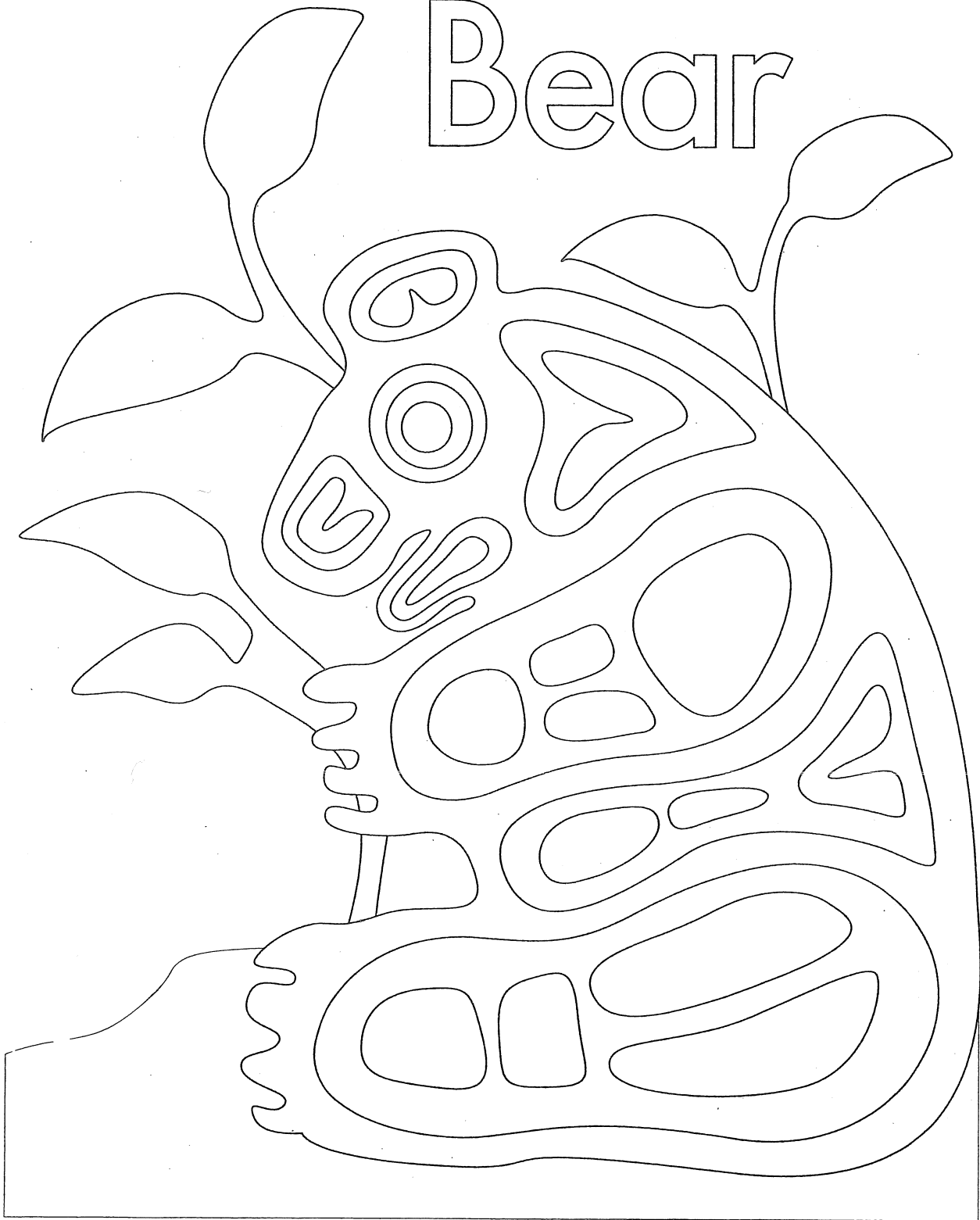


Bear

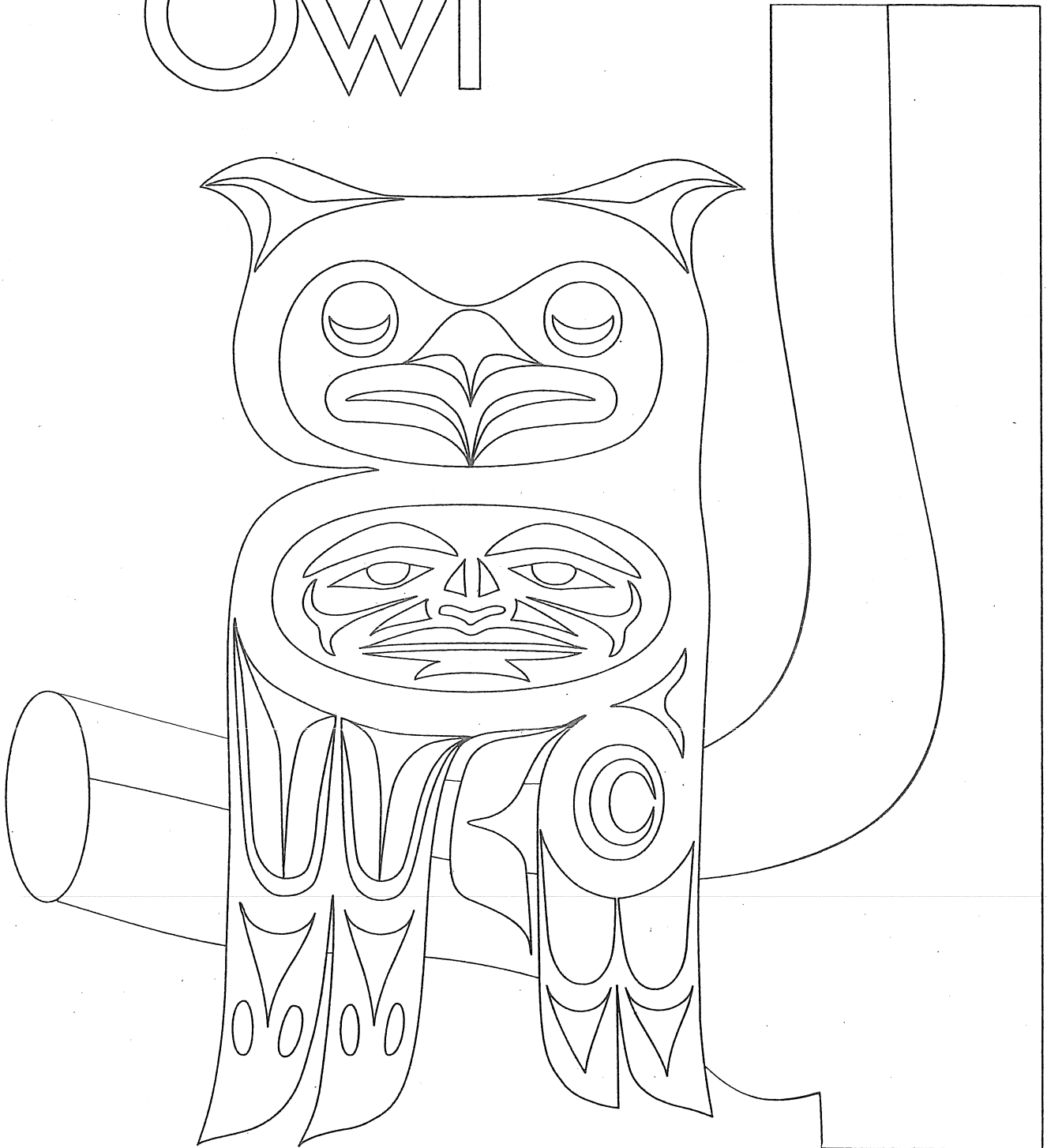


“Bears are our guardians and protectors, teaching us to be strong yet humble.”

Donald Peters, Ojibway, Salteaux



Owl



“Owls offer us the gift of wisdom. We can receive this gift when we take the time to listen.”

