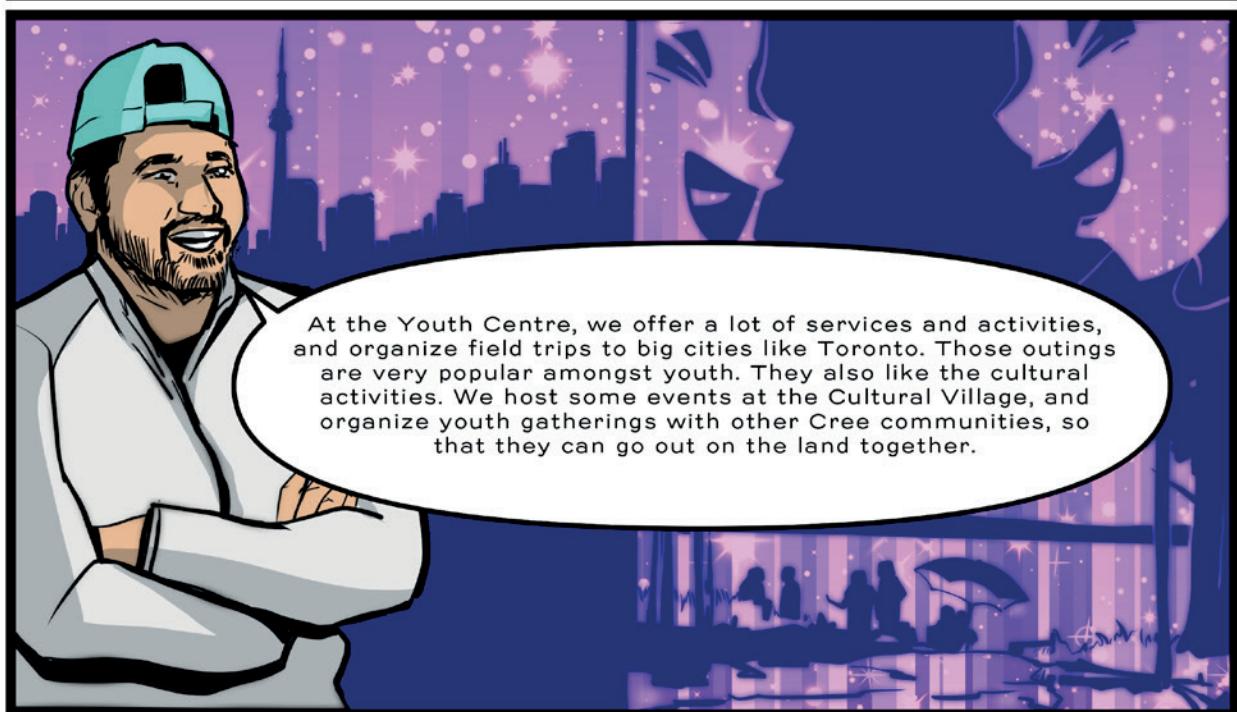
Good morning! Are you Carole?

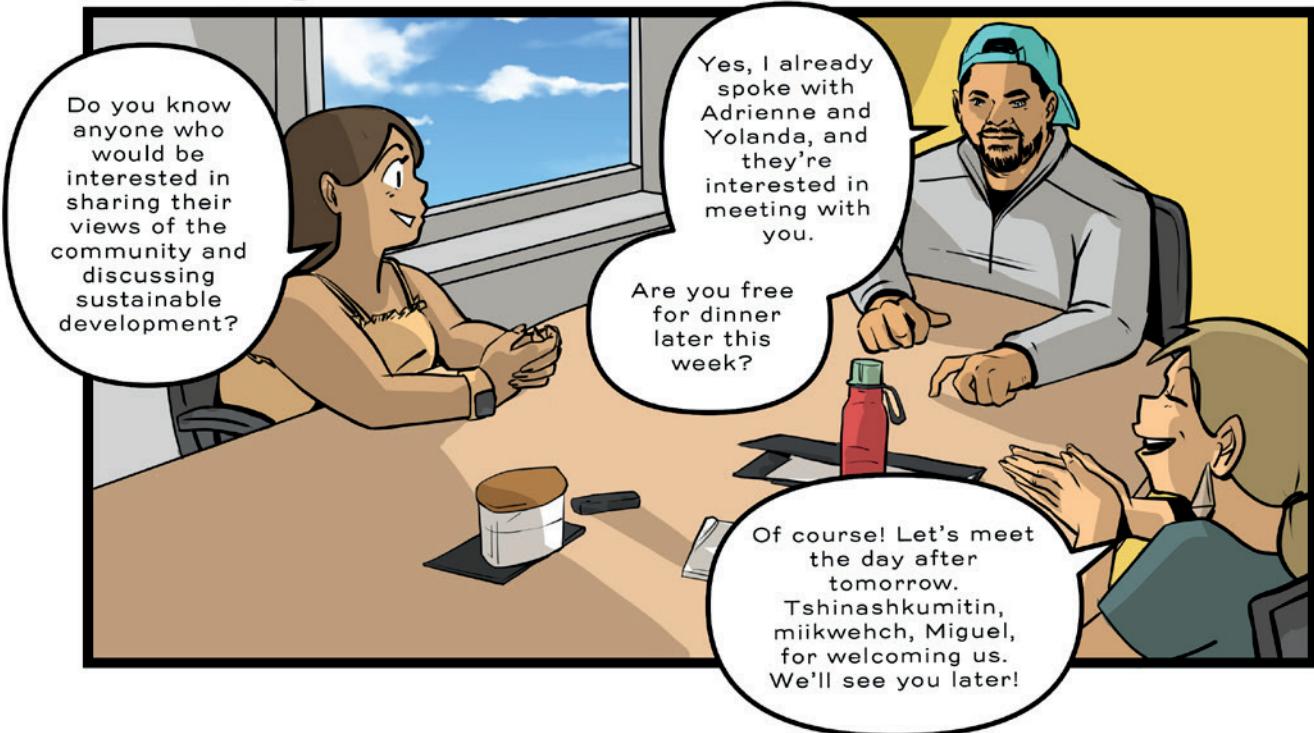
Yes! Hi Miguel, it's nice to meet you in person. This is my colleague Alaniss.

