SALMON STORY

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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PURPOSE

THIS COMIC IS DESIGNED BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH TO EDUCATE ON AND PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, WITH A FOCUS ON CULTURE AS PREVENTION, AND REACHING OUT FOR HELP IF WE NEED IT.

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WE HOPE THIS PROJECT INSPIRES MORE AWARENESS, HELP, AND MORE EDUCATION ON ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES.

STORYWORK

THIS STORY WAS DEVELOPED IN TSIMSHIAN STORYWORK GUIDED BY ELDER WILLIAM BOLTON, AND CREATED ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE TSIMSHIAN NATION.

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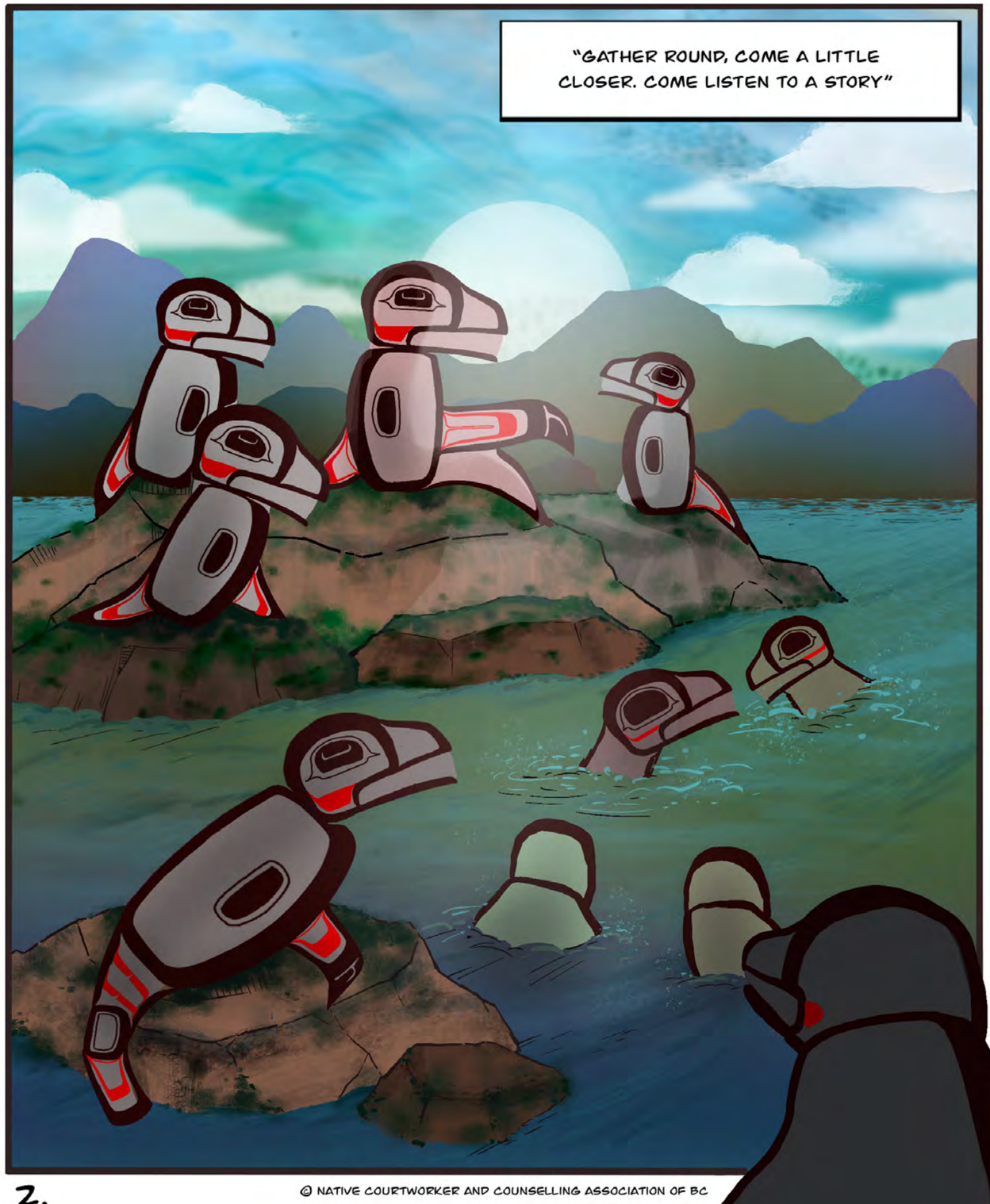