Maynard Johnny Jr., Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw



Salmon

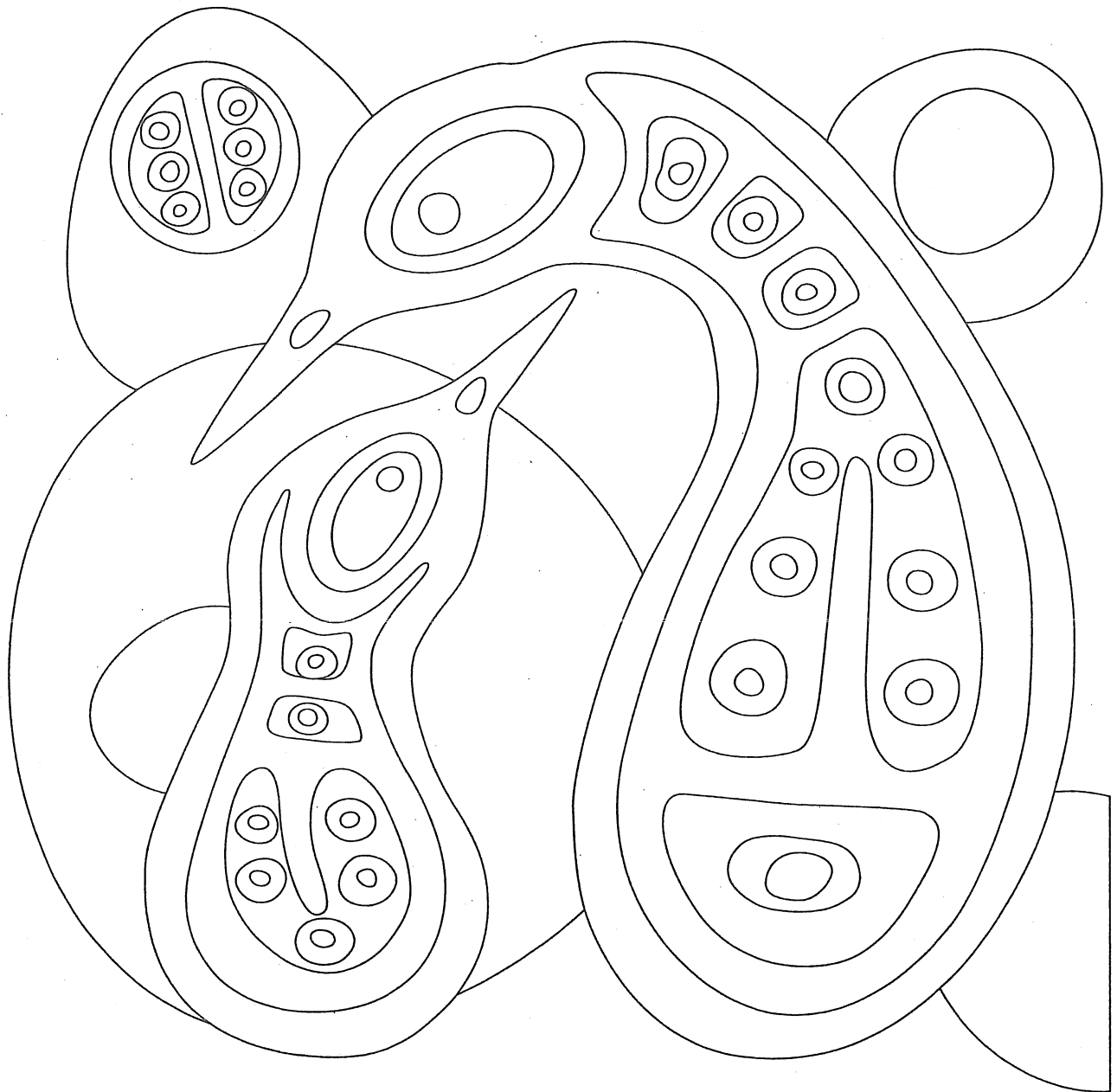


“Salmon have always been our most important food source. We must protect salmon by keeping our rivers and oceans clean.”

John Nelson, Kwakwaka'wakw



Thunderbirds

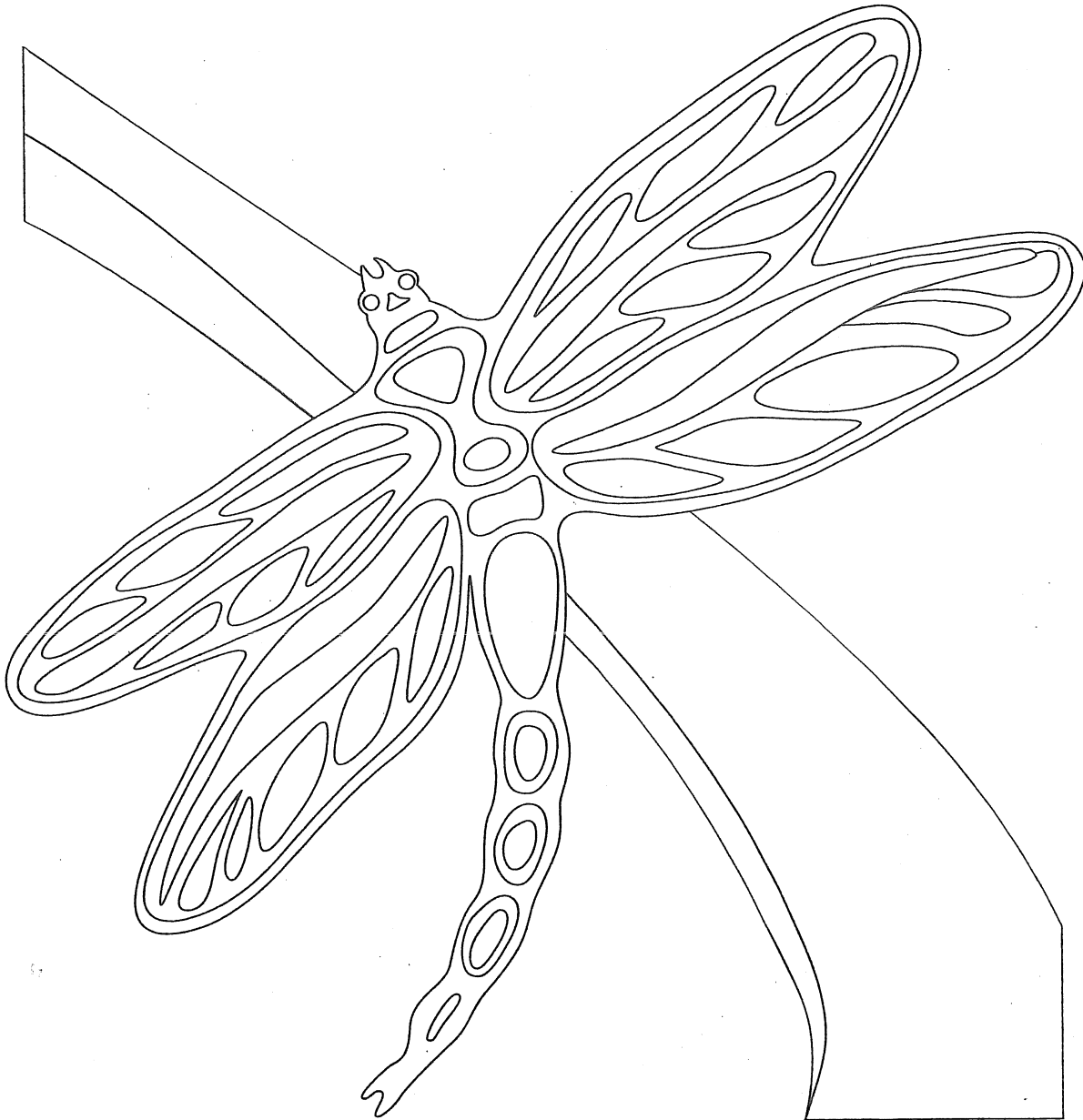


“Thunderbirds are a symbol of leadership. These huge birds flap their wings and blink their eyes to create thunder and lightning.”

