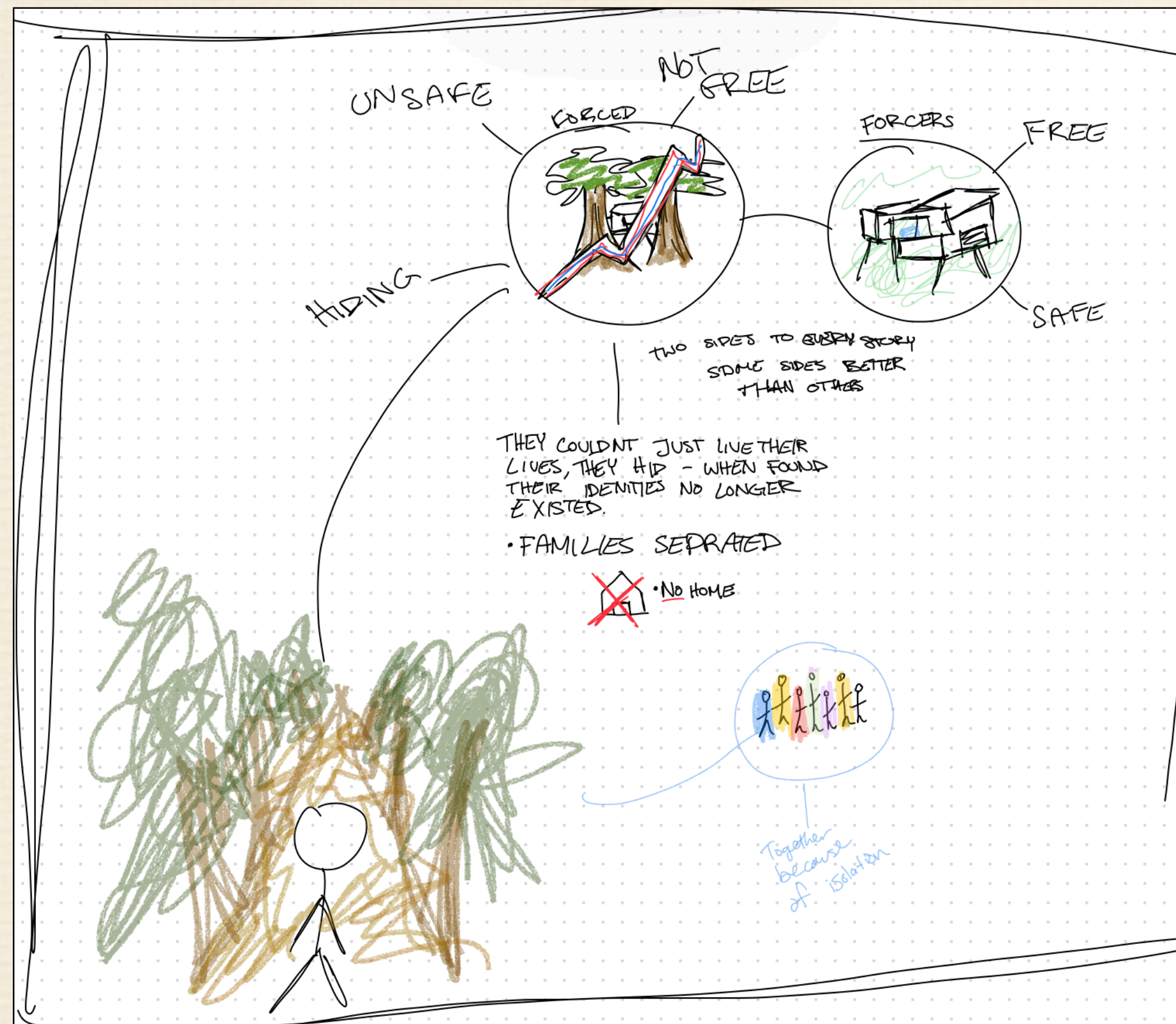


# The Marrow Thieves




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I think this book shows the amount of mistreatment the indigenous people had. It shows how they can't have security in a house. They can't keep their families close, because they are forced to be separate. They can't live their lives because at any point it they be forced into, basically, a prison. I'm interested in learning more about how they had to live, while being in hiding.

