



# Indian Festival

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**Geino is said like (Guh'no).**

**Heut-see is said like (Hoot'see).**

**Hello!**

**My name is Joe.**

**I am an Indian boy who lives on an Indian reservation in Idaho.**

**Do you know what an Indian reservation is?**

**It is a land set aside for Indian people.**



EVERY TETON

I live with my father and mother.

I have a baby brother, John.

My grandmother, I call her Heut-see,  
and my grandfather Geino live with us.

I love my grandfather and grandmother because they tell me  
many stories about my Indian people.

Grandfather is a great storyteller.



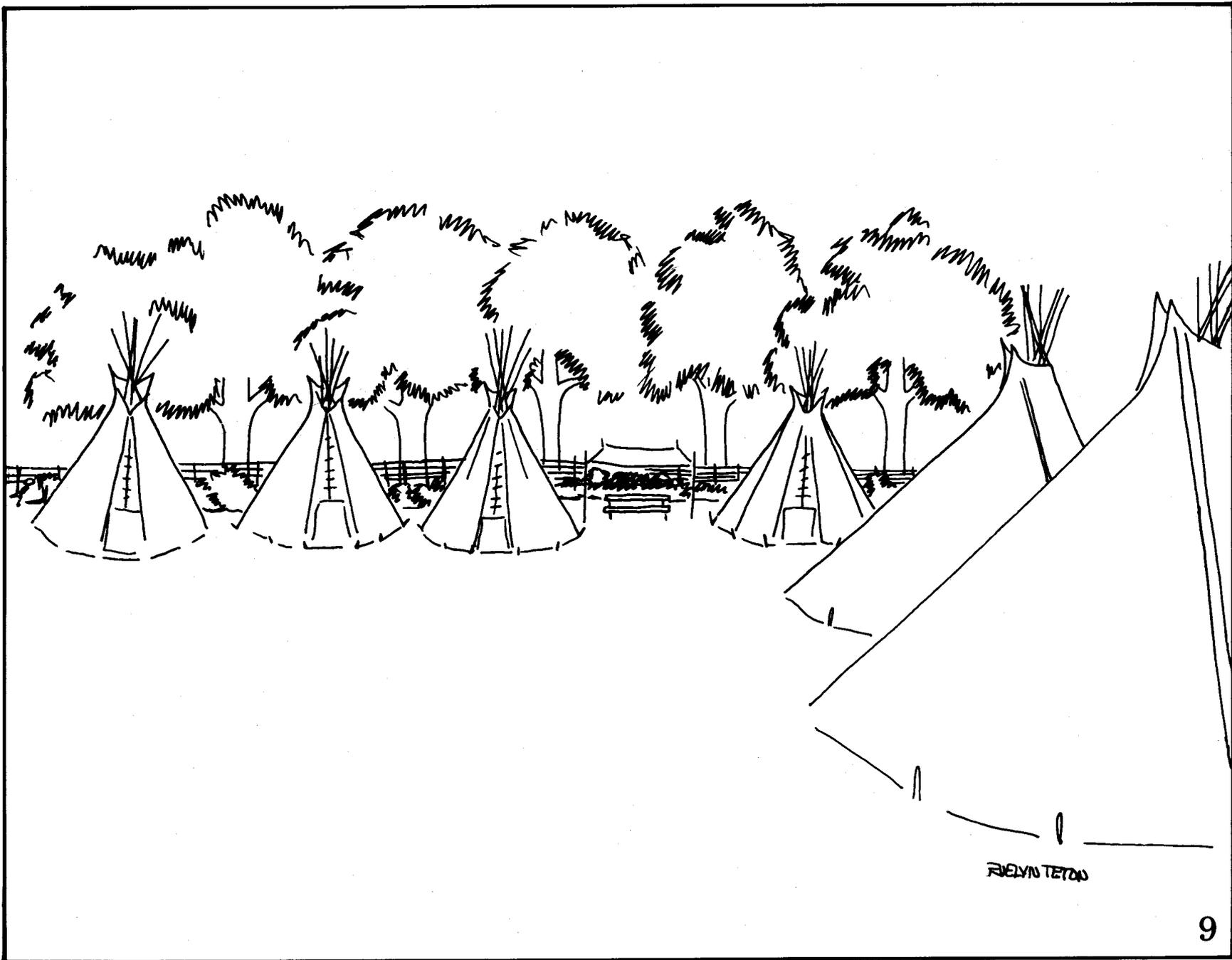
BIELYN TETON

Tomorrow is a very special day.  
It is the beginning of our Indian Festival.  
Have you ever been to an Indian festival?  
They are lots of fun.  
Grandmother is working very hard on my moccasins.  
She beads them in all colors of the rainbow.  
I plan to wear them at the festival.