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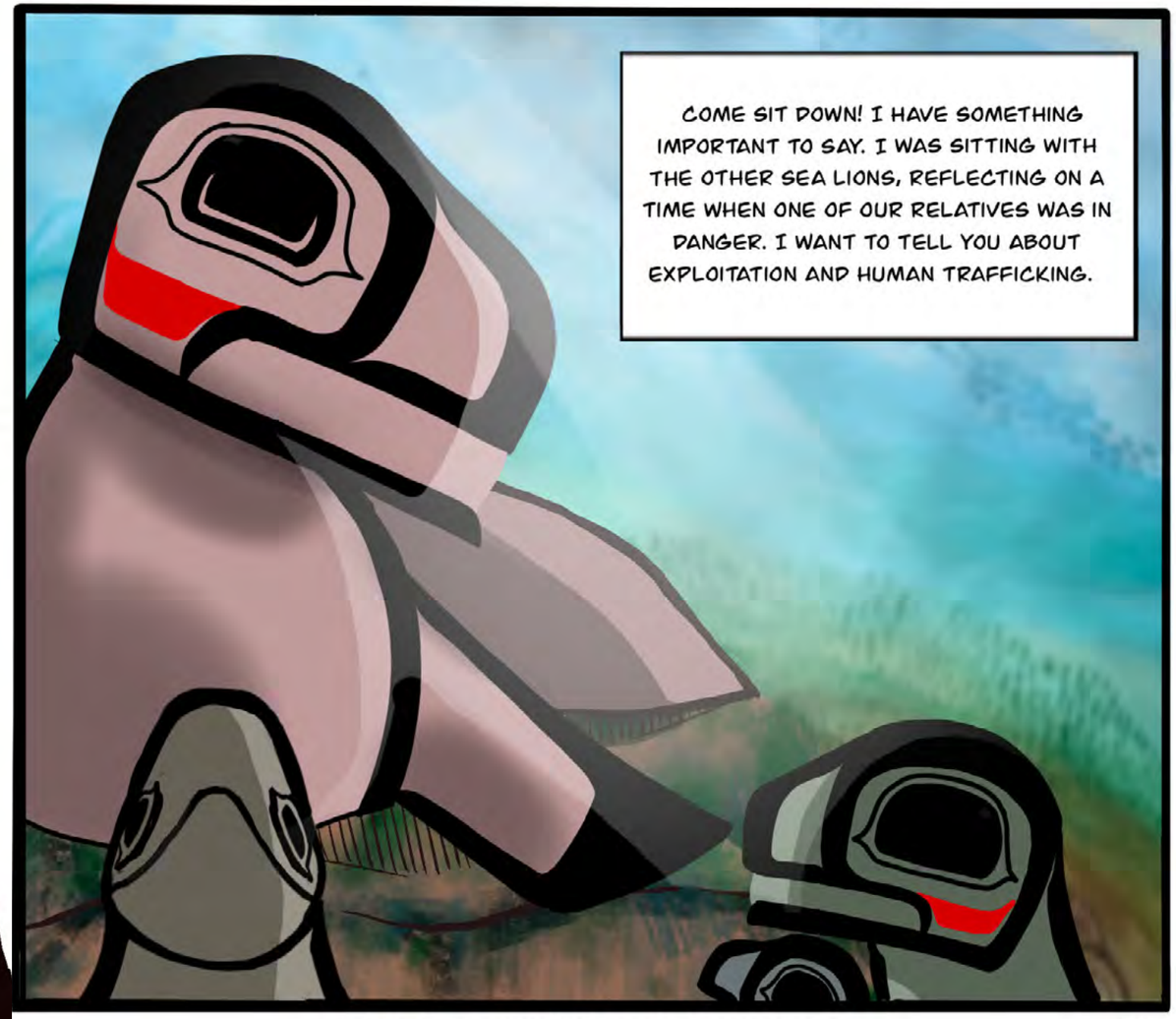

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IN OUR WATERS, WE HAVE OUR COUSINS– THE SOCKEYE SALMON. SALMON LIVE TOGETHER IN SCHOOLS, AND THEY TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. THEY SWIM TOGETHER, PLAY TOGETHER, AND WORK TOGETHER. ONCE SALMON ARE FINISHED GROWING IN OUR OCEANS, THEY COME BACK TO THE RIVERS TO HAVE THEIR BABIES, WHICH IS CALLED SPAWNING.