MAGIC WORDS



FORCED INTO HIDING

HAUNTED IN THE BUSH



What time period is this?

What is their motives?

POEM:

All the togetherness from the lost,  
 Hiding with a high cost.  
 In the trees they must survive,  
 Supressed from the chance of real lives  
 Others of evil might attack,  
 Simply, a stab of the back.

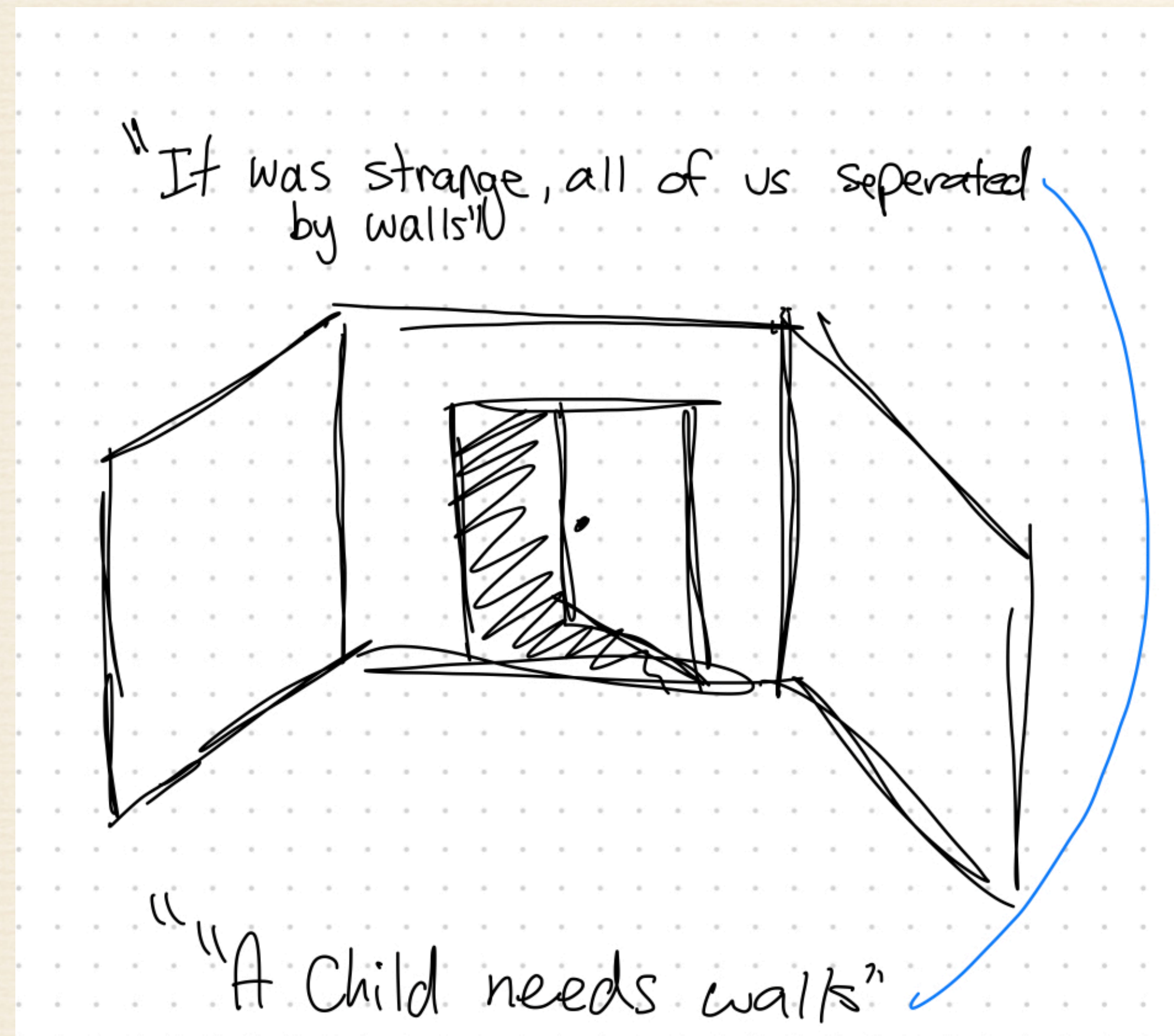
NOTE: Because of Frenchie's values  
 he saved the moose from harm,  
 while the government doesn't even  
 care if they harm people.

