

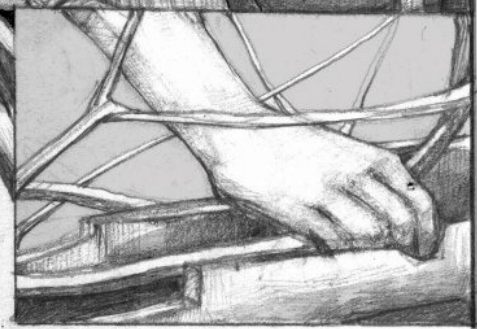
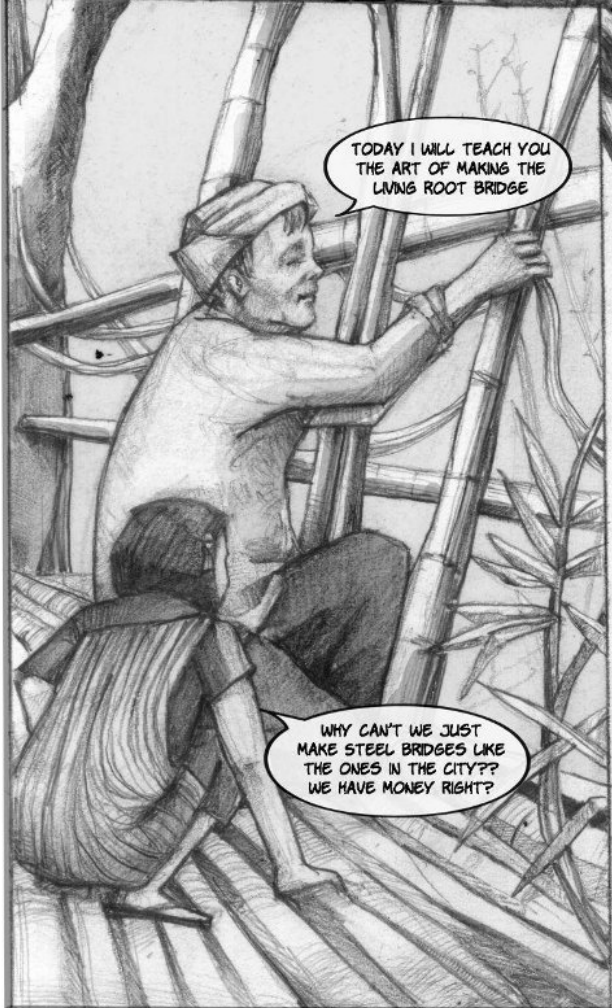


The book reworked in 2022

THAT MORNING, ALL THE VILLAGERS WERE WORKING TOGETHER IN SUSTAINING THE LIVING ROOT BRIDGE.



TODAY I WILL TEACH YOU THE ART OF MAKING THE LIVING ROOT BRIDGE



NATURE'S GIFT IS RICHER THAN ANY CURRENCY

WHY CAN'T WE JUST MAKE STEEL BRIDGES LIKE THE ONES IN THE CITY?? WE HAVE MONEY RIGHT?



THE EARTH PROVIDES ENOUGH TO SATISFY EVERYONE'S NEEDS, BUT NOT EVERYONE'S GREED



I MUST CLAIM THE FOREST ON THE OTHER SIDE! AND MAKE NEW SETTLEMENTS THERE. I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I MUST DO IT THIS APRIL! I WILL BE THE MOST PROSPEROUS QUEEN EVER!



PARDON ME MY QUEEN BUT IT ISN'T WISE TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN.



OH OLD WOMAN, MY LAND IS MY LAND. BESIDES I HAVE MANY STRONG BRAVE WARRIORS WHO WILL DO ANYTHING FOR ME!



THE NEXT DAY, SHE SENT A FEW OF HER PEOPLE TO THE LAND BEYOND.



OH MY! THESE TREES ARE HUGE!