Bruce Morrisseau, Ojibway



Dragonfly

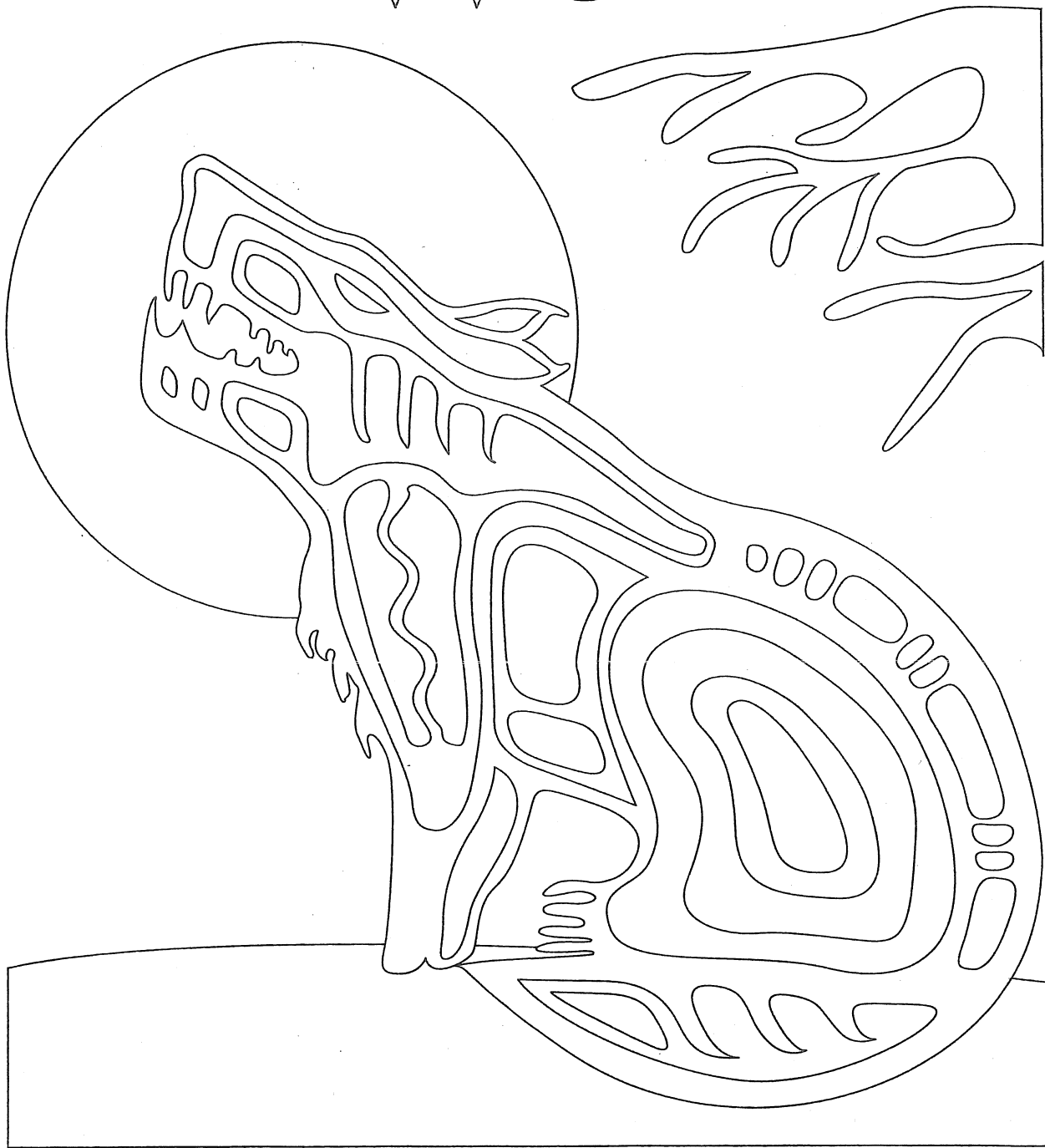


“Dragonflies guide us to make positive changes in our lives. In our tradition, we honour even the smallest of insects.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway



Wolf

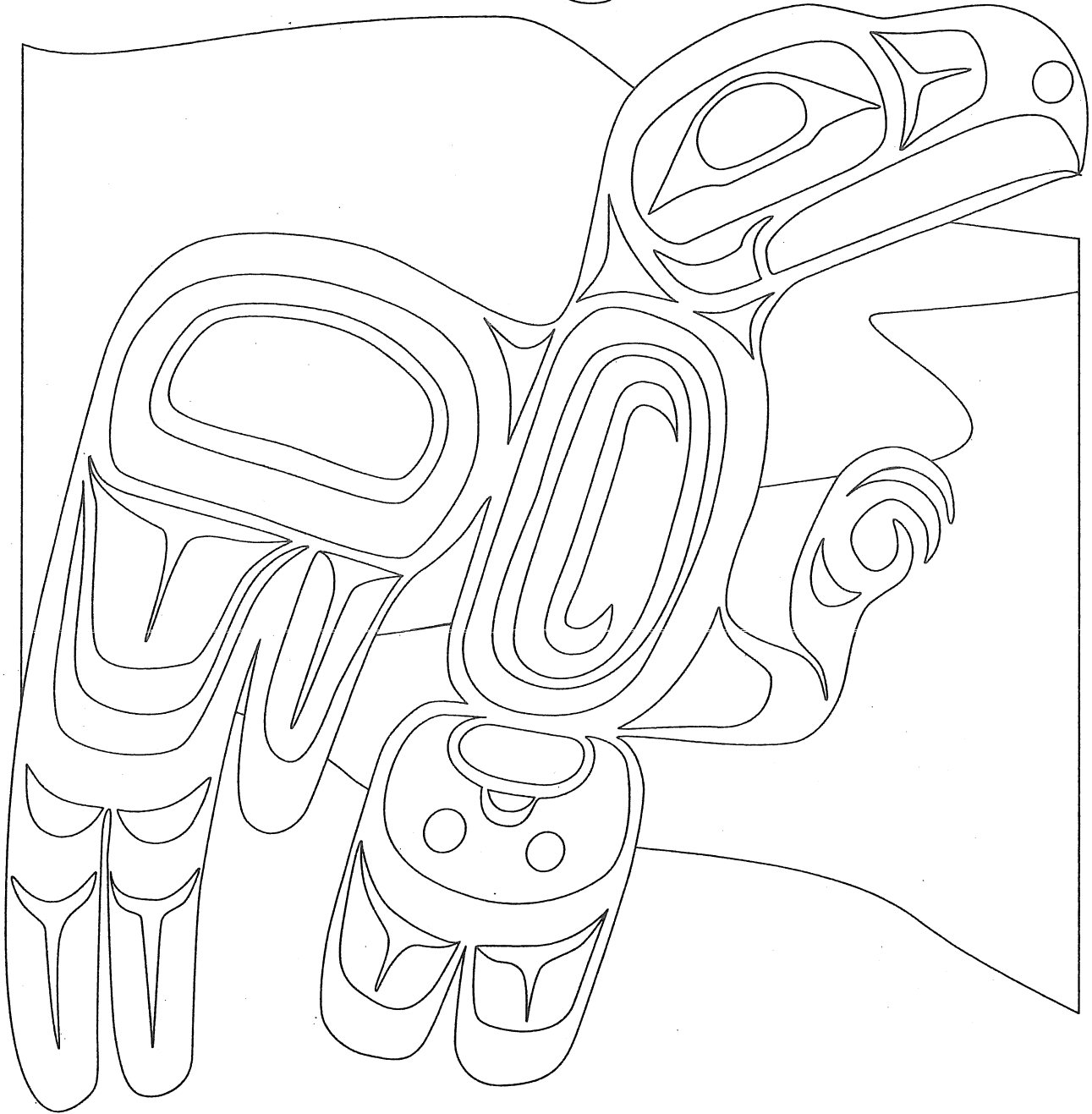


“Our creation stories feature the close and friendly relationship between wolves and humans.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway



Eagle



“There are many Haida stories about the highly respected eagle. Some of the stories retell how our ancestors turned into eagles and flew into the skies.”