In my opinion I think an event in this book is a metaphor for what happened previous happened with the suppression of the Indigenous peoples.

The main character is out hunting for food to keep him and his friends alive. He encounters a moose, but doesn't kill it. This act showcases the values of Indigenous peoples and the amount of wrong it is to suppress their cultures. In the book

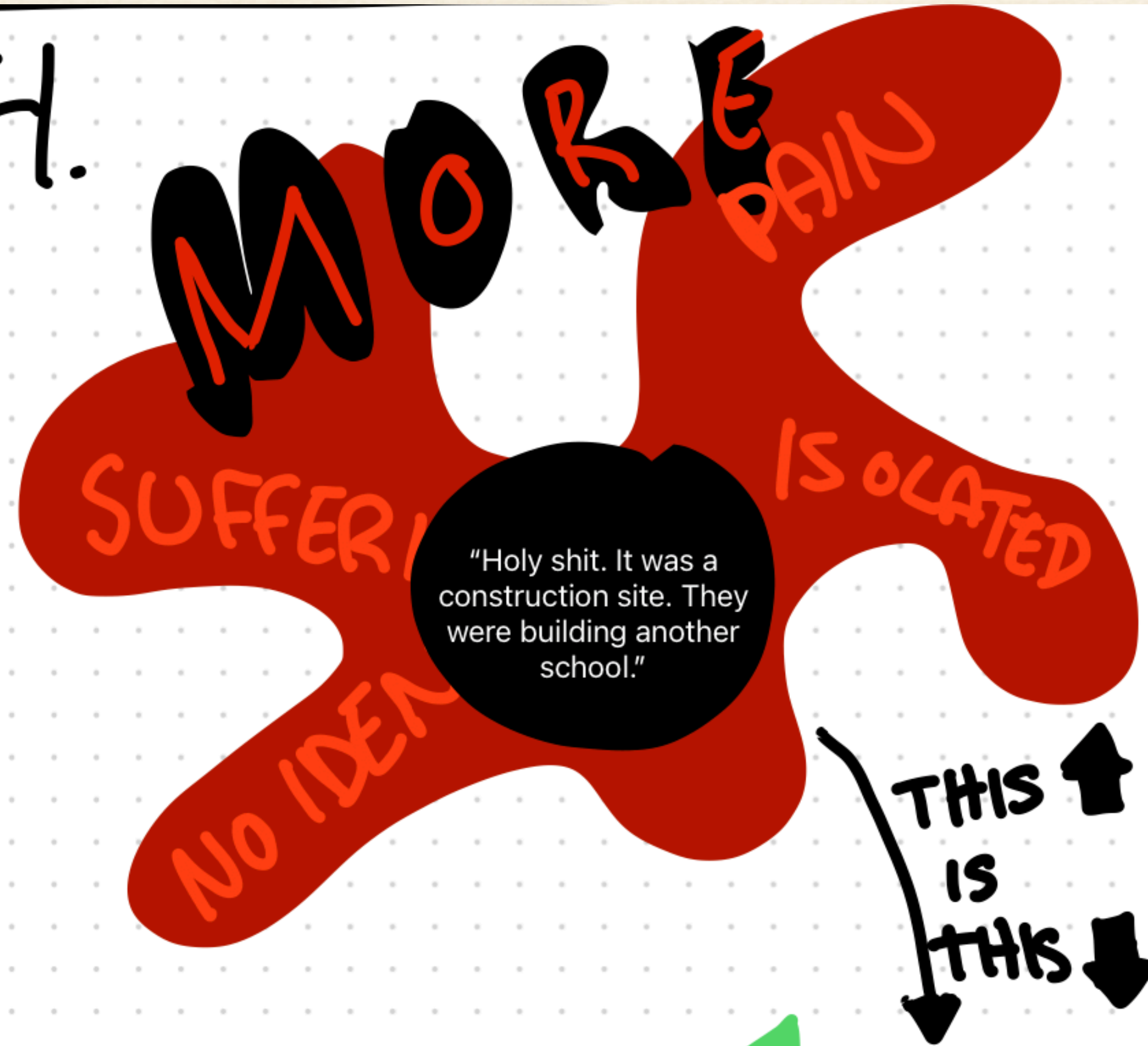
he decides not to kill the moose because he knows that their will be half of the meat left over and considers that a waste. The fact that he put this over the importance of feeding him and friends shows that the government should not of aimed to assimilate the Indigenous peoples.