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THEY LIVE TO RAISE THE NEXT GENERATION BEFORE THEY CROSS OVER TO THE SPIRIT WORLD.

ONCE THEY HAVE SPAWNED, NEW SALMON FRYS ARE BORN AND ARE VERY SMALL.

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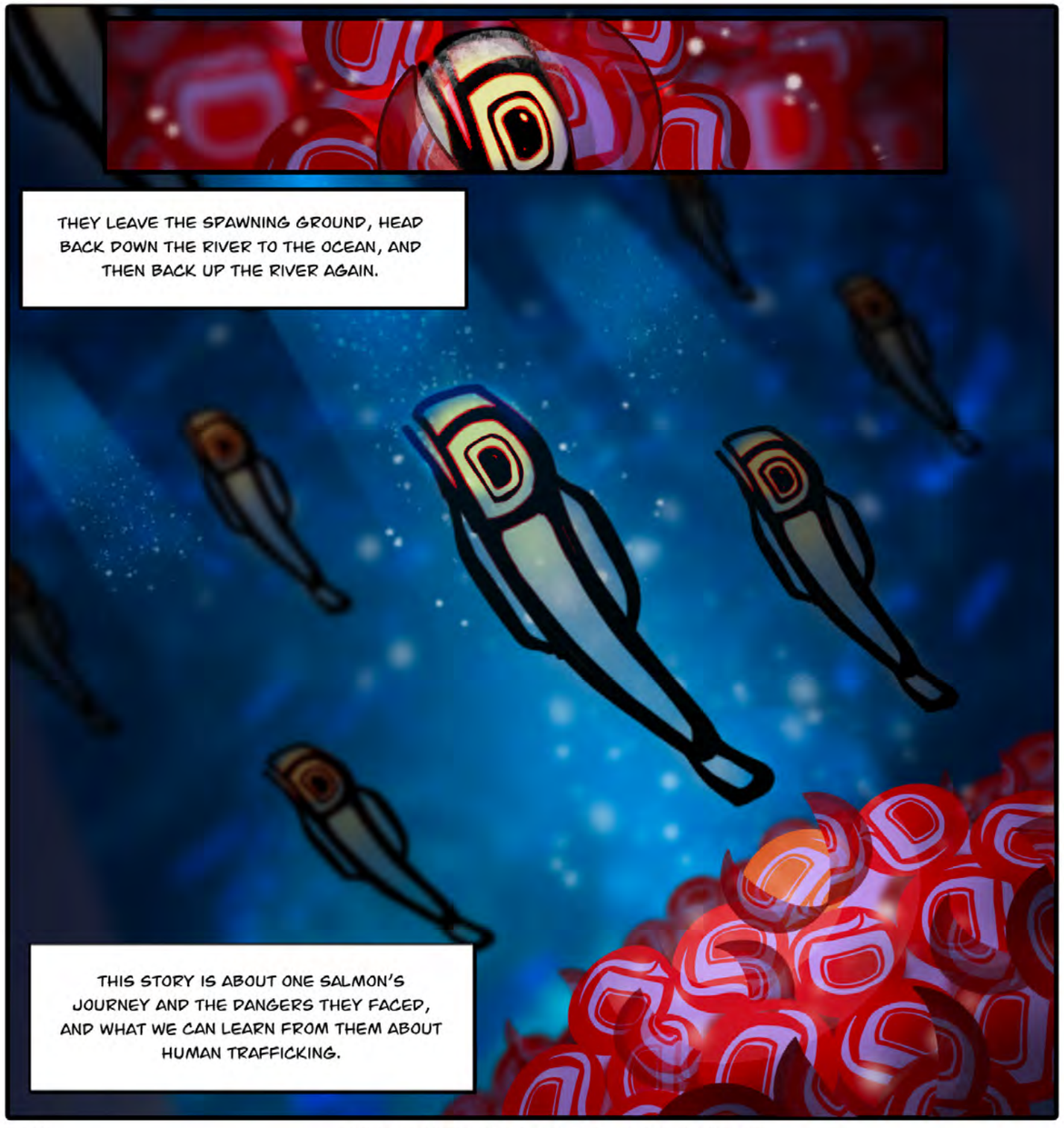

