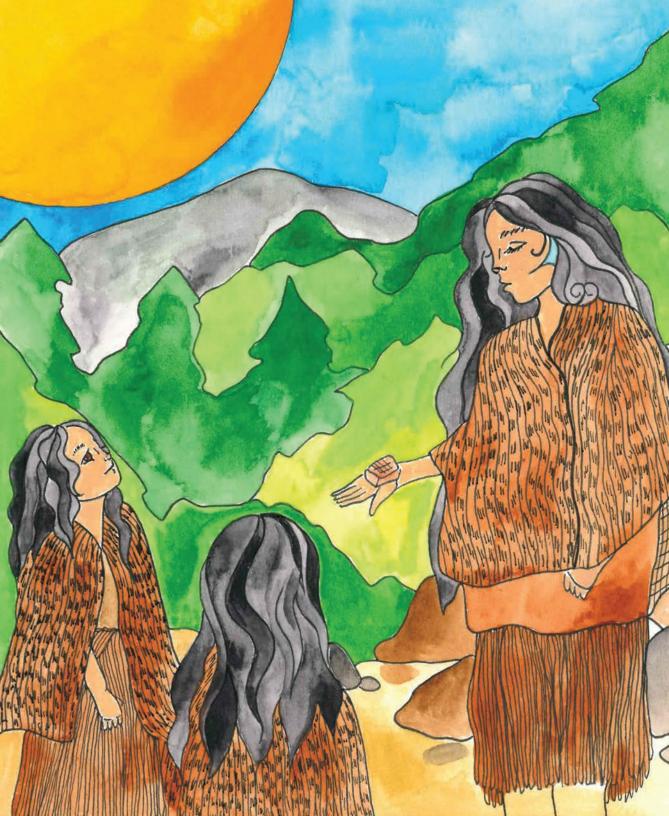


As the magical sturgeon swims along the shores of Squa'lets, two young Kwantlen girls, sisters, are told by their mother that they are to go to the river and take one sturgeon for their supper. Their mother also says that they are to leave something for the river. She gives them two big pieces of bread and two big pieces of smoked fish and tells them to throw the bread and the fish to the river once they have taken a sturgeon. They are to throw the food as an offering of thanks to the river for providing the family with a meal.





The sisters push their father's dugout canoe onto the water and begin to paddle out to the middle of the river. They have come to try to spear the giant sturgeon so they may bring the fish back to their village and feed everyone for the long winter ahead. They have come to spear the sturgeon, the magical sturgeon, the one that has become legend because it cannot be caught by anyone.