Overall, due to the values of Frenchie that moose survived, yet the government is trying to capture and suppress those people with those values. That is not okay.



After the discussion I've realized that we were talking about how the children haven't had the privileges we have today. My contribution is two quotes centred around a scene. Frenchie says "It was strange, all of us separated by walls". The fact that he says this shows how mistreated the indigenous people were, not getting the basic needs of a child. In a story a father figure even supports this idea saying "A child needs walls". This proves how the indigenous people have been isolated from us and unnecessarily forced into a live they can't fully enjoy.

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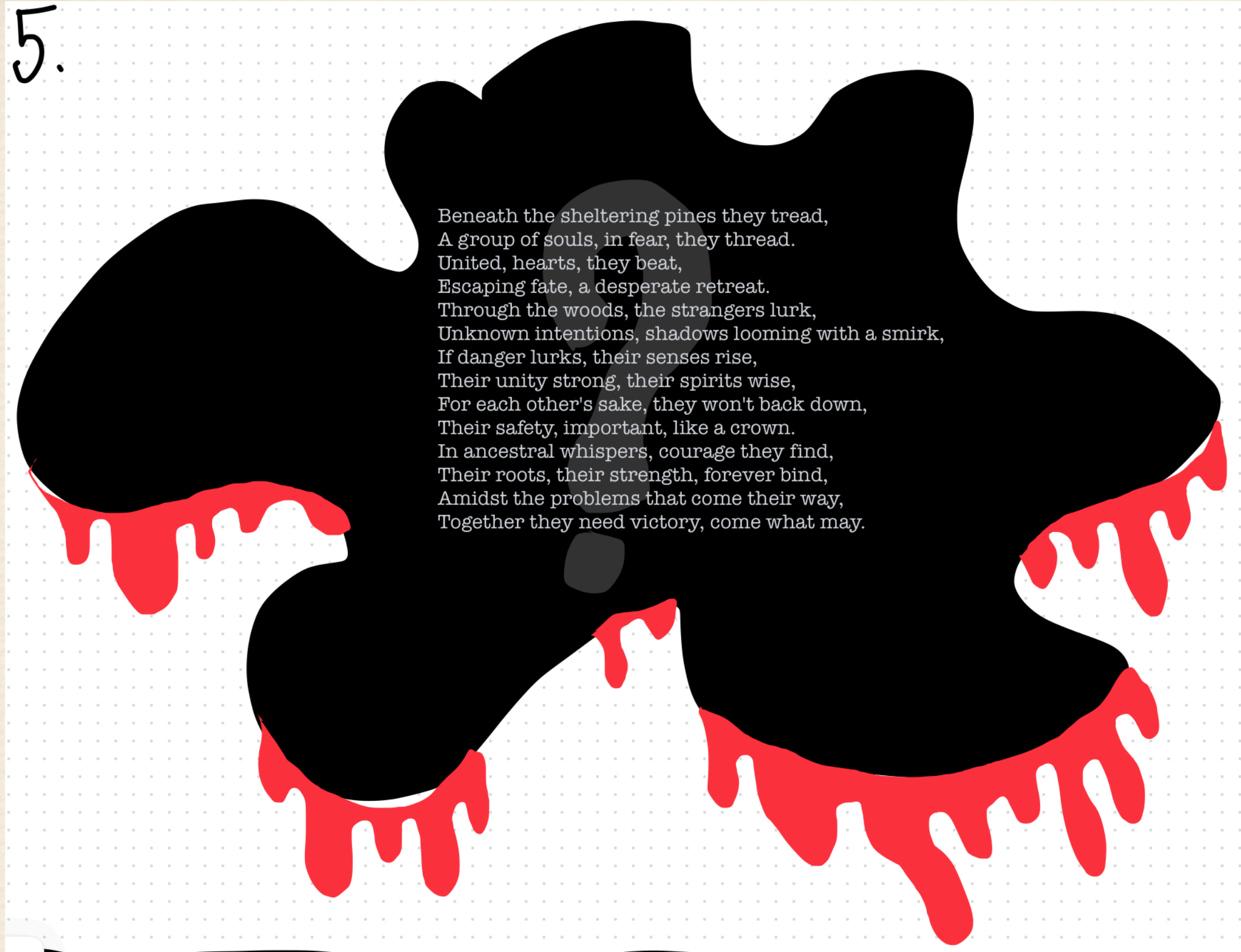