Corey Bulpitt, Haida



Thunderbird

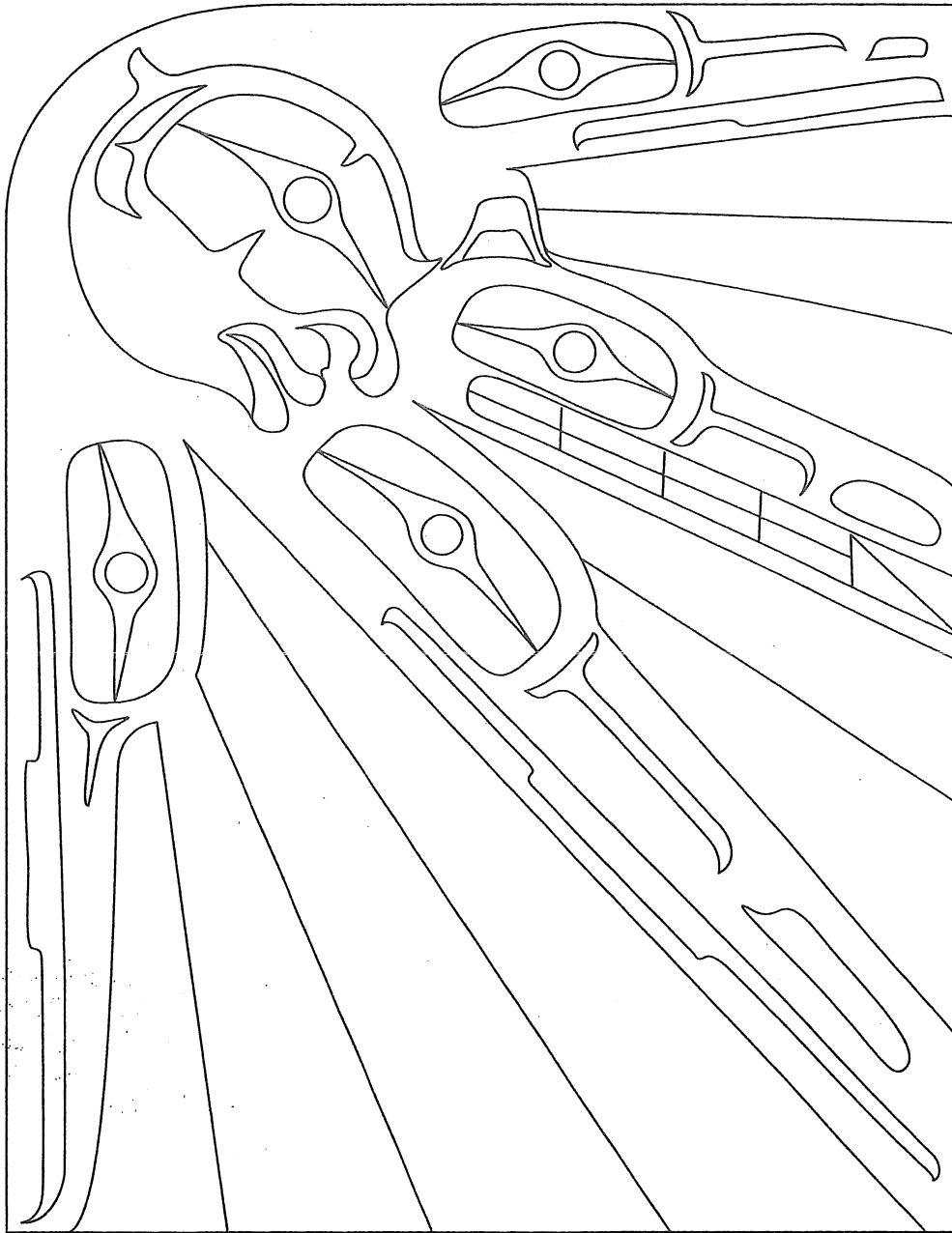


“Thunderbird would flap his wings to create thunder and was so huge it could lift a whale out of the sea.”

Doug Lafortune, Coast Salish



Sun Spirit

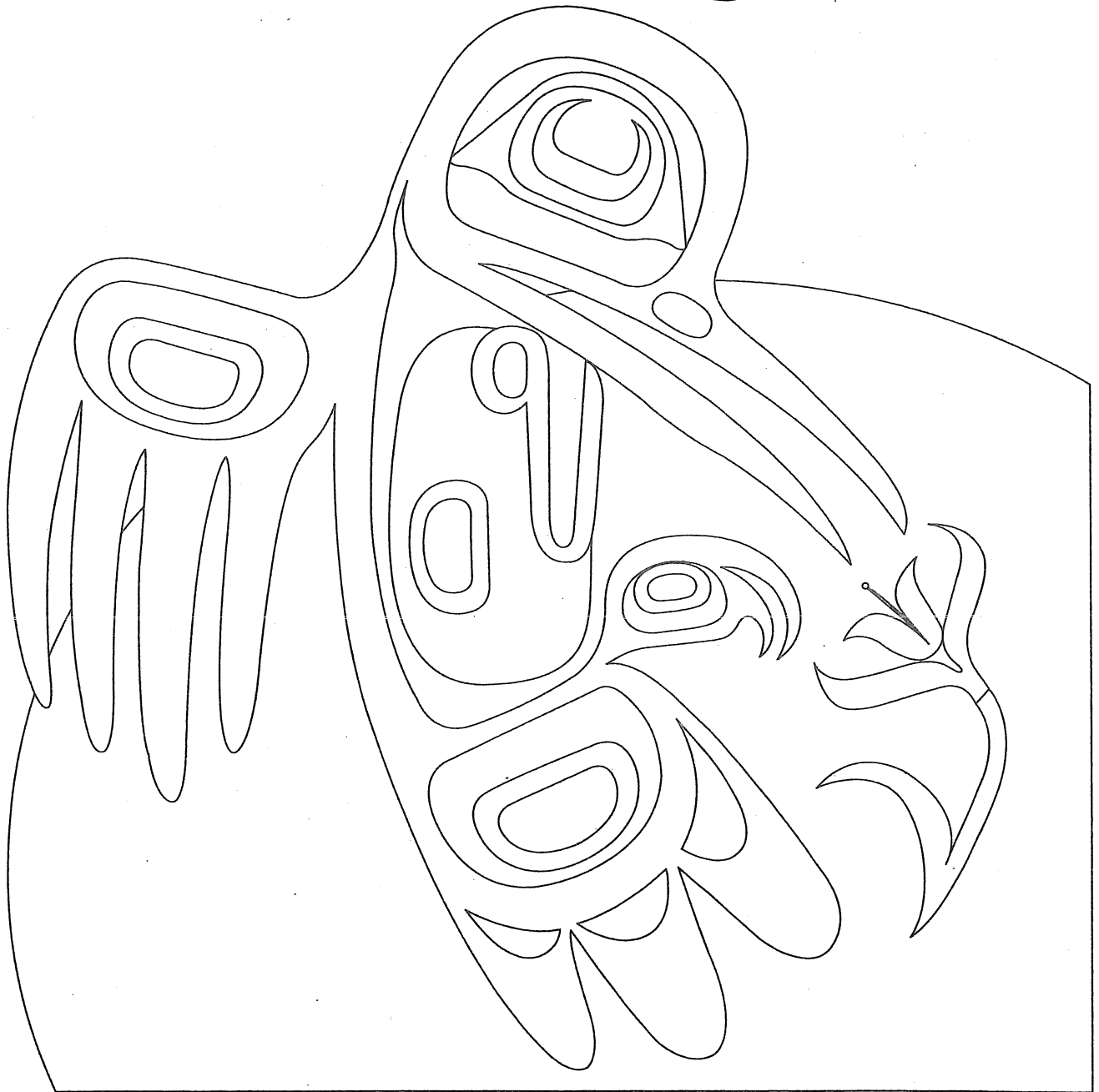


“The sun provides us with healing energy and life. This sun image features the spirit of the Hummingbird, Raven, Wolf and Crow.”