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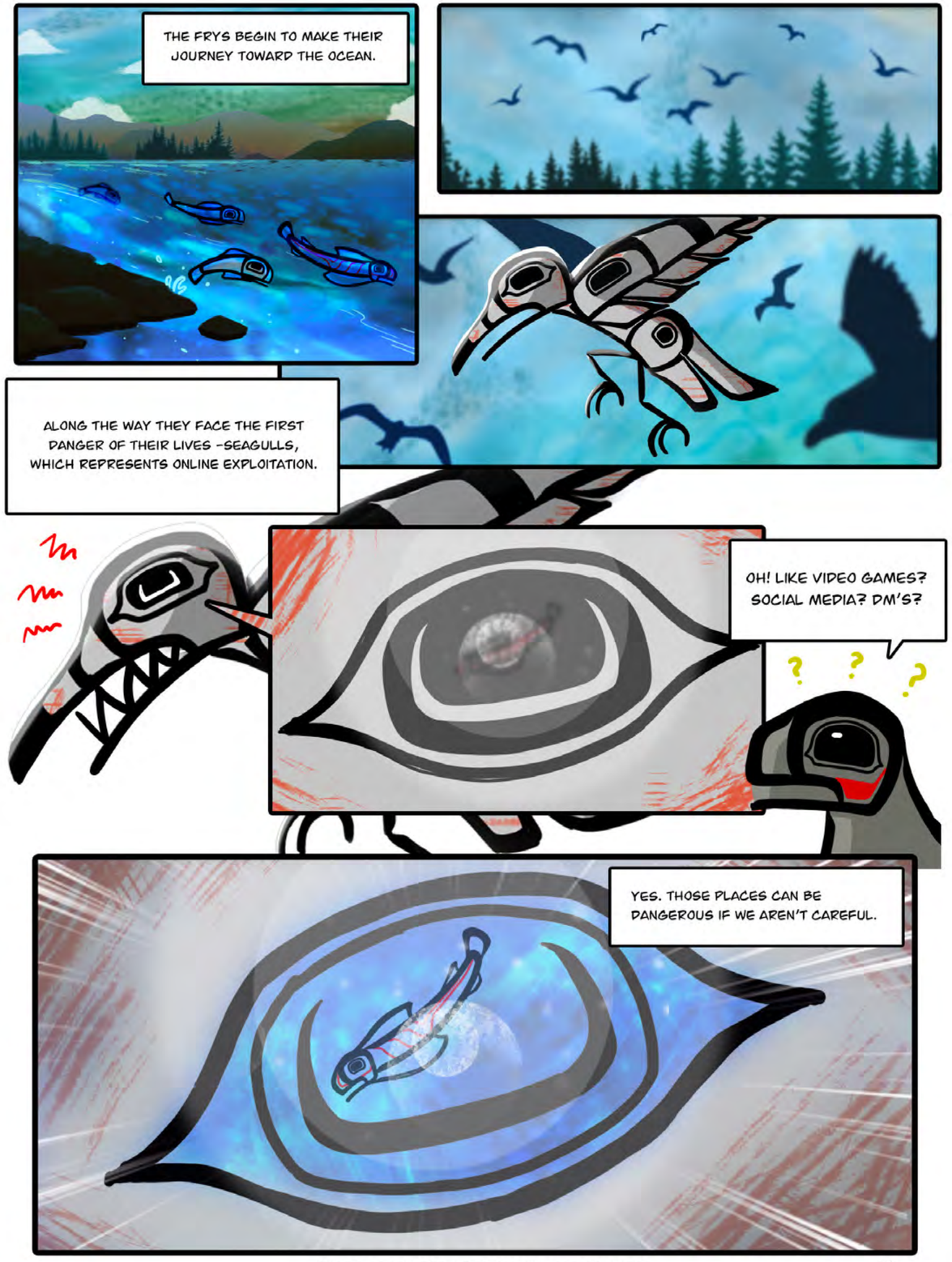

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SHOW YOURSESF! COME OUT OF THE WATER! LET US SEE YOU! HOW OLD ARE YOU?