"It's just, when you could go one direction and have life turn out one way, or go another direction and have life be completely a different way, it's nerve-wracking."

Do you think it's helpful to keep information to yourself to protect other people?

Personally I think it's helpful to keep some information to yourself that could be of harm to others to save them from any pain. Yet, it's important to protect your own mental health and sharing information with others can help you cope with any troubling thoughts that have kept you up at night. Wab is a perfect example of this because she had a traumatic past and didn't share it with others when she should've. By sharing her past her close friends could support her and make her feel safe. The idea of sharing traumatic ideas with other can really help relive a burden from yourself.

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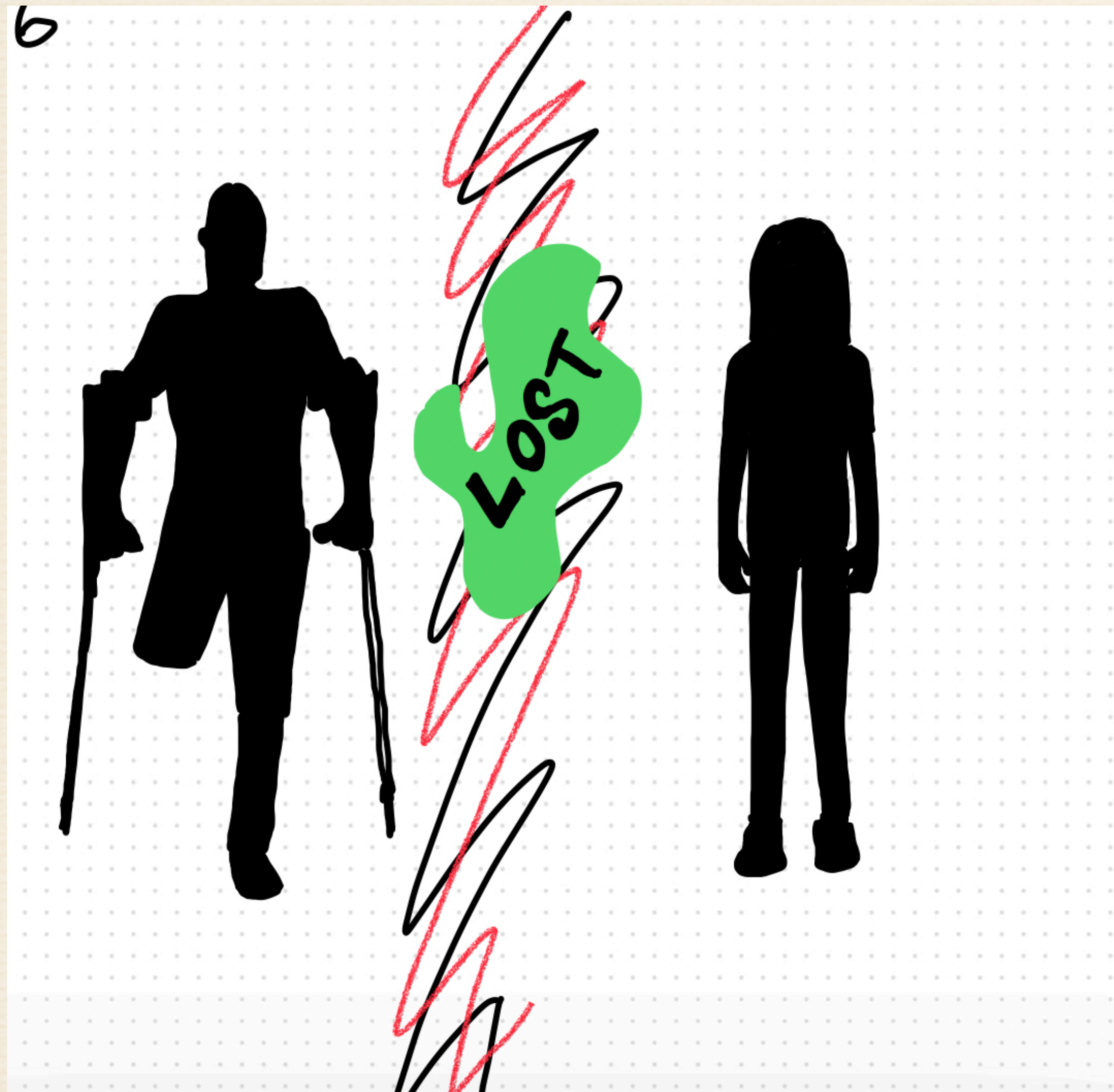


This contribution is a poem on a this quote “Well, the strangers are just past those pines. We can’t rightly avoid them, and we have an obligation to see who they are and if they need help. Or if maybe one of us knows one of them from before. But if they are true strangers, we need to keep moving. And if they are more than strangers, if they turn out to be danger, we need to think of each other and ourselves first. We have to”. This is from the chapter of the “other Indian” and connects to my reflection.

Do you think Miig was right to lead the group into an encounter with these “other Indians” especially after hearing that Wab had a hab encounter with one before?