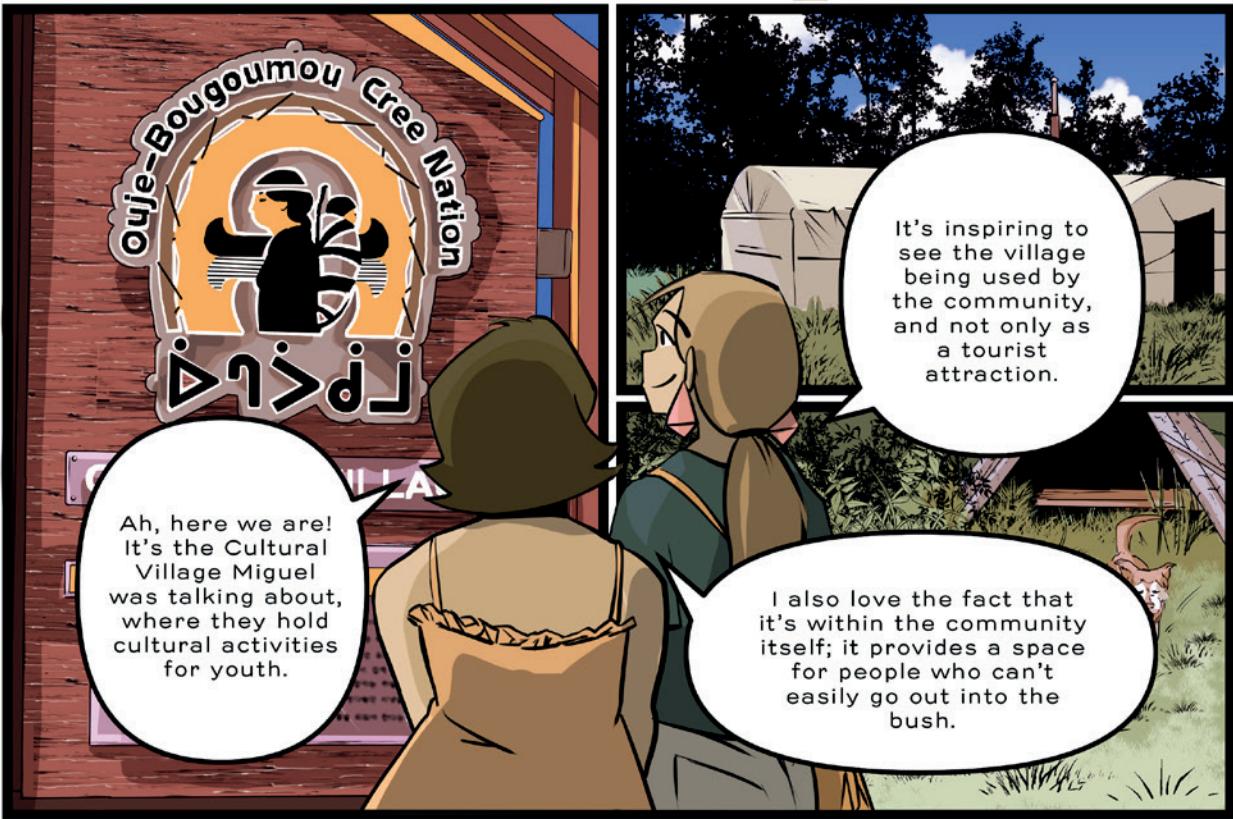
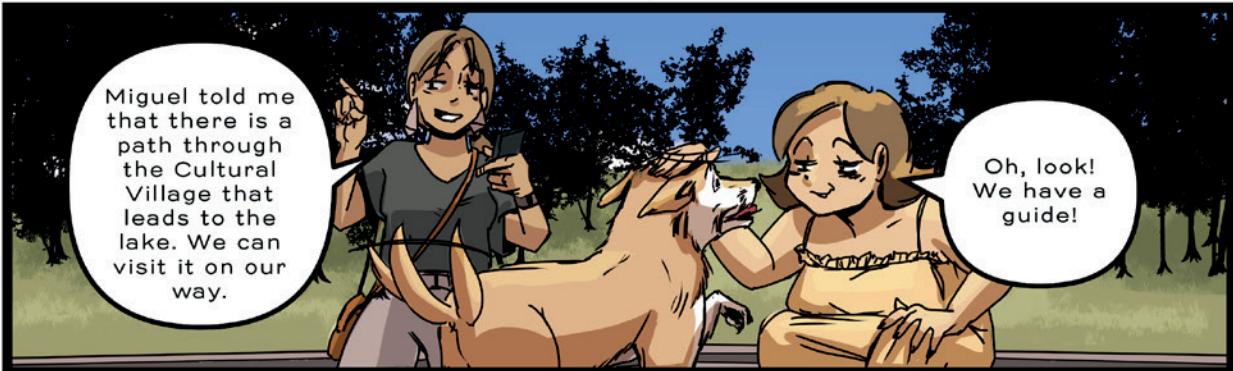
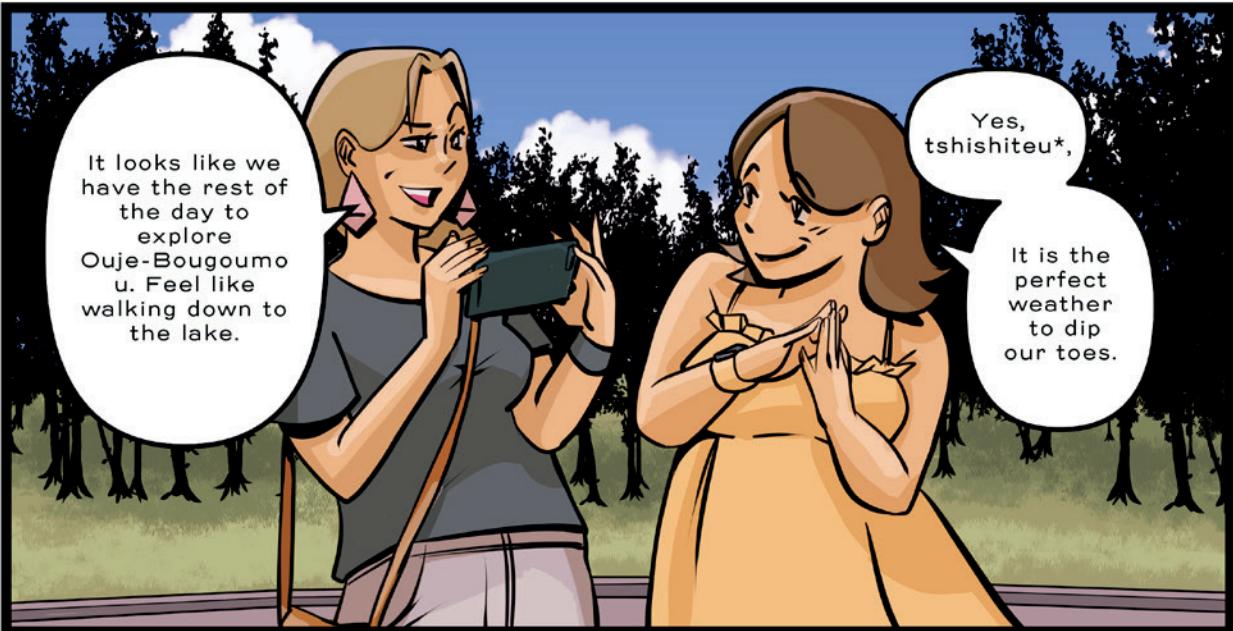
Nice to meet you. What a beautiful space you have here!

Thanks! This is the chill room. We have videogames, board games, books, magazines... It's calm now but it gets really busy after school.

We also have a gym over there, and the kitchen is that way. And over there is my office.

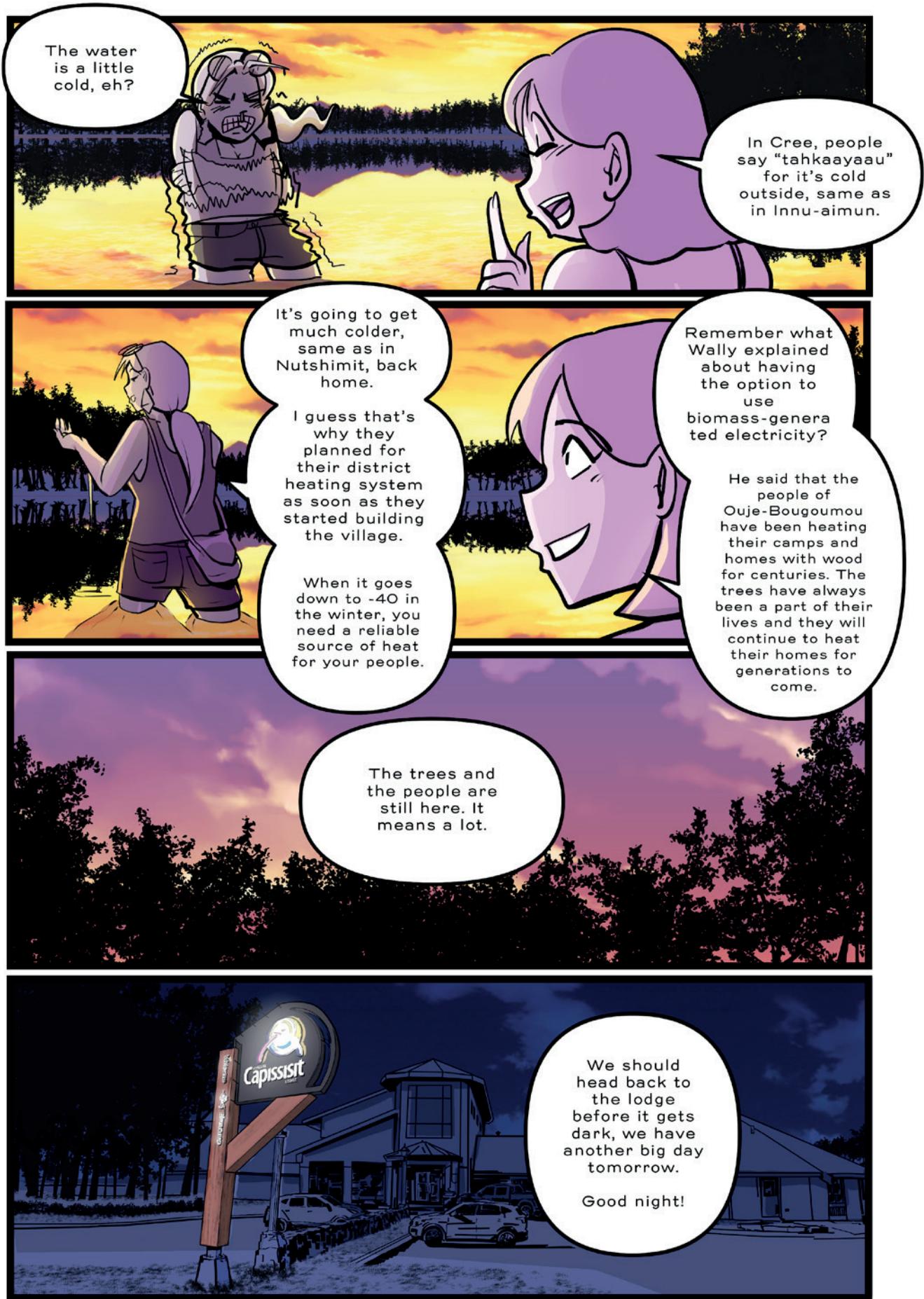






tshishiteu\* = it's warm in Innu-aimun and in Cree





August 24, 2022

This morning definitely feels more like fall. At least it's not raining!