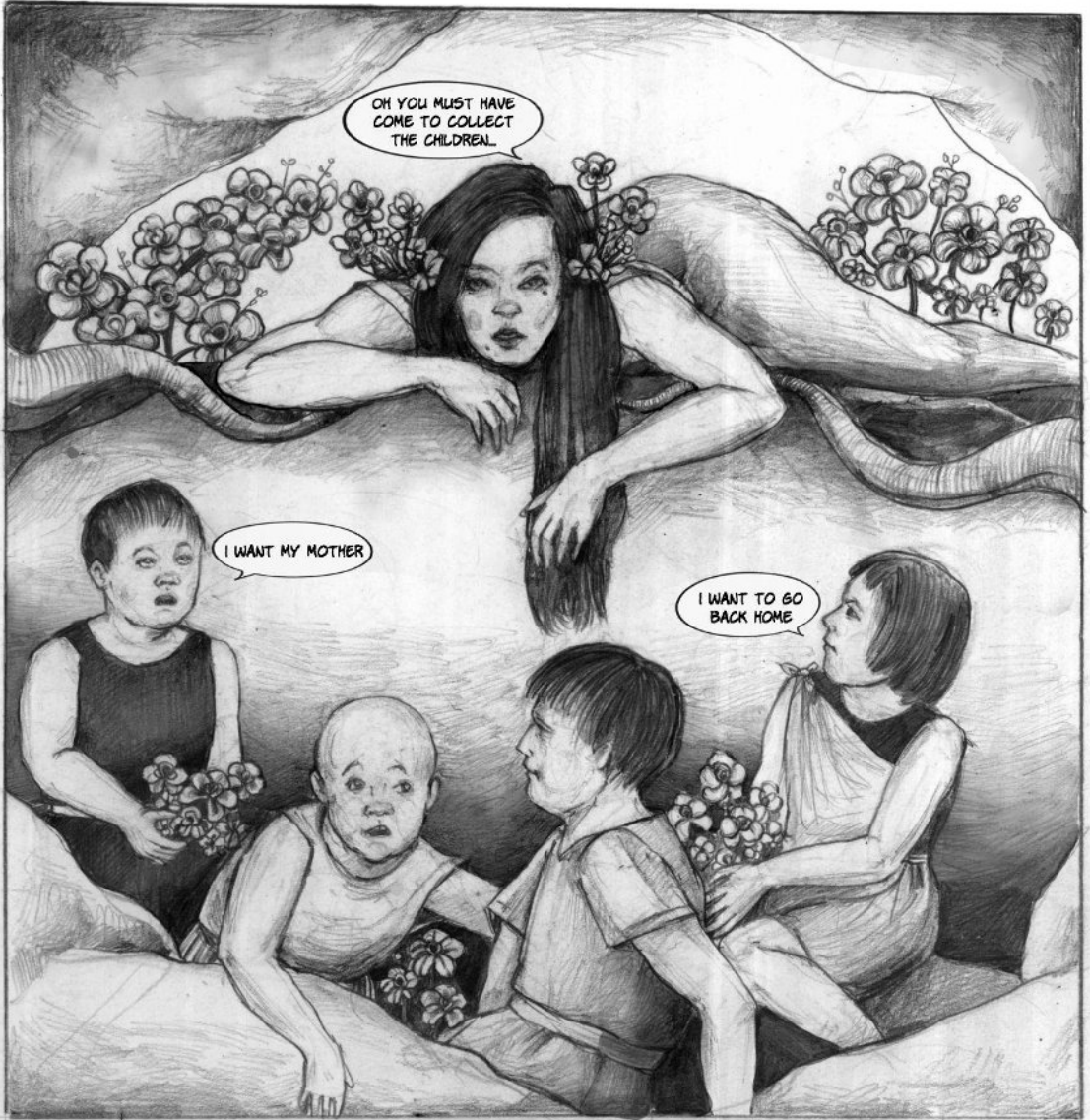
IMAGINE HOW MANY THINGS WE CAN MAKE OUT OF THIS ONE!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...





YOU SEE IBA, THIS ROOT BRIDGE HAS BEEN HERE SINCE I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE. MY GRANDPA AND I WORKED ON IT YEARS AGO.



YOU FOOLS!! I'M MAIA, THE NYMPH - YOU TOOK THE FOREST, MOST VALUED BY MY MOTHER, MOTHER NATURE. NOW I AM TAKING WHAT'S VALUABLE TO YOU!!



BROTHER! SAVE YOURSELF

HELP!