No, I don’t think that was a good idea. Wab explained her past in previous chapter and talked about the assault she received. She told Miig that she recognized the people, “the other Indians” from that past. Being the leader of the group Miigwan should’ve stepped up and avoided the men, because there was a very high likely hood that something bad who happen. Just like many experiences I’ve had with leadership, you have to make a hard choice for the success of a group your in. Miig could’ve prevented starvation by going to the “other Indians” or saved the lives of many, including the safety of Wab. Miig decision to go into danger caused RiRi’s death. So, Miig should’ve avoided the “other Indians” for the softer of Wab and RiRi.

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After our discussion we were talking about how Frenchie met his dad and the questions that were provoked from this, such as “Where is the Rest of His Family?” And “What happened to his brother?”.

These questions tie into the idea of how the indigenous peoples have modern day issues the results from the events of residential schools.

With families spilt apart, generational trauma is inflicted on the children of those who suffered. This is an important issue because it causes many misplaced families, deaths and mental/physical health issues for many. This was something I learnt in the Blanket Exercise, an activity in our school where there were blankets on the ground acting as land, and with different issues (such as the residential school’s impact) were shown by the blankets being removed or the people having to step off the blanket acting as those who died. Overall, the impact of residential schools didn’t stop right away and were instead carried through generations causing suffering to many.