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WHAT'S YOUR NAME? POST A PICTURE! YOU'RE HOT! I LIKE YOUR GILLS! WHERE DO YOU LIVE? DON'T TELL YOUR PARENTS! LET'S MEET UP!

THE SALMON SWIMS IN CIRCLES, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO. IT WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE SEA GULLS, BUT KNEW THEY SHOULD KEEP UP WITH THEIR SCHOOL CONTINUING DOWN RIVER.

CATCH UP! COME ON! SWIM FASTER! YOU BELONG WITH US. WE MISSED YOU! WHERE YOU BEEN! DON'T LISTEN TO THEM. DON'T FOLLOW THEM.

DESPITE THE LOUD SEAGULLS, THE FRY CONTINUED DOWN THE RIVER WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THEIR FRIENDS.

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THE FRY AND ITS SCHOOL HEAD DOWN TO THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER. THIS IS THE LAST STOP BEFORE THE SCHOOL HEADS OUT TO THE OCEAN.

THE NARROW RIVERS WIDEN, THE CURRENT CHANGES, AND THE RIVER WATER MEETS THE OCEAN.

WHAT ARE THOSE? FISHING HOOKS? WHAT DO THEY DO? NEVER HEARD OF THEM! WHAT? HUH?

SALMON FACE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES HERE- AS THEY SWIM, SHINY FISHING HOOKS ARE CAST INTO THE WATER.

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IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE THE CREATURES BELOW THE WATER, AND THE CREATURES ABOVE THE WATER. ABOVE THE WATER, THERE ARE HUMANS, AND THEY HUNT SALMON. THEY USE HOOKS, BAIT, AND LURES TO TRICK THE SALMON TO COME CLOSER.

WHAT'S THAT? SHIIIIIIIINNNNNNY-YYYYYYYY!!! OOOOOOOOOOOOOO....

DON'T DO IT!

DO IT!

DO IT!

I'M GOING TO DO IT!
I'M GONNA BITE IT!

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WHEN THE SALMON WATCHED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR FRIEND, THEY REALIZED NOT EVERYTHING IS AS IT SEEMS. LURES CAN LOOK LIKE A LOT THINGS, LIKE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

AS THE SALMON'S JOURNEY TO THE OCEAN, WE ALL HAVE A BIG AND BRIGHT FUTURE IN FRONT OF US. WE HAVE TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY NO AND STAY ON OUR GOOD JOURNEY.

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I'VE SEEN ONE OF THOSE! THOSE ARE SCARY! WE CAN'T GO NEAR THOSE!

KOOKUM SAID NOT TO GO NEAR THOSE!

AS THE SALMON TAKE OFF FROM THE RIVER MOUTH AND JOURNEY TO THE OCEAN, THEY BEGAN TO ENCOUNTER VARIOUS SHADOWS AND LOUD NOISES FROM ABOVE THE WATER.

THE CURIOUS FISH SWIMS CLOSER TO THE SHADOW TO INSPECT.

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AS THE SCHOOL OF FISH SWIM, A NET BEGINS TO RISE FROM BELOW.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

INDIAN AFFAIRS

THEY START TO PANIC, SEEING THE SHADOW OF THE BOAT ABOVE.

Whoooo ooosh

THE SALMON FEEL A STRONG CURRENT PULLING THEM TOWARDS EACH OTHER AS A NET SURROUNDS THEM.

COME QUICK, WE NEED TO SAVE THEM, LOOK FOR AN OPENING SOMEWHERE!

THE FISH FRANTICALLY SEARCH TO FIND A FRAYED EDGE, AND BEGIN TO PULL. THEY SING SO THEIR SCHOOL CAN FOLLOW THEIR VOICE TO THE OPENING.

FOLLOW US, WE'LL GUIDE THE WAY, OUT THROUGH THIS NET TO SAFETY..