Let's go meet Dennis at the Public Works building!

Waachiya, my name is Dennis Bosum,

and I'm the Municipal Services Supervisor.

It's nice to meet you, Dennis. My name is Alaniss and this is my colleague, Carole. We have so many questions for you today!

Thank you for meeting with us! Can we start by asking you what is biomass?

Sure thing, but it will be easier to explain as we visit the facilities!

To answer your question, biomass is made up of organic materials that can be used as alternative fuel.

District heating works by using wood chips as a source of biomass energy. The material is burned to heat water through the boilers.

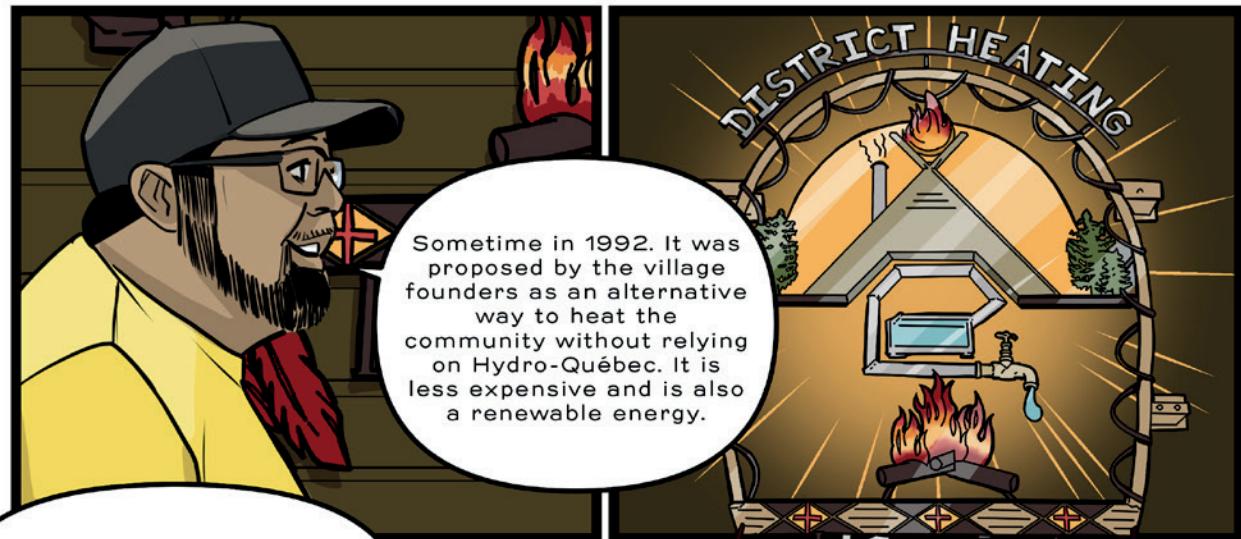
The water is distributed through underground piping and delivered directly into the heating and hot water system of every facility and house in the village. It's a one-of-a-kind system!

What do you mean by one-of-a-kind?

We are one of the few villages that uses biomass for the district heating of all its facilities and housing.

Generally, it's used for big installations such as hospitals and factories. We recently replaced our old system with a brand-new biomass boiler.

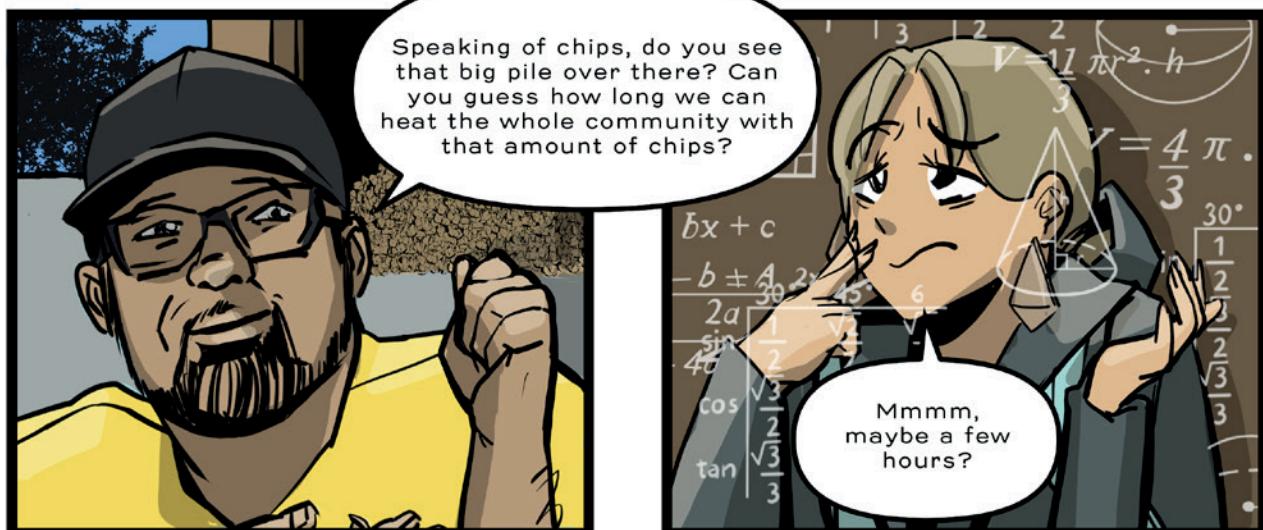
When was the district heating built?