Ben Houstie, Bella Bella



Hummingbird

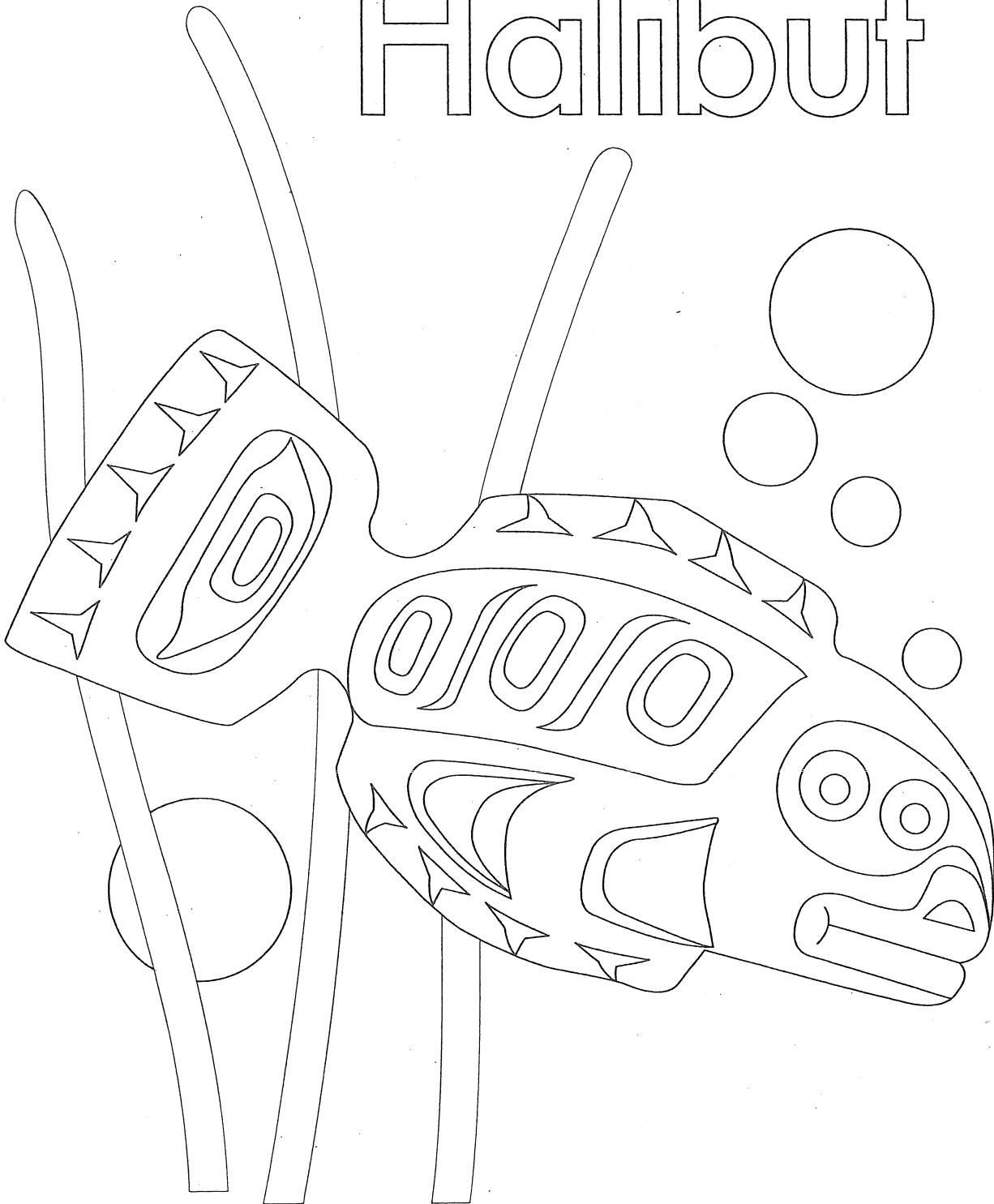


“Hummingbirds are messengers of joy and friendship. They are a symbol of good luck.”

Corey Bulpitt, Haida



Halibut

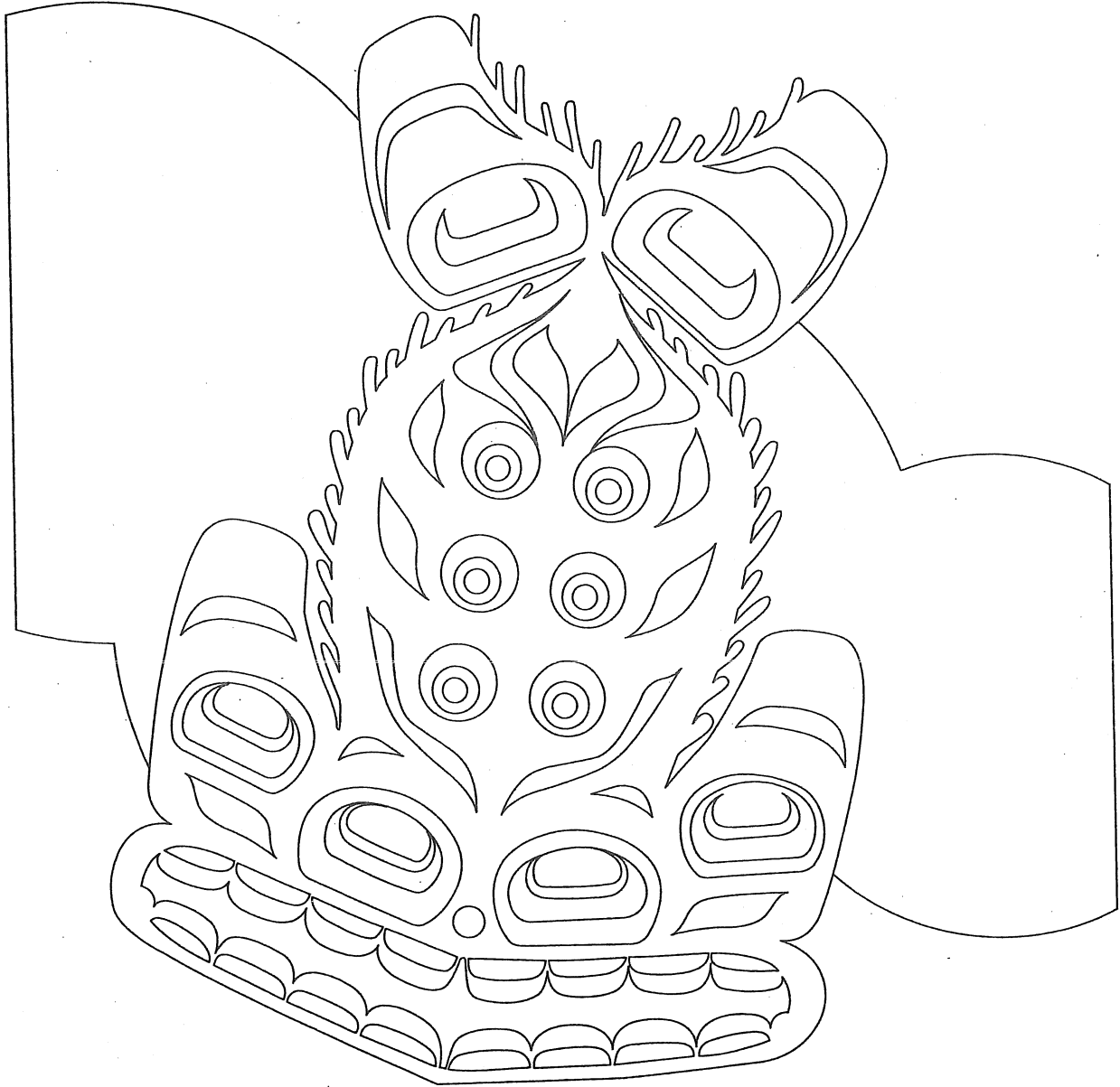


“We honour the halibut for its strength and as a giver of life, providing our people with an important traditional food.”