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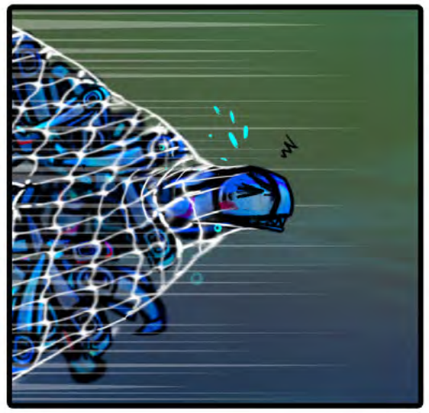

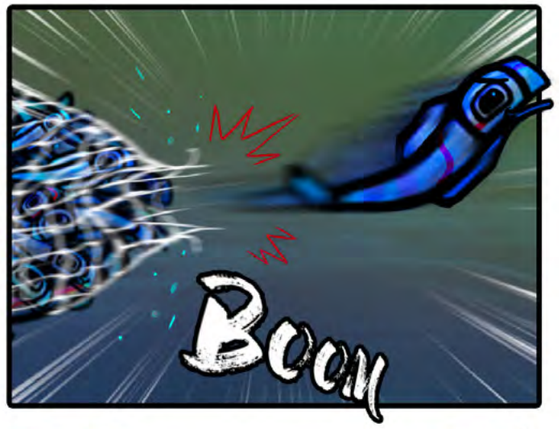

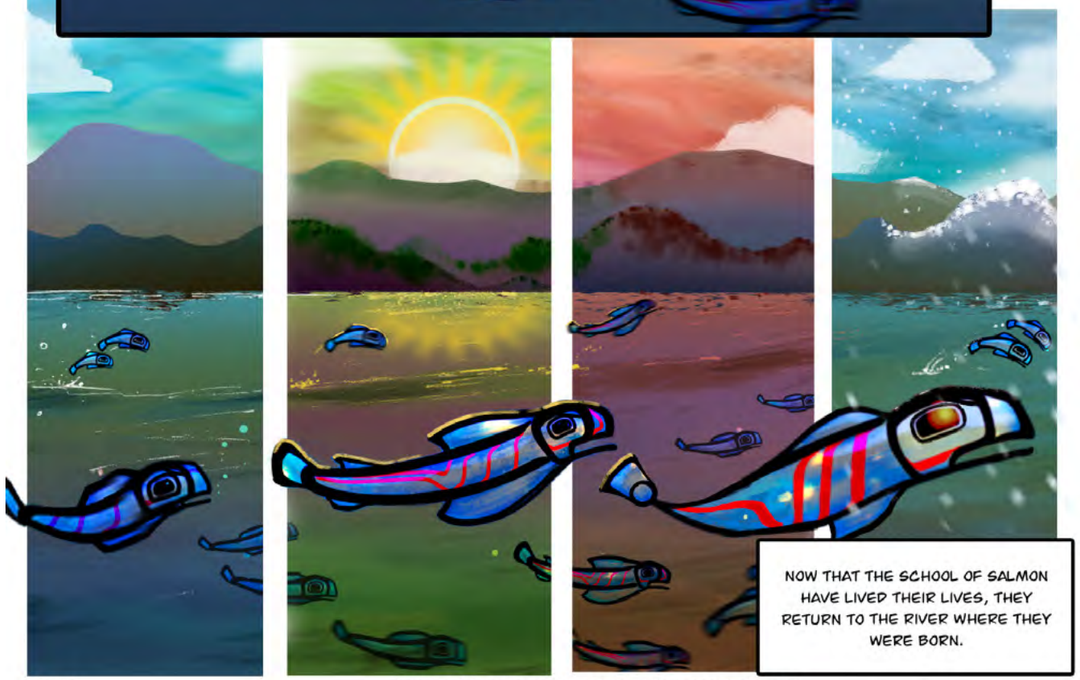

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HEY, SEE THOSE WATERFALLS AHEAD? I CAN HELP YOU GET UP THERE, COME OVER HERE. IF YOU DON'T LET ME HELP YOU, YOU WON'T MAKE IT.

THE SALMON THOUGHT BACK TO ALL IT HAS EXPERIENCED IN ITS LIFE. THEY REALIZED THE SAFEST PATH WAS TO ALWAYS STAY WITH ITS SCHOOL.

MY TEACHINGS ABOUT THE RIGHT THING TO DO HAVE SHOWN ME TO STAY WITH MY SCHOOL AND MY CULTURE.