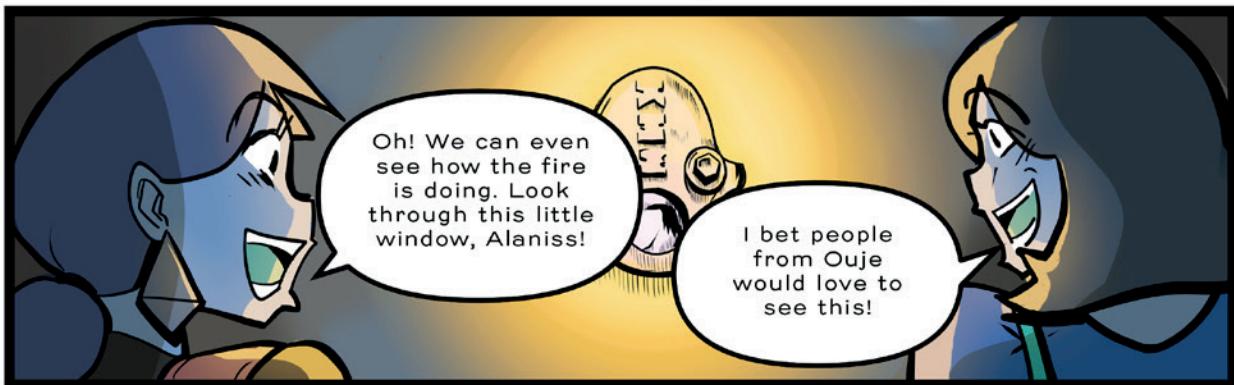


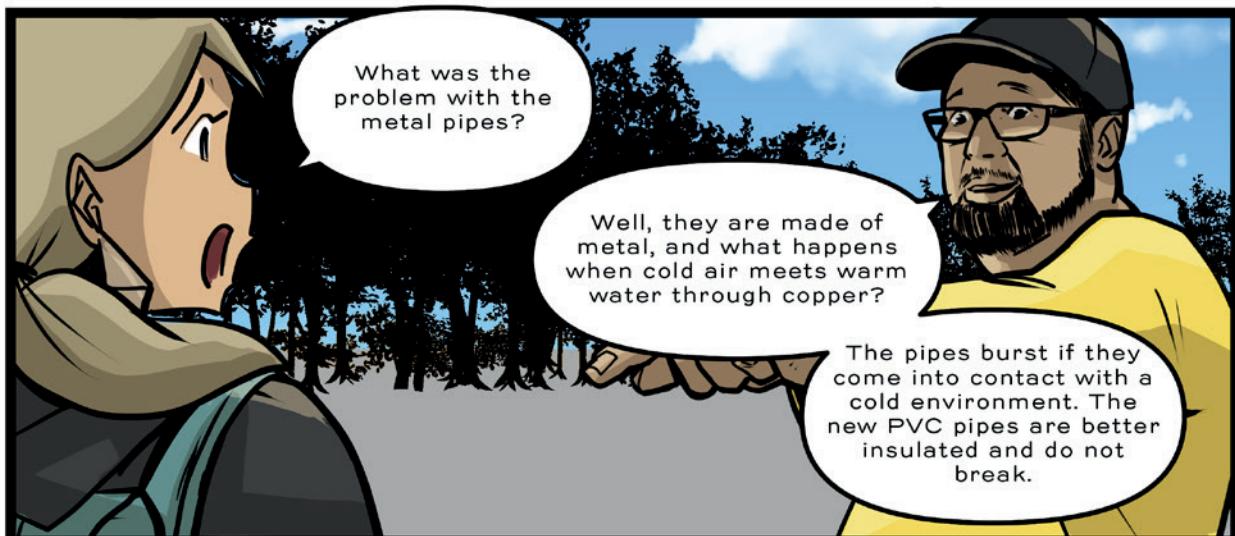
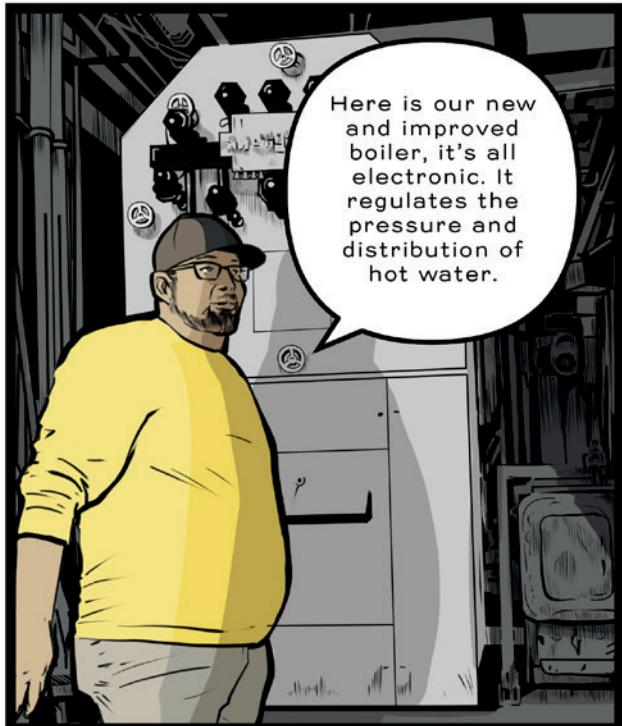
What a nice way to reuse materials, similar to the main goal of biomass boilers, which reuse wood chips for the heating system.

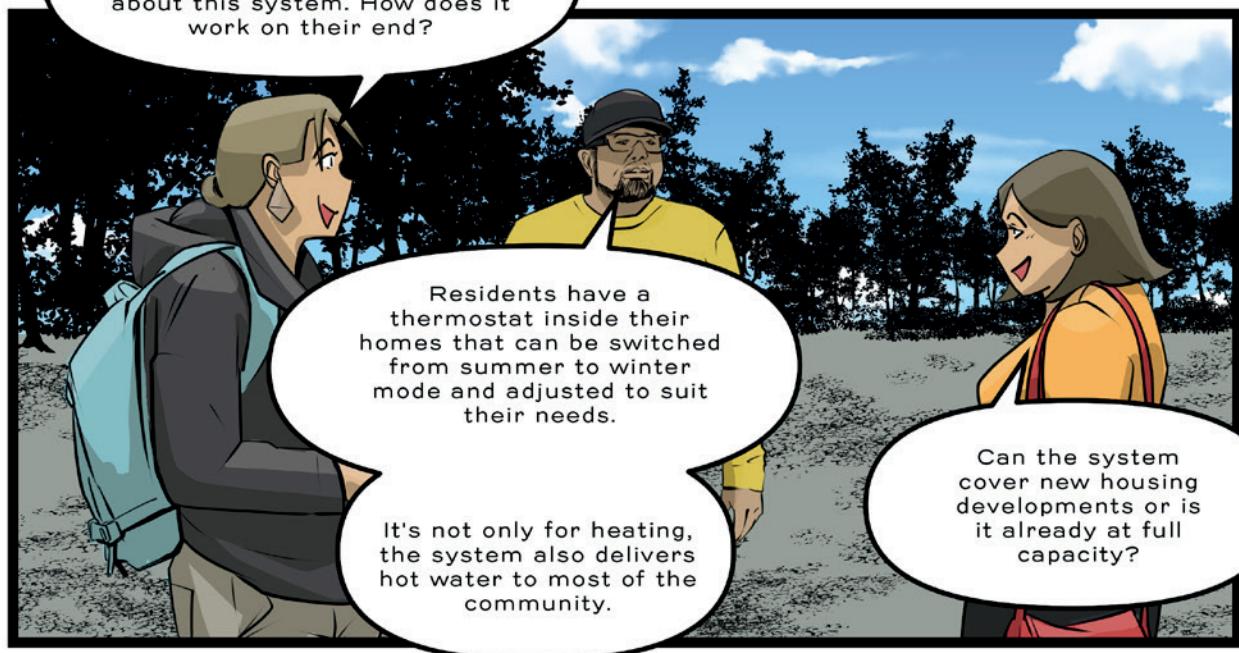
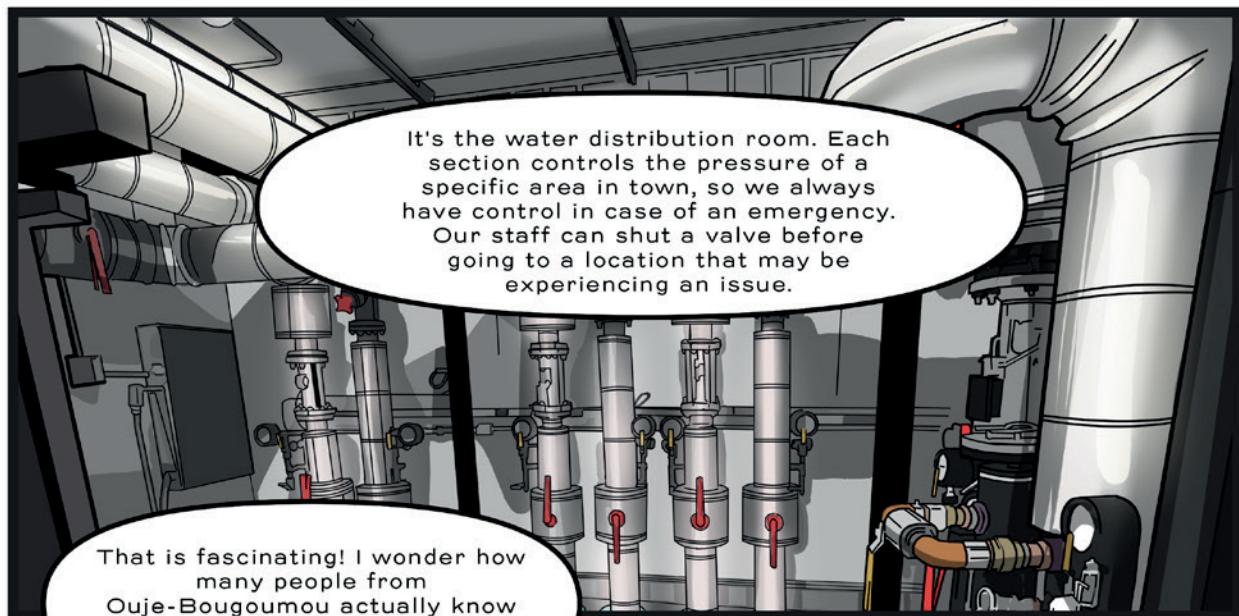
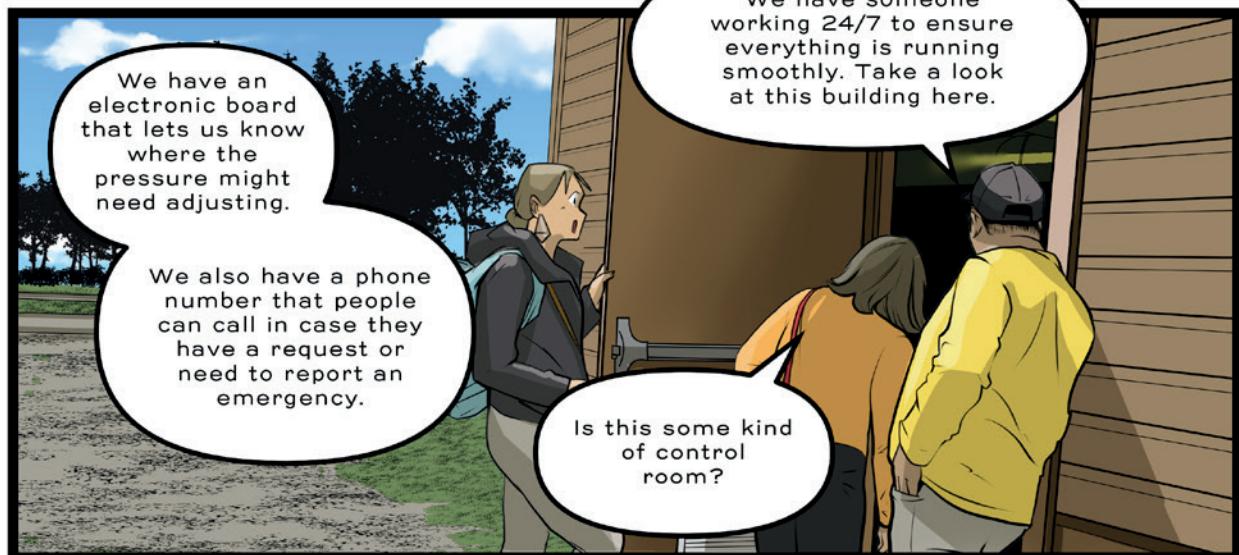
The logo representing District Heating was created by an artisan from Ouje using only recycled pieces of metal and painting them.