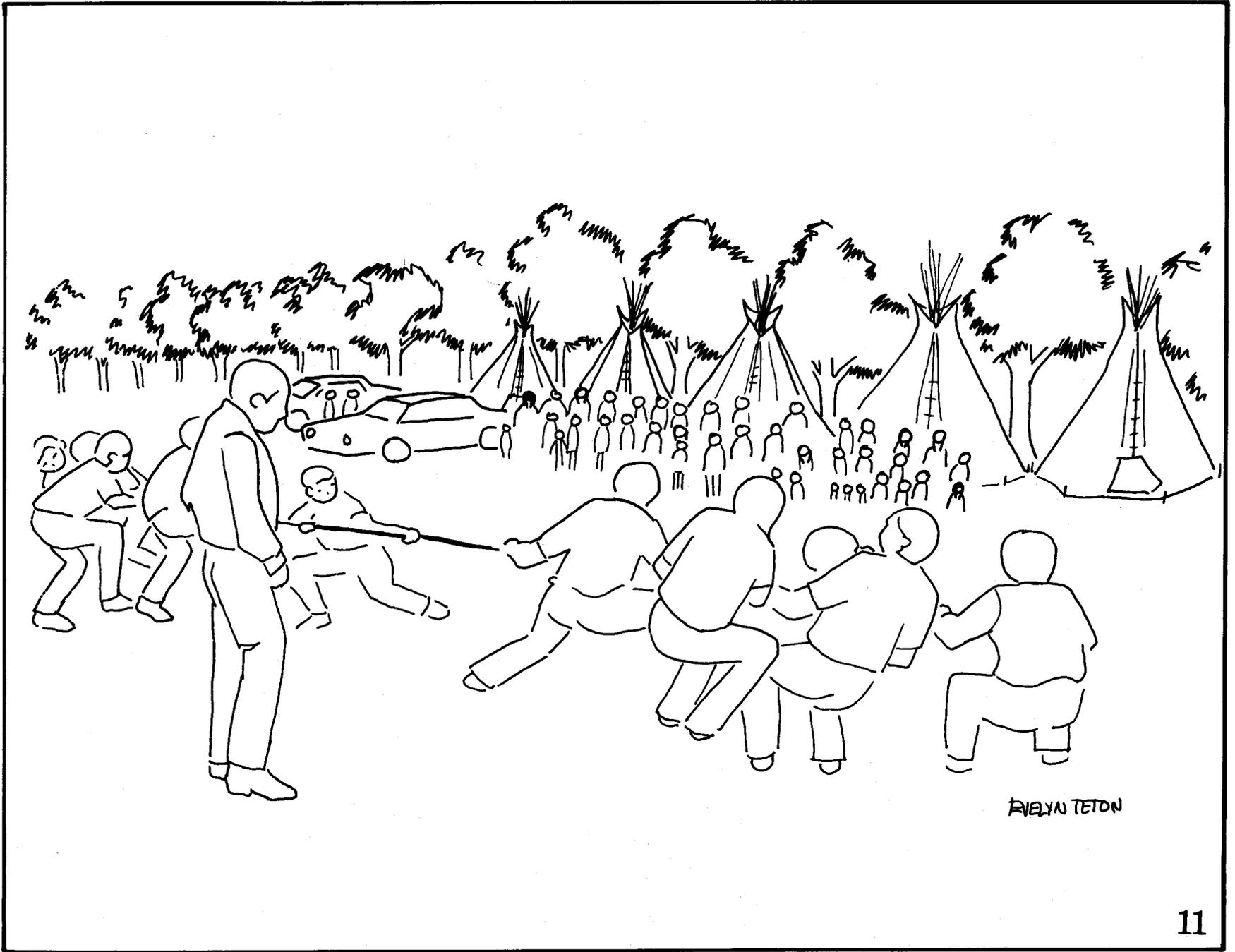
EVELYN TETON

Indian people like festivals.  
It is a time to see all your old friends.  
It is a time to make new friends.  
It is a time for our people to welcome all visitors  
and to give them food to eat and a good place to sleep.  
Most of them stay in tepees.