Sean Whonnock, Kwakwaka'wakw



Sea Creature

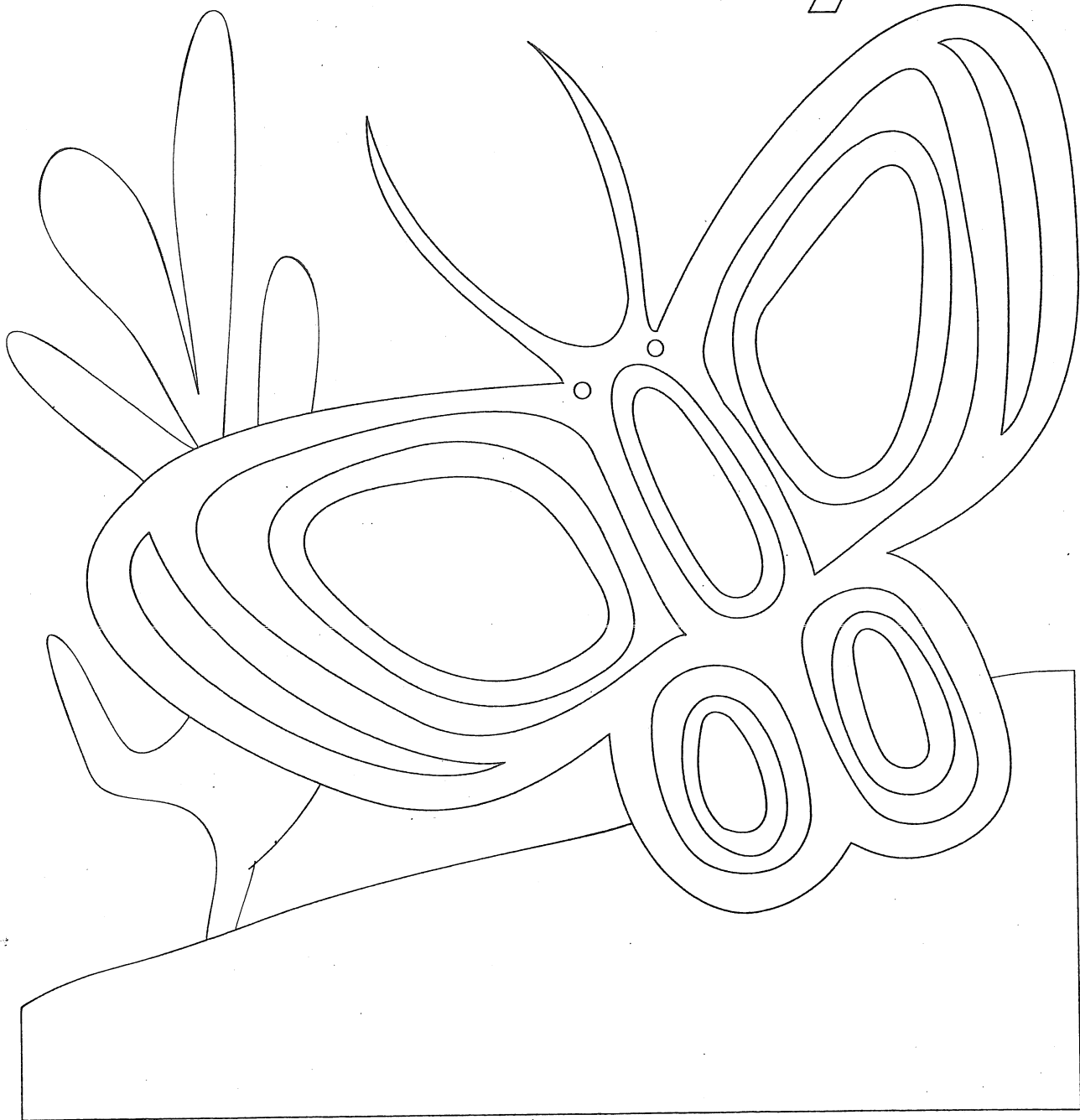


“The ocean provides us with our most important food source as well as many incredible stories.”

Ian Reid “Nusi”, Heiltsuk



Butterfly

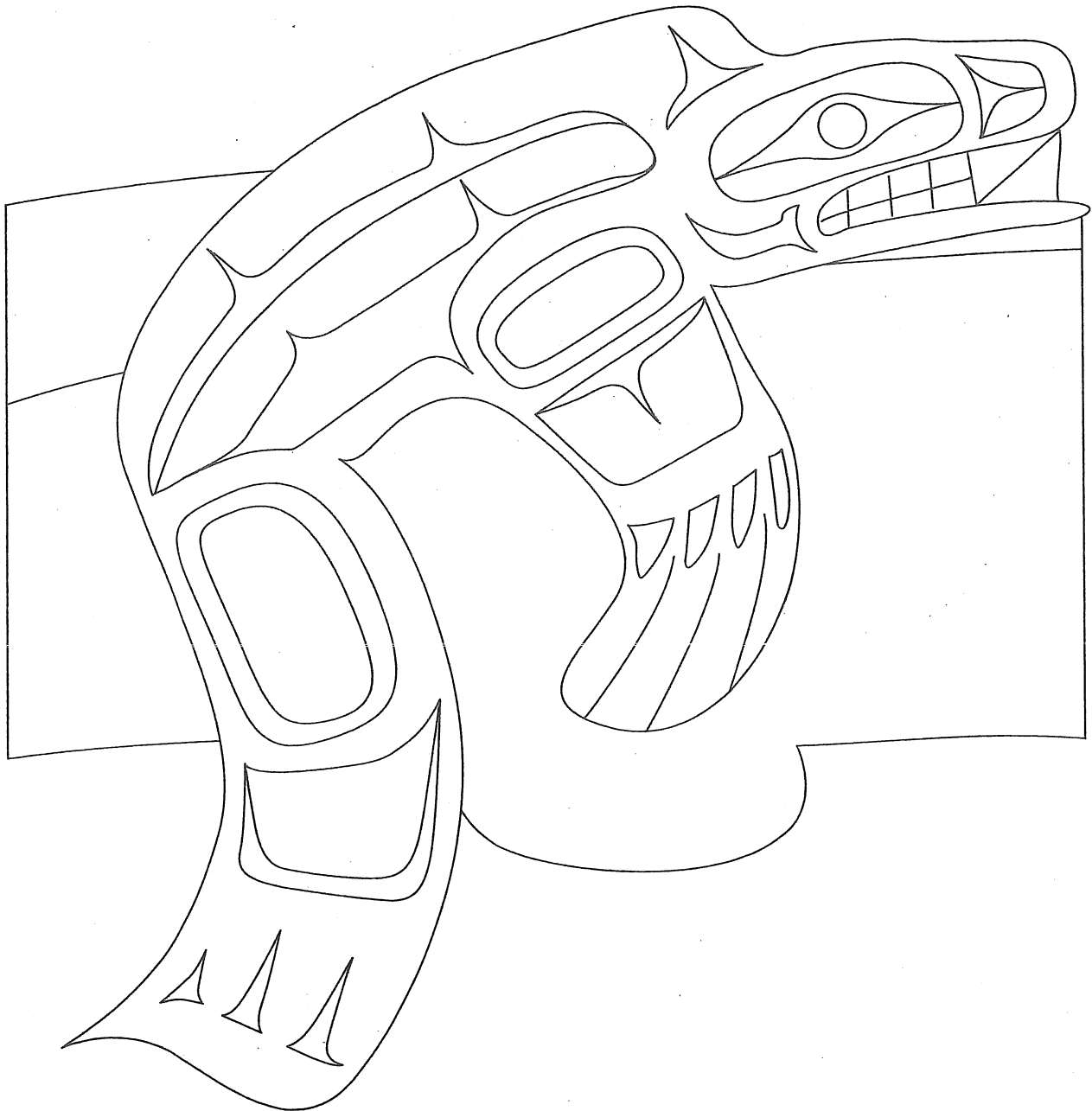


“As a symbol of healing, butterflies inspire us to act with grace in creating positive changes in our lives.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway