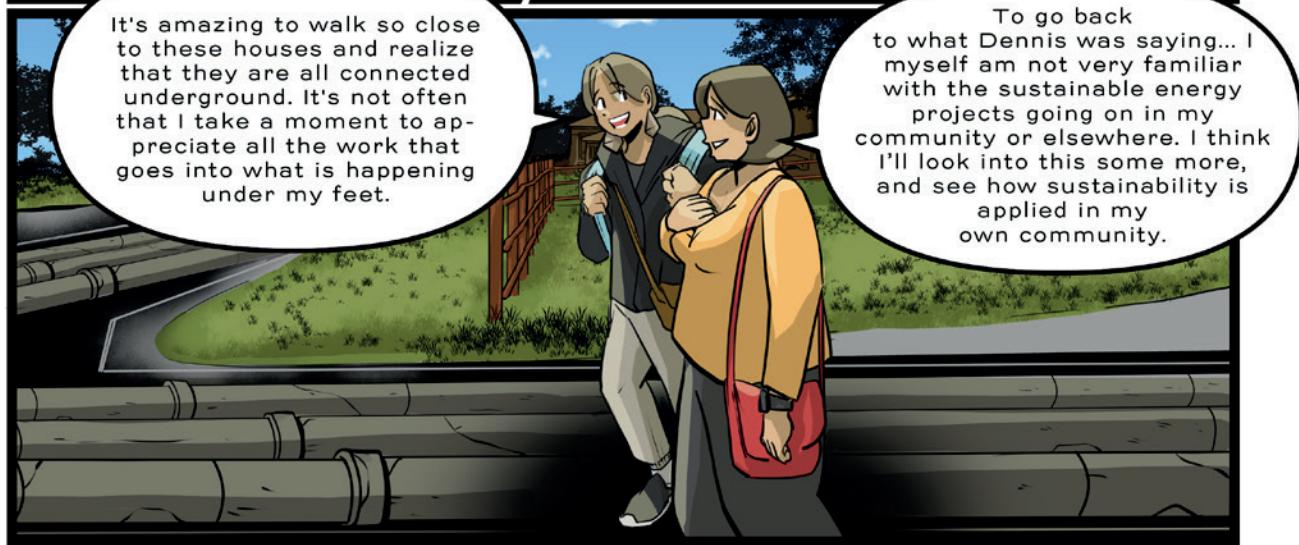
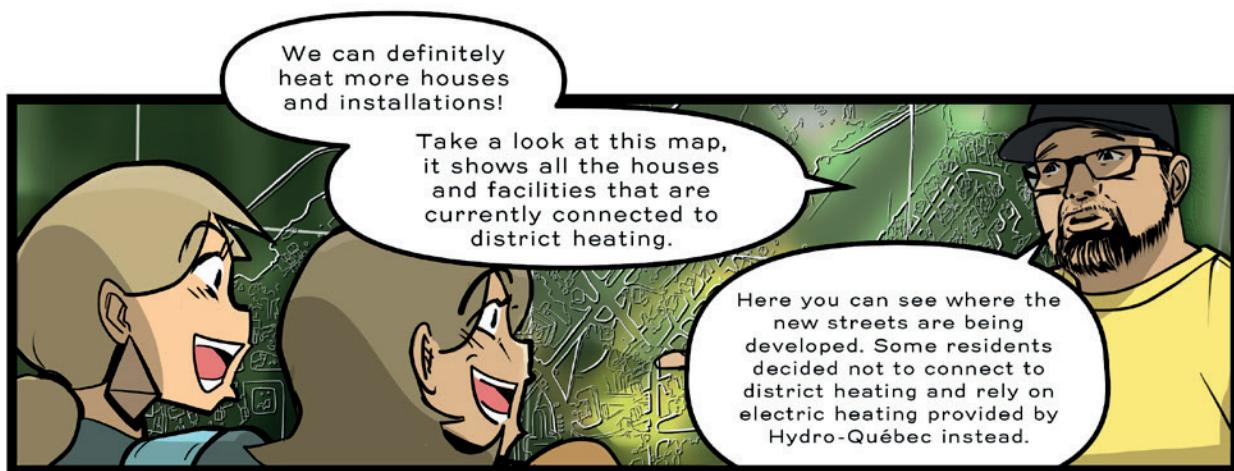














It also reminds me of what Chief Bosum said when we spoke on the phone. He said that the vision of the community is founded on the people and the land. They are making changes so that their economy is more focused on sustainability and protecting the territory. The people of Ouje-Bougoumou want their community to keep developing, in a sustainable way.

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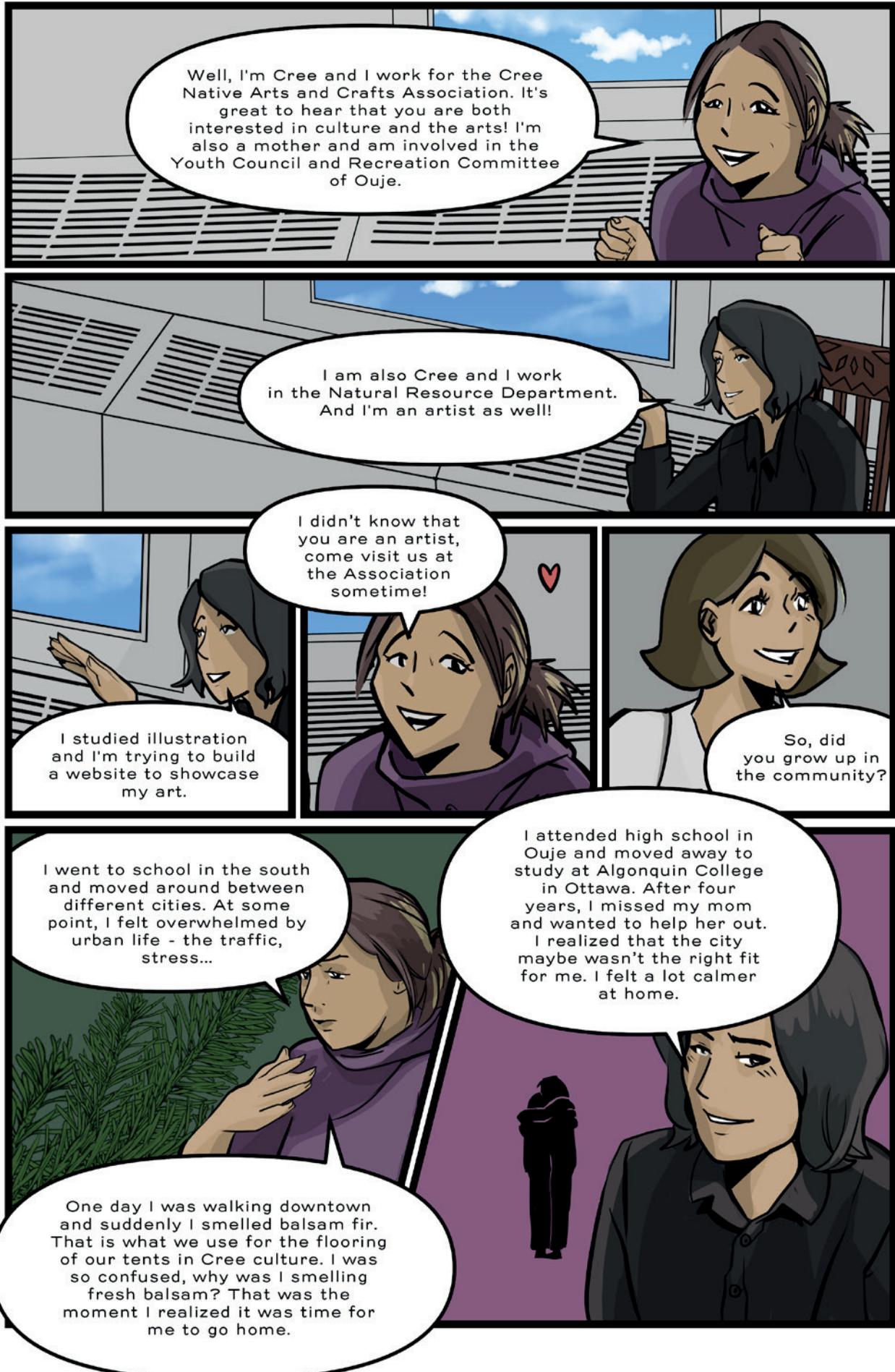
Kuei, Alaniss! Miguel made an appointment for us with Adrienne and Yolanda at the Band Council. Let's go see if they're already there.