RUELYN TETON

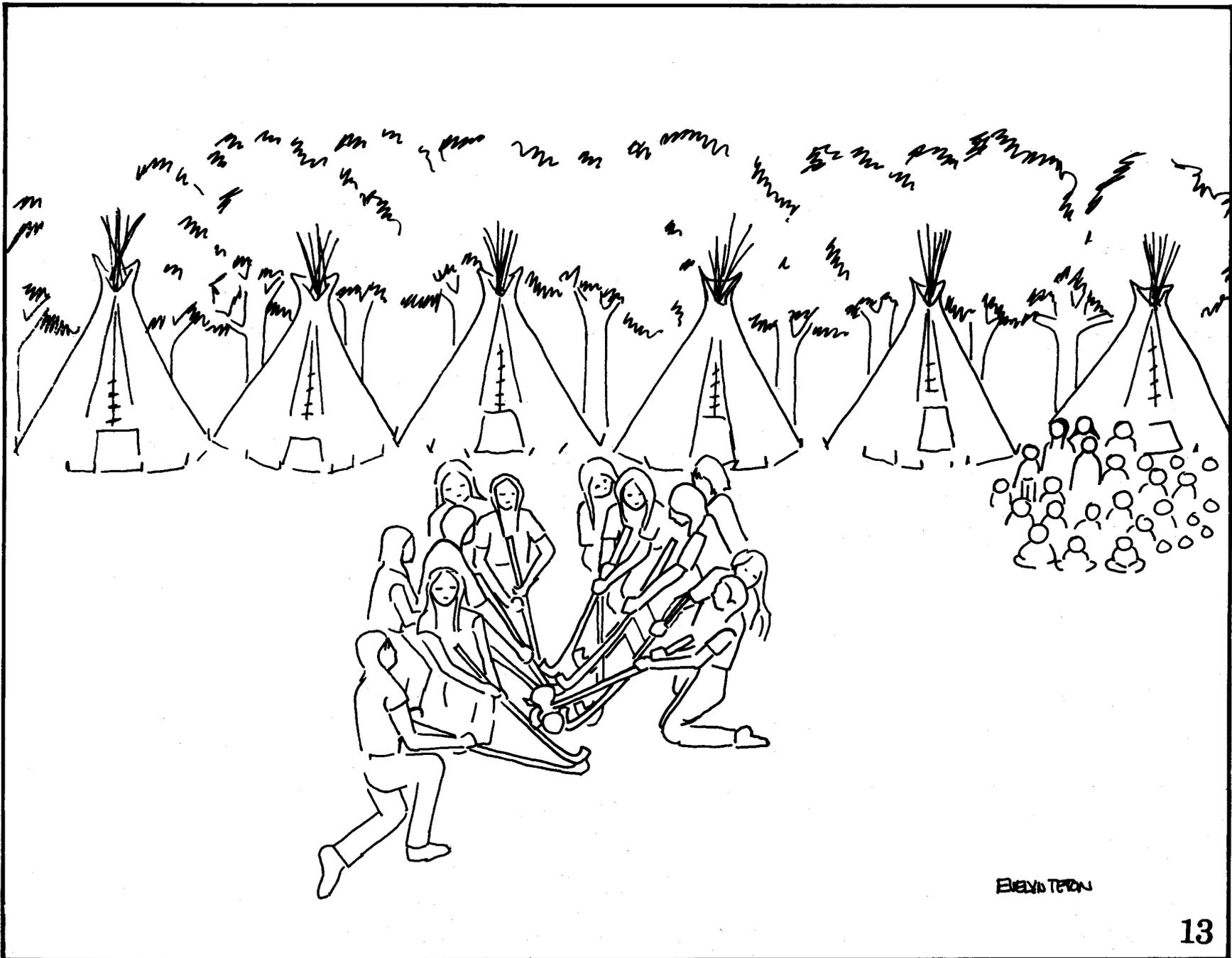
During the festival our people take part in many field games.  
There is foot racing for all ages.  
It is fun to see my mother run.  
I like to watch the old ladies juggle rocks.  
Others race to see who can make the fastest Indian bread.  
The girls play the shinny game.  
I like the tug-of-war.