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BY JUMPING TOGETHER, THE SALMON SPLASH WATER ON THE BEAR SO IT CAN'T SEE. BEARS IN THIS STORY REPRESENT PIMPS, TRAFFICKERS, AND GANGS.

YAY

THE SALMON HAVE SHOWN US, WHEN WE STICK TOGETHER, WE CAN STAY SAFE FROM THINGS LIKE EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING. FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION, WE WANT AND NEED YOU BACK HOME. YOU BELONG WITH US.

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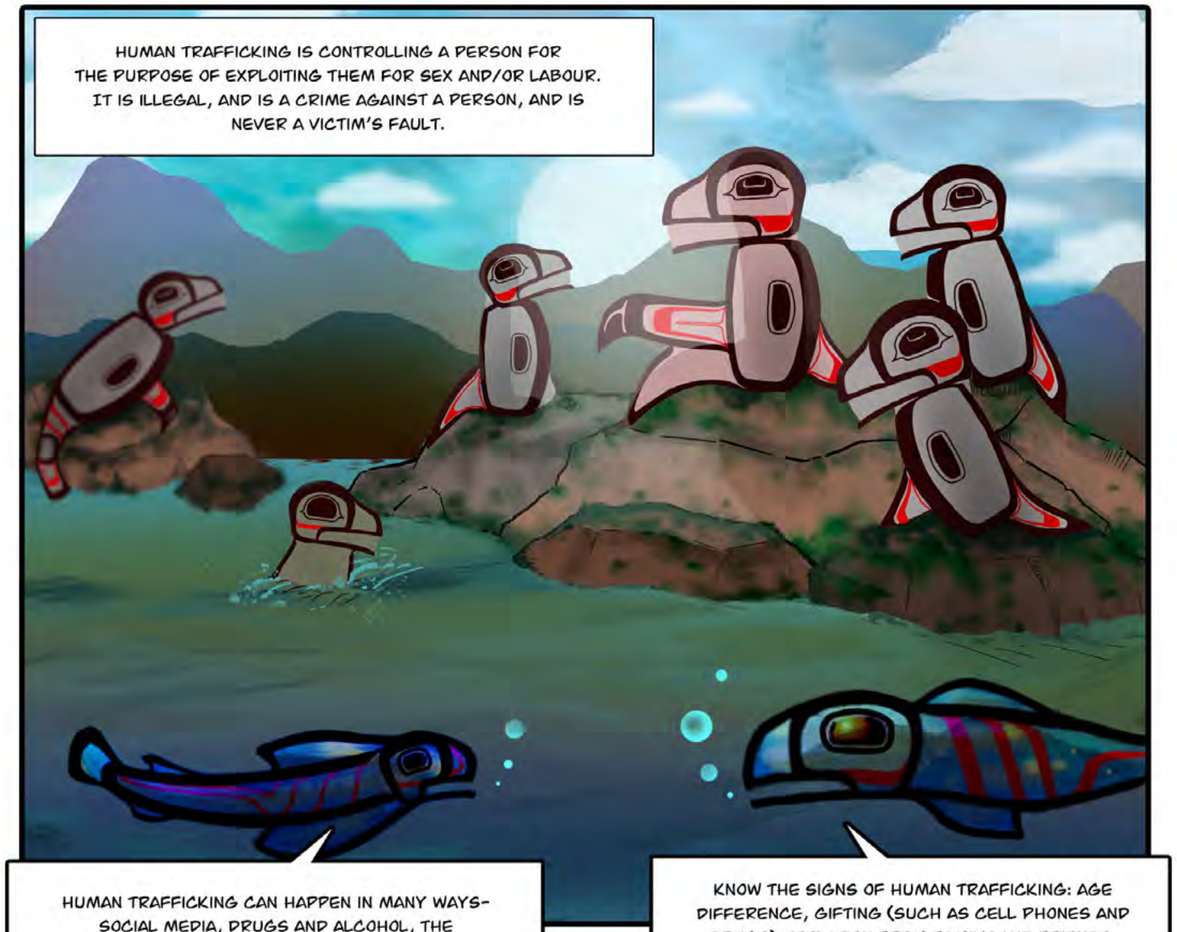
KNOW THE SIGN OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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