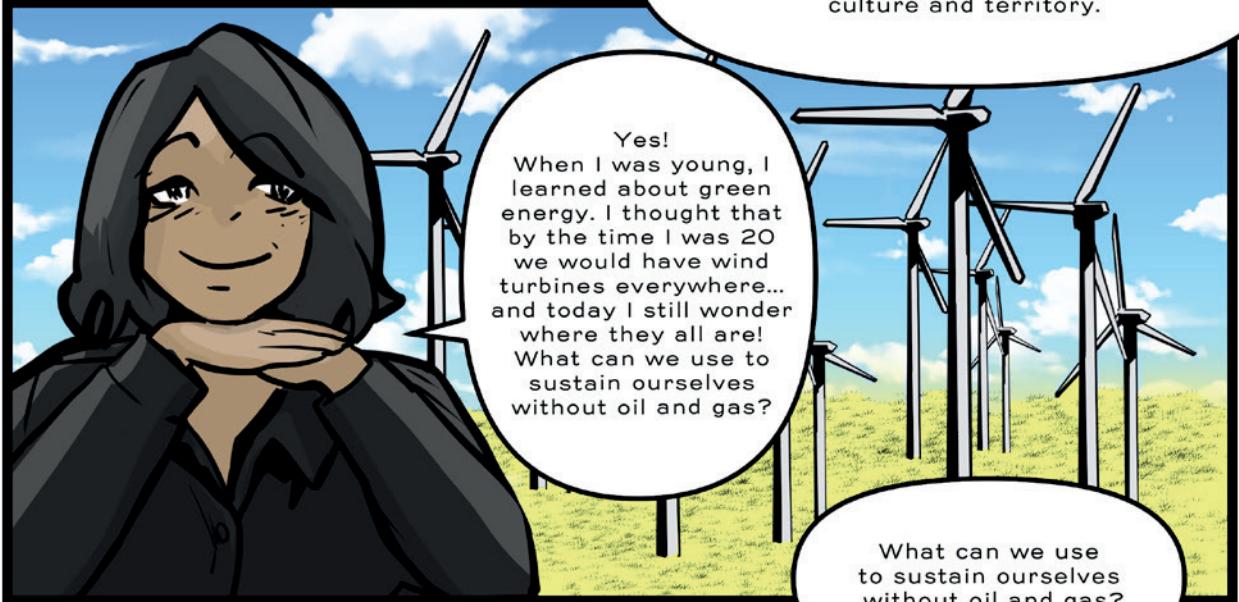
Hi there, I'm Adrienne. Are you the reporters that Miguel talked to us about?

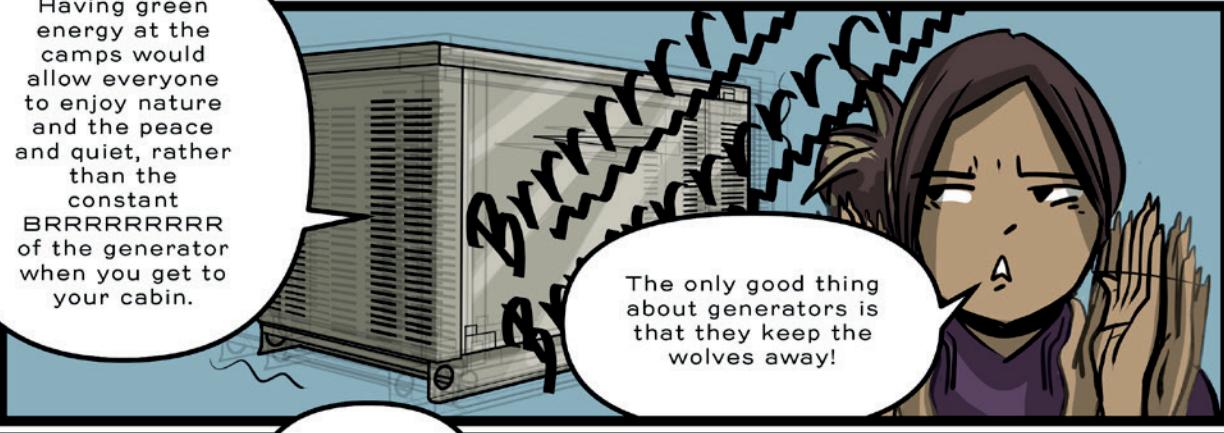
Nice to meet you, I'm Yolanda.

Thank you for meeting with us today! My name is Alaniss, I'm Innu from Pessamit. Innu-aimun is my first language, but I am also very passionate about other languages. I lived and worked in Mistissini for two years, and I really enjoy comparing the Innu and Cree languages since they are so similar. I don't speak Cree, but I can understand quite a bit.

I'm Carole, Innu from Matimekush and I am working with Alaniss on this project. I'm also an artisan - anything and everything about arts, crafts and cultures interests me! Mostly, I create jewelry made from birch bark.







Having green energy at the camps would allow everyone to enjoy nature and the peace and quiet, rather than the constant BRRRRRRRRR of the generator when you get to your cabin.

The only good thing about generators is that they keep the wolves away!



What do you think could help green energy become more popular?

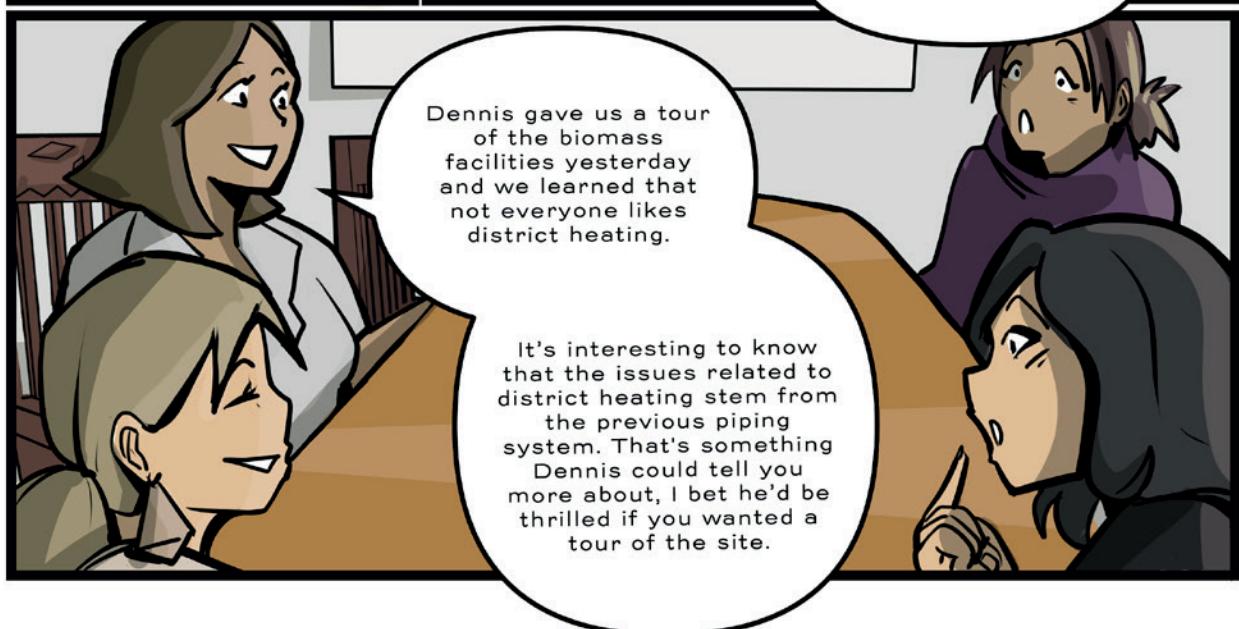
Training courses would definitely help. Maybe a room filled with materials that we can connect and play with and learn how all the components work together?