Sea Lion

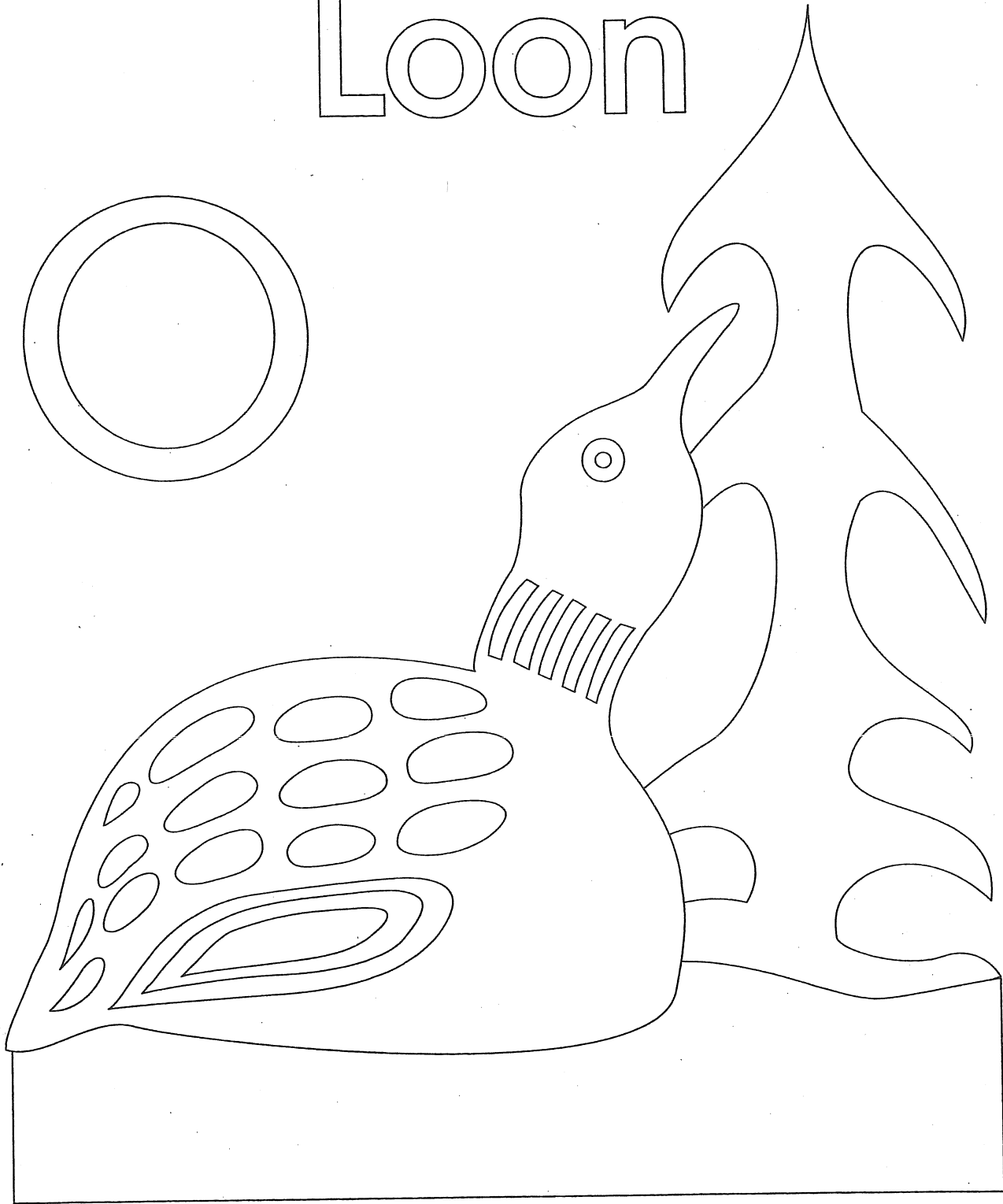


“Sea lions were greatly valued by our ancestors. They were hunted for food and their skins were used for clothing and fishing floats.”

Ben Houstie, Bella Bella



Loon

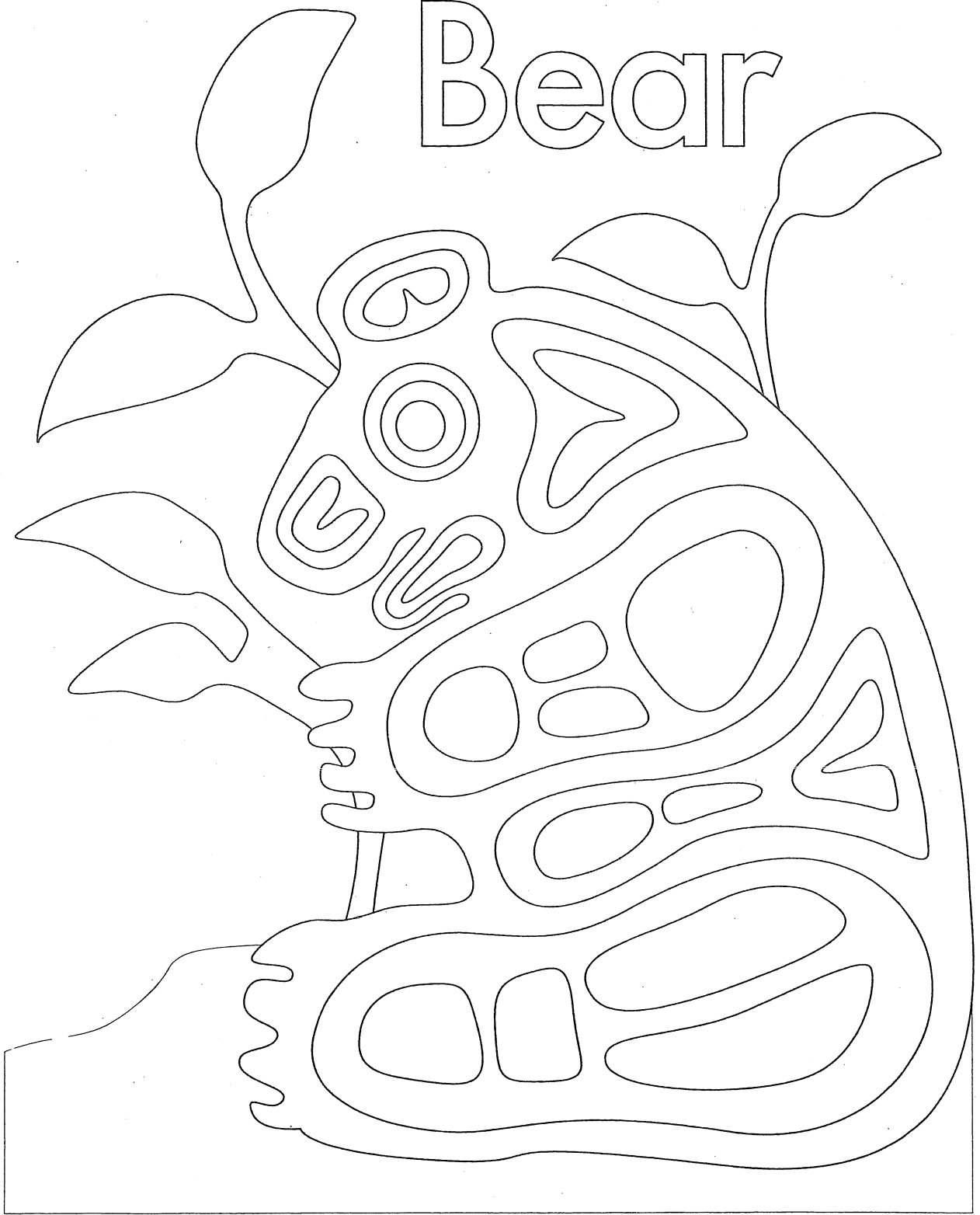


“The loon clan provided leadership amongst our people. Loons teach us to be reflective, and to think before we act or talk.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway