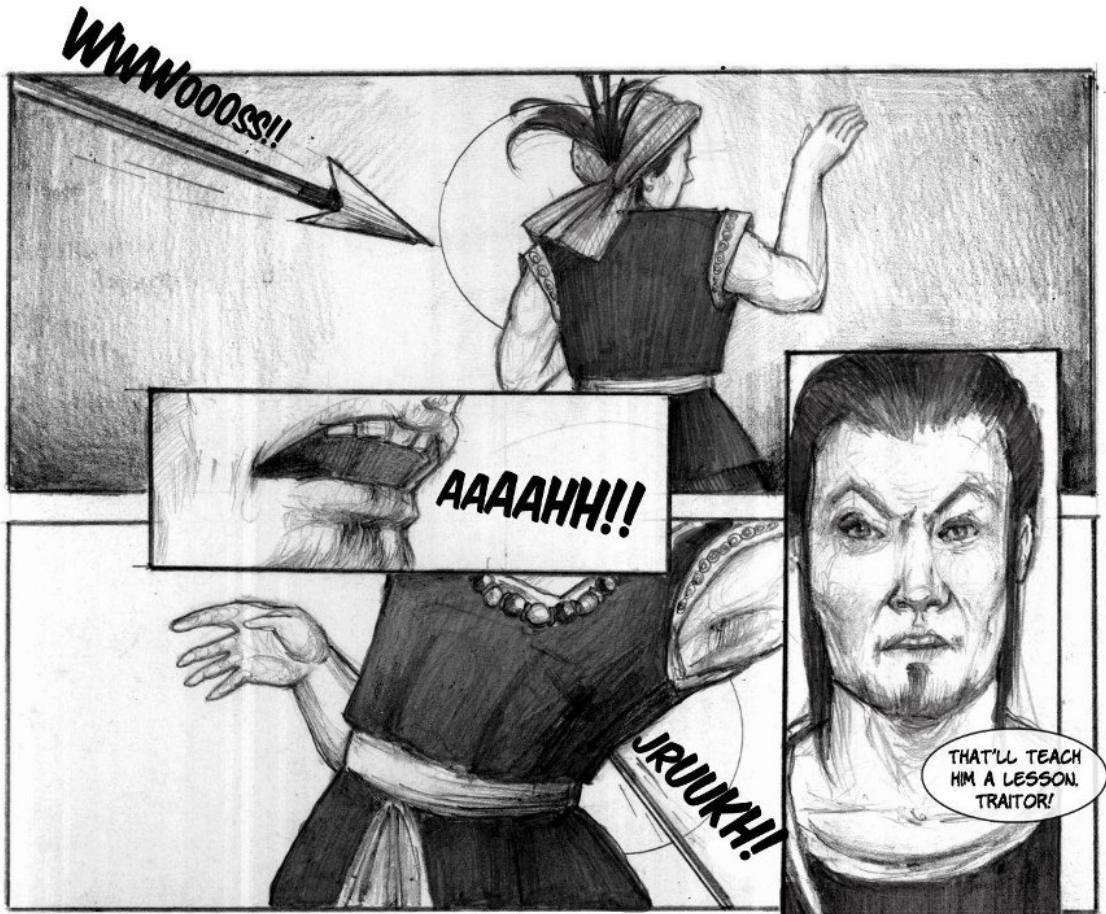
THE PRINCE TRAVELED THE WHOLE NIGHT AND DAWN WAS SOON CAVING IN. HE DECIDES TO REST WHEN...



SUDDENLY, HE HEARD A CRY FOR HELP!



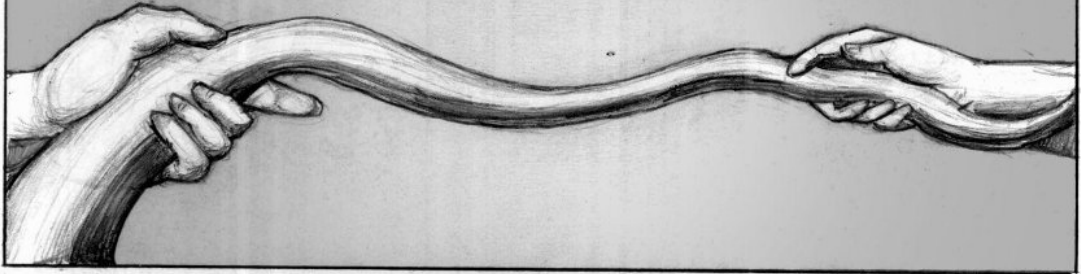




SHAN, THE WARRIOR SHOT AN ARROW AT HIM.

HANDING THE LONG ROOT, GRANDPA THEN SAID:

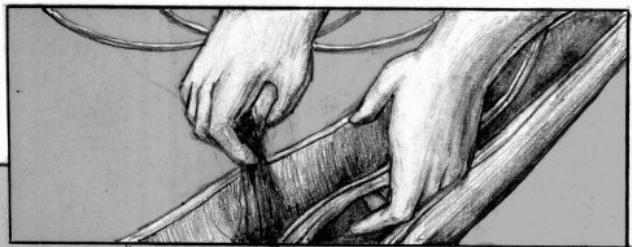
SO DEAR CHILD TAKE THIS ROOT AND
HELP HER REACH OUT TO HER LOVER .



USE THE BAMBOO AND BETEL NUT TREE
TRUNK TO SUPPORT HER ON HER WAY



PROVIDE HER WITH SOME NOURISHMENT FOR
HER JOURNEY CAN BE LONG AND TIRESOME



THIS MY CHILD WILL
STAY FOR 300 TO 500
YEARS.

THAT'S
AMAZING!!

YOUR CHILDREN AND
GENERATIONS FROM YOU
WILL USE IT.

25 YEARS LATER



MOTHER WHY ARE WE HERE?



KITDOR, MY GRANDPA AND I MADE THIS LIVING ROOT BRIDGE WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE



THIS TIME I AM GOING TO TEACH YOU JUST THE WAY MY GRANDPA TAUGHT ME.