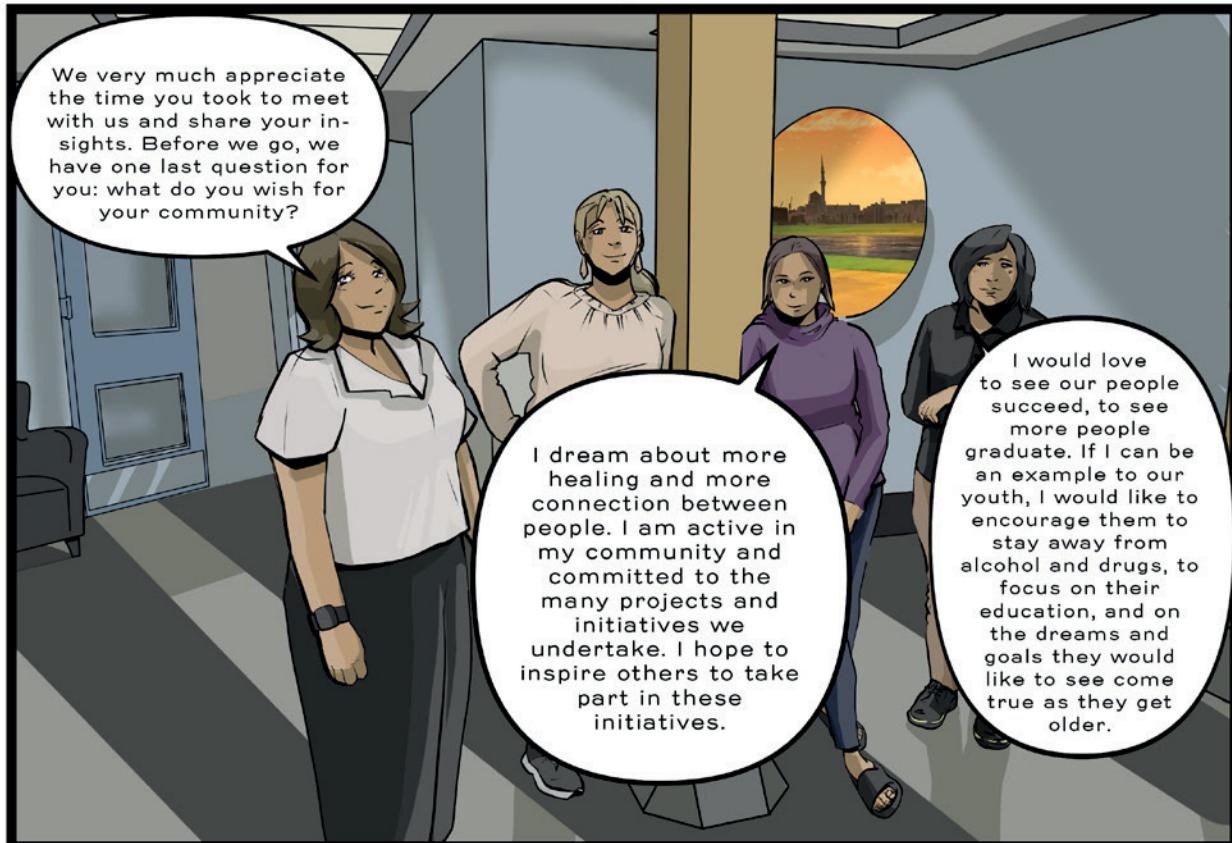
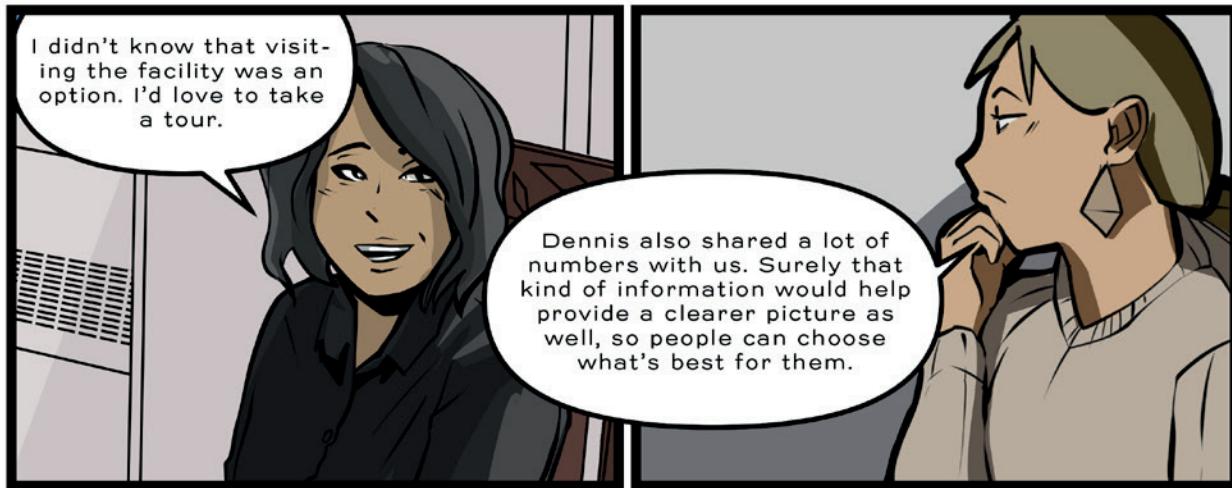
We could even host events and give away prizes, including a solar panel kit!



Learning about the pros and cons would also help.

Like, how much can we save by transitioning to green energies?







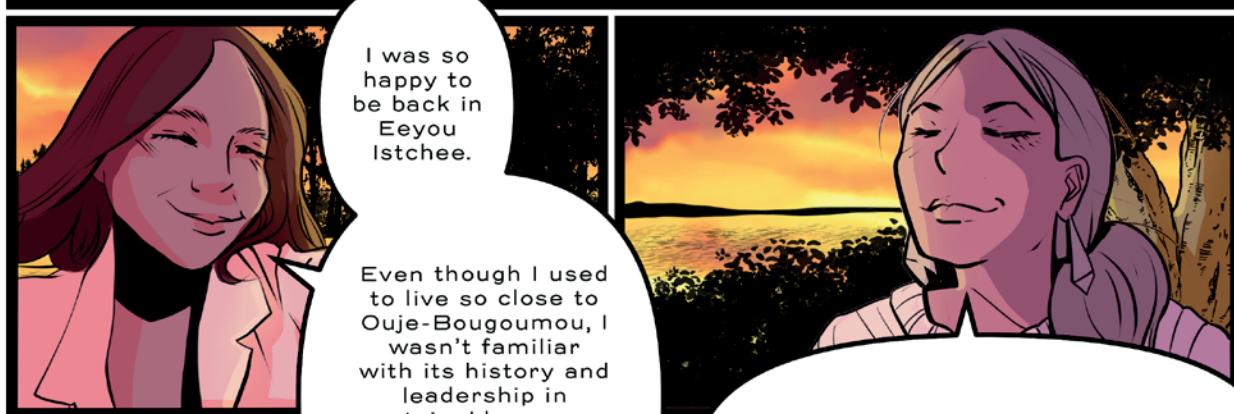
It reminds me of what Wally said about the training centre they are building. The next generation will learn how to be self-sufficient by being able to build solar farms and greenhouses. It will help retain youth in their territory rather than sending them off to big cities to study.

It's about giving youth the tools they need to build a brighter future together, learning in an environment where they can connect with their land and culture. Isn't that what the older generations used to do? To live and learn from the land?



I can't believe this is our last day here. I would have loved to stay and meet more people.

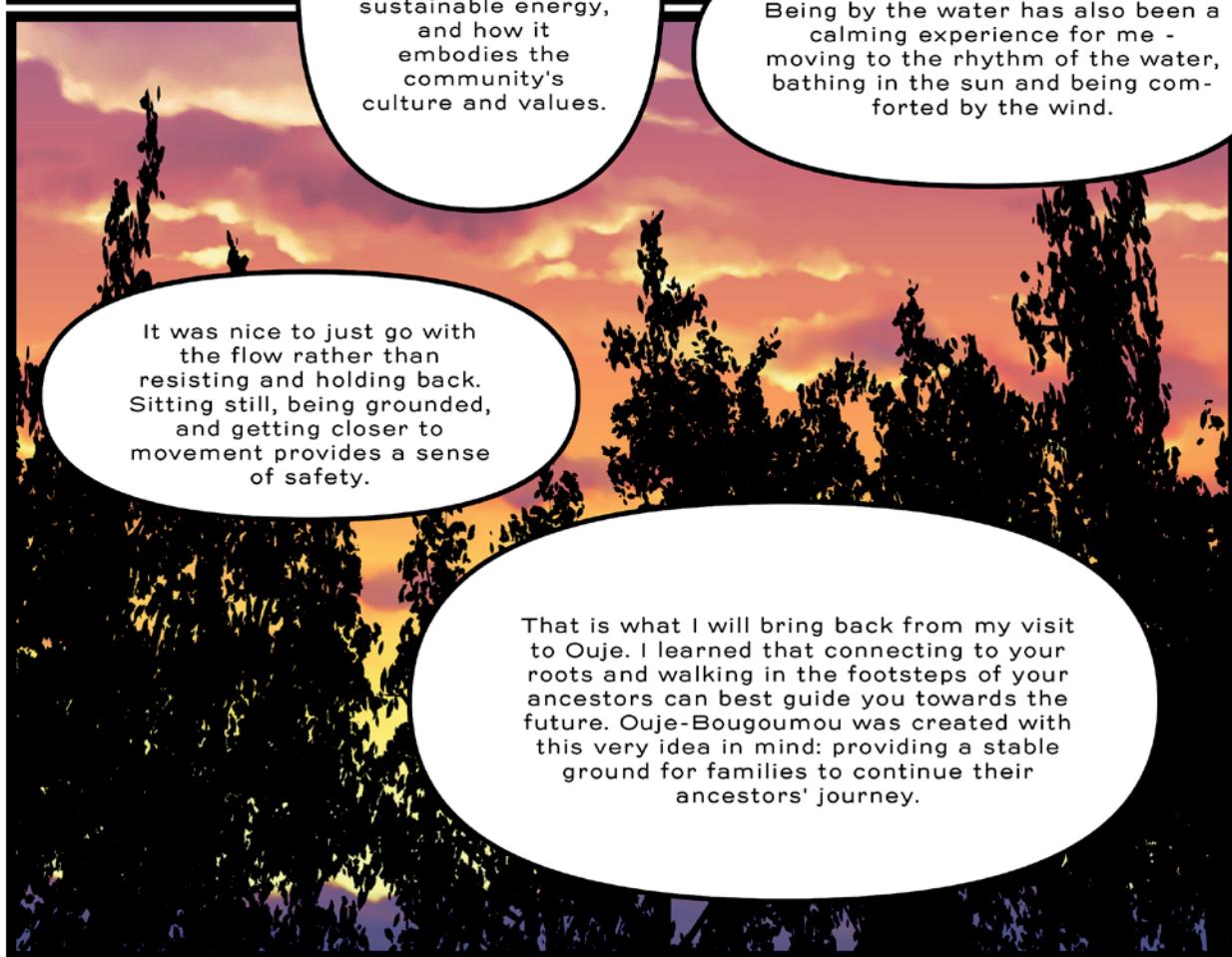
I'm sure that everyone has a unique story to tell.