Bear



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Wolf

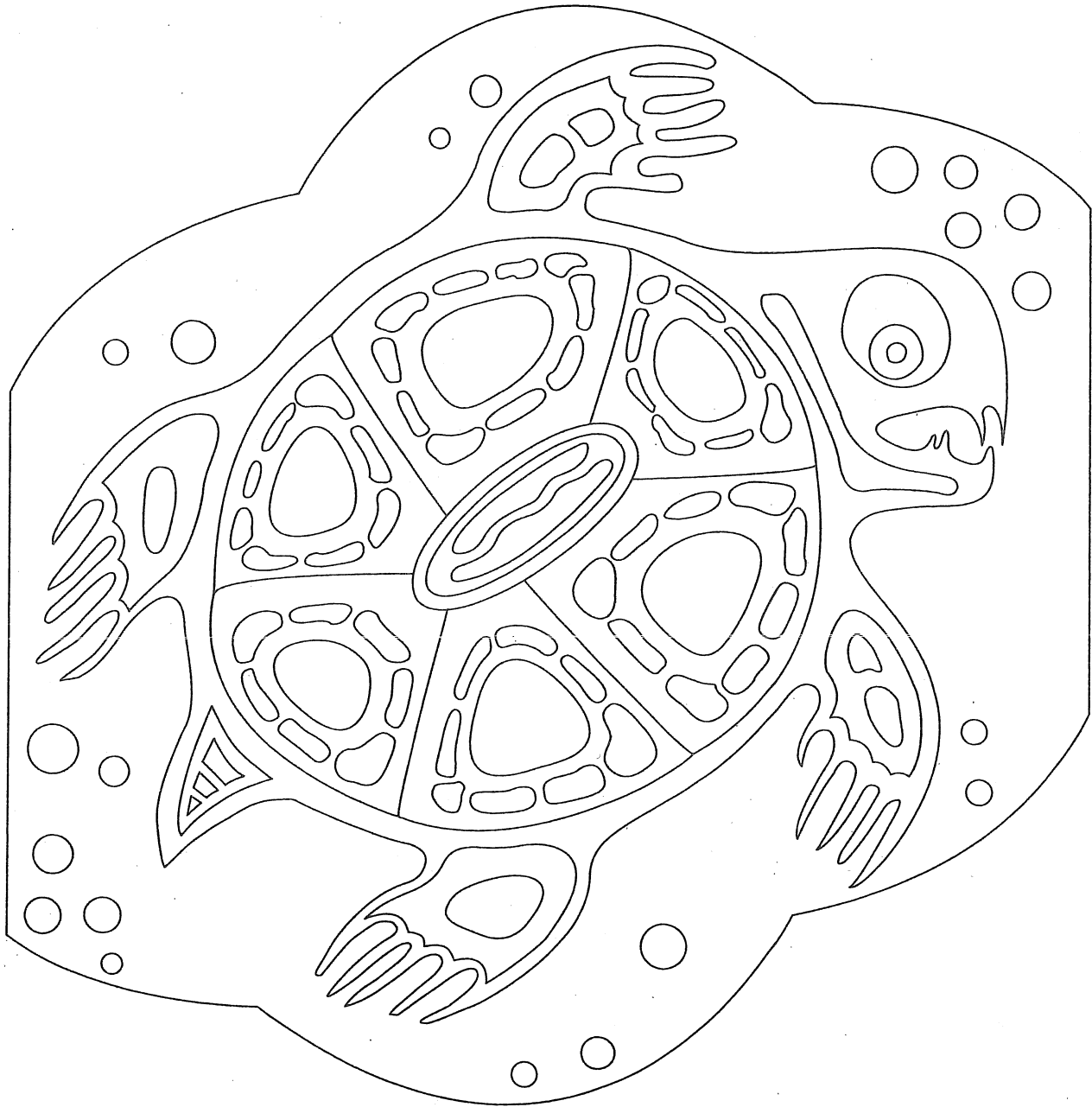


“Many Salish stories describe the wolf as a great hunter. Wolves teach us to cooperate with others.”

Doug Lafortune, Coast Salish



Turtle



“The earth we all share is respectfully called Turtle Island.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway



Raccoon

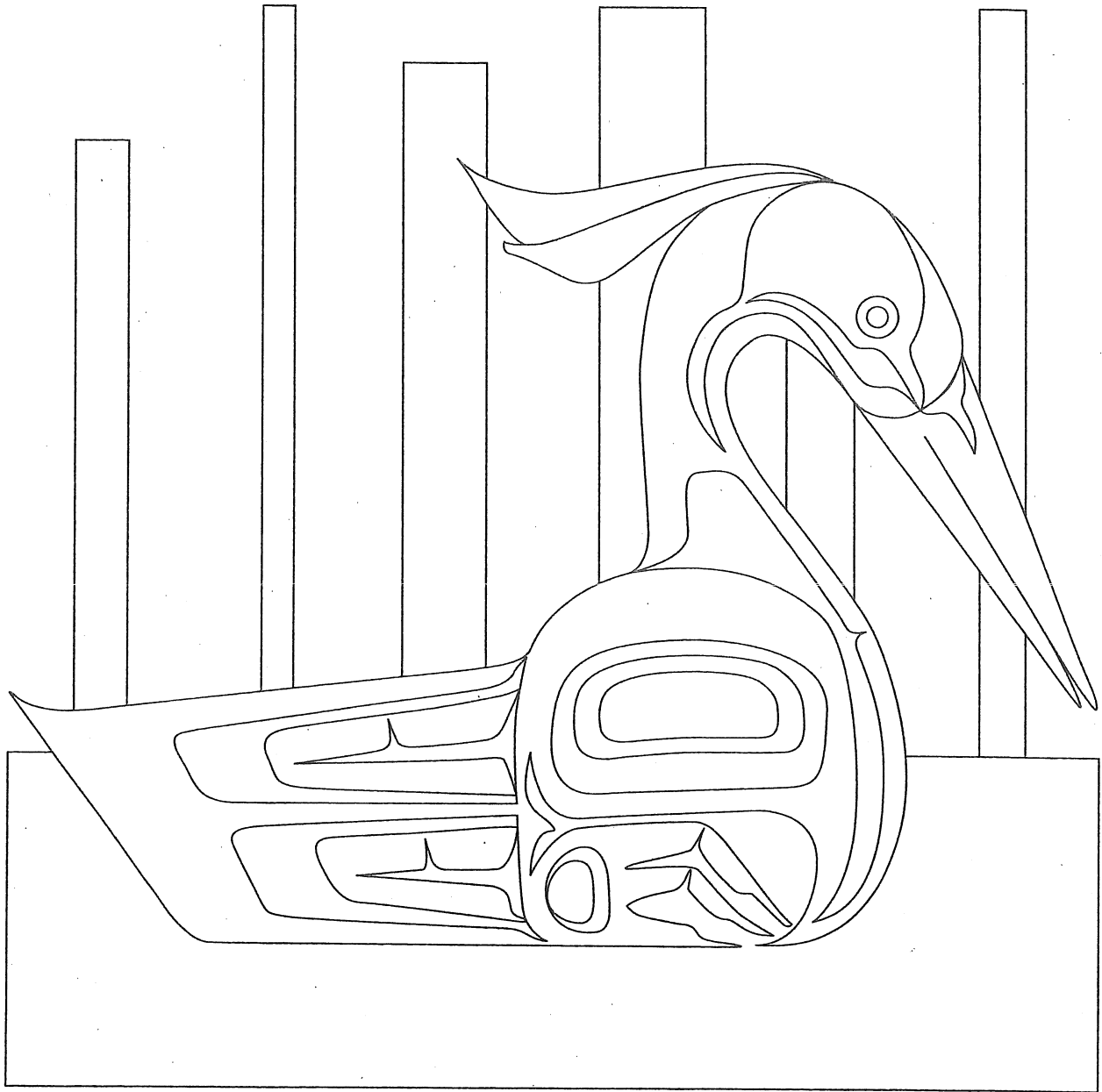


“Beware of raccoons! They look cute and cuddly but have sharp claws to protect themselves. They remind us that sometimes things are not as they appear.”

Eric Parnell, Haida



Crane



“Cranes are featured in Haida stories and are known for their independence and thoughtfulness. They are a symbol of wisdom and knowledge.”

Eric Parnell, Haida



Buffalo



“Buffaloes are the givers of life, providing us with food, shelter and tools.
As leaders they are symbols of strength and courage.”

Mark A. Jacobson, Ojibway