I was so happy to be back in Eeyou Istchee.

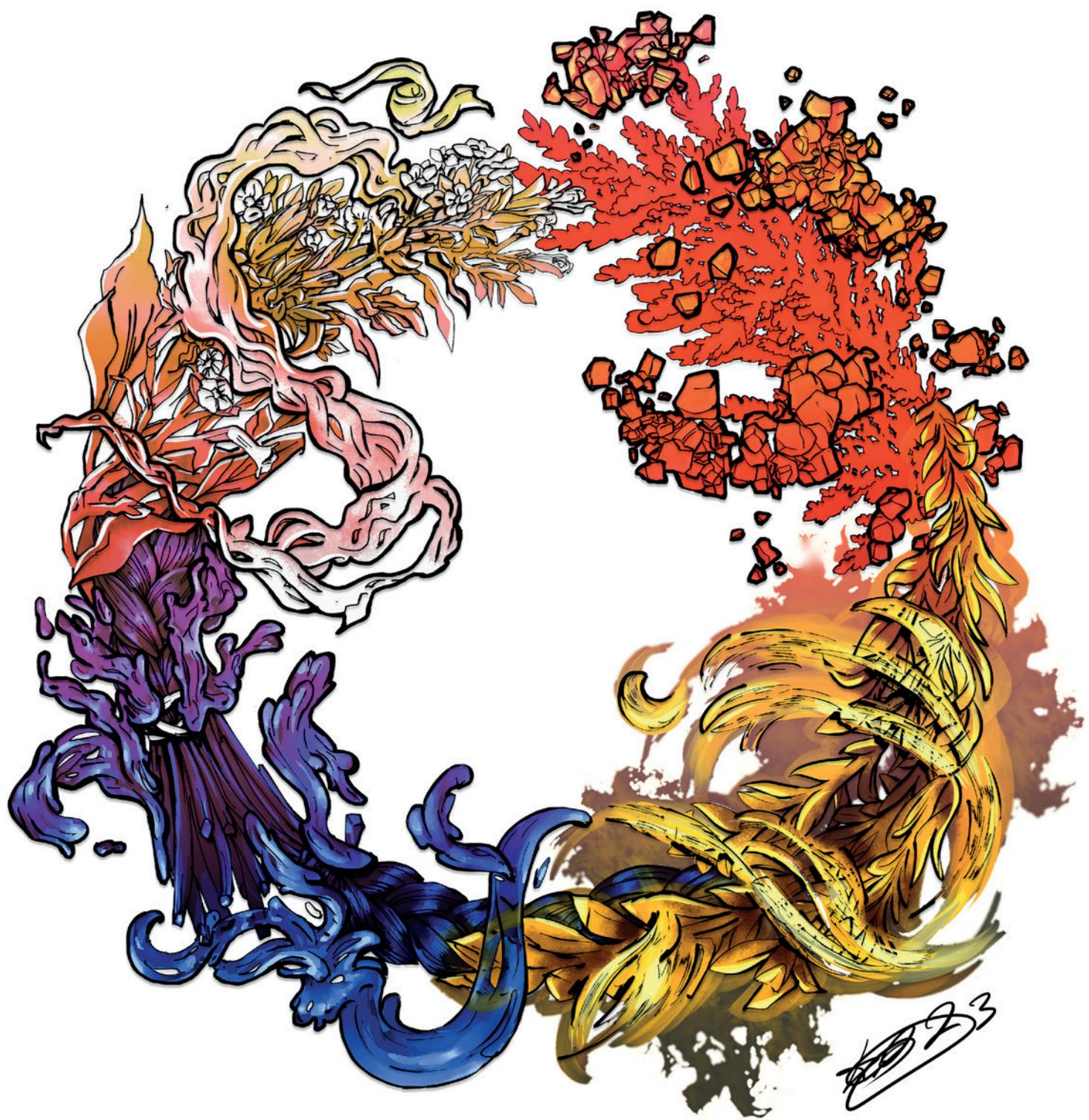
Even though I used to live so close to Ouje-Bougoumou, I wasn't familiar with its history and leadership in sustainable energy, and how it embodies the community's culture and values.

Being by the water has also been a calming experience for me - moving to the rhythm of the water, bathing in the sun and being comforted by the wind.



It was nice to just go with the flow rather than resisting and holding back. Sitting still, being grounded, and getting closer to movement provides a sense of safety.

That is what I will bring back from my visit to Ouje. I learned that connecting to your roots and walking in the footsteps of your ancestors can best guide you towards the future. Ouje-Bougoumou was created with this very idea in mind: providing a stable ground for families to continue their ancestors' journey.



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Merci, Thank you

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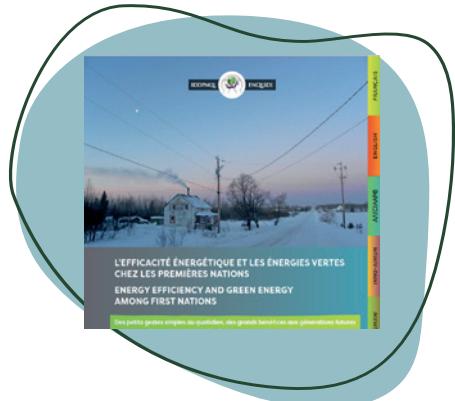
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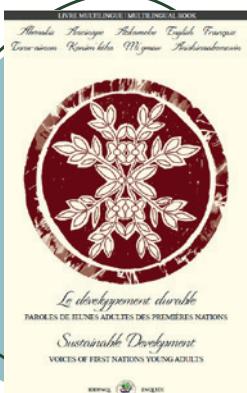
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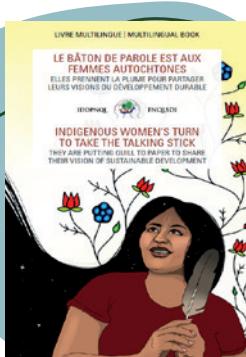
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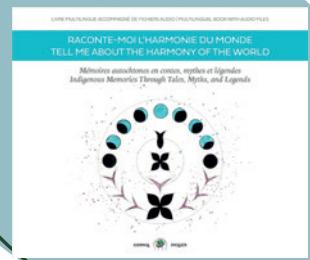
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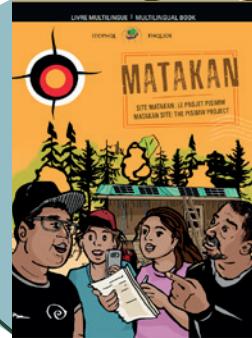
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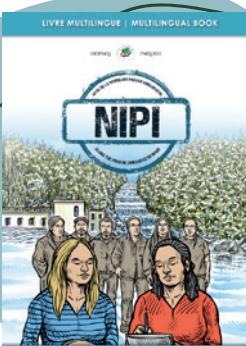
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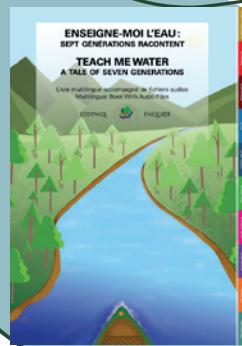
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