**All of these games are very old.**

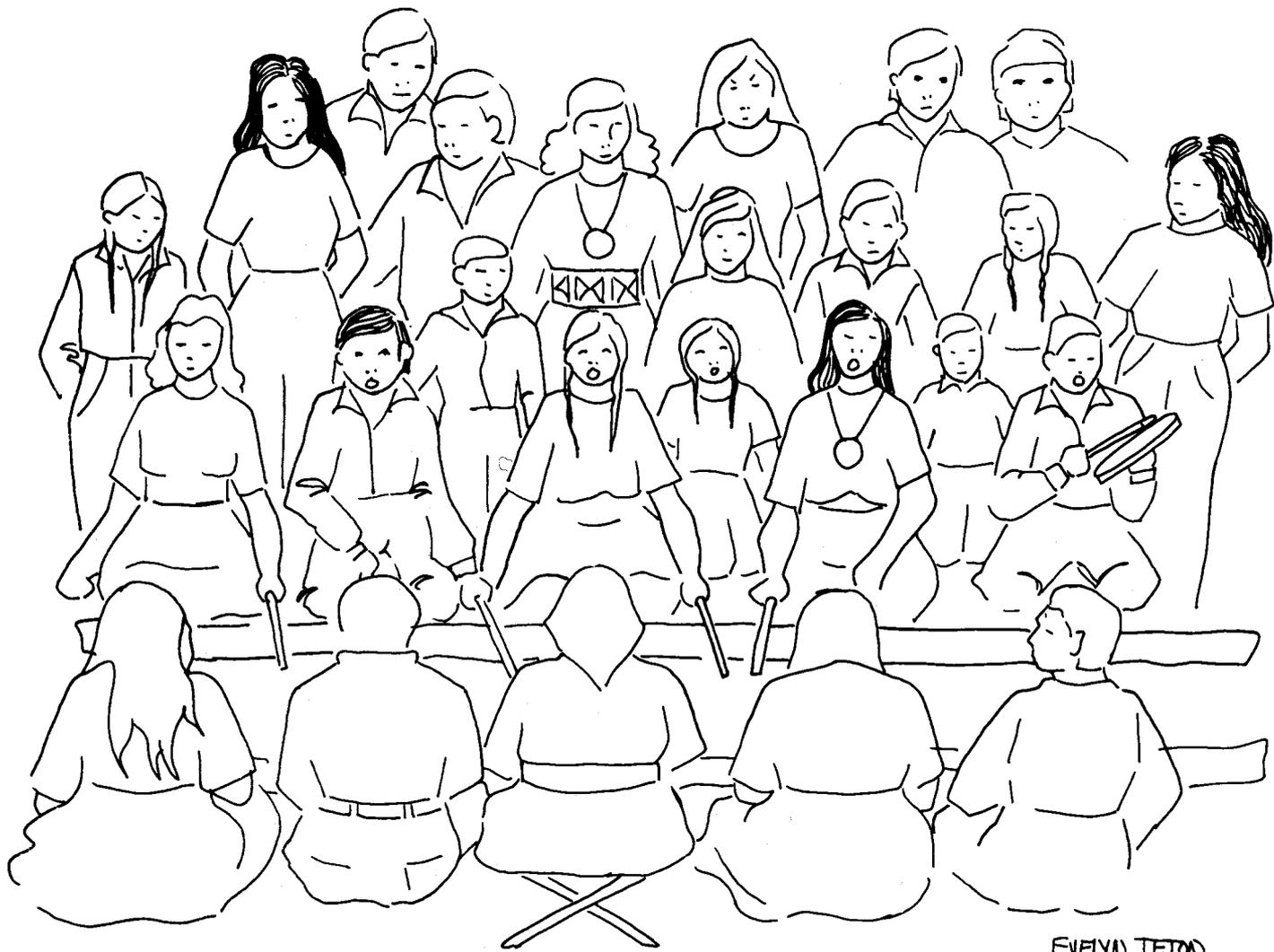
**Our people have known these games since the earlier times  
when our people moved each season to a different place.**

**The field games help give each one the chance  
to laugh and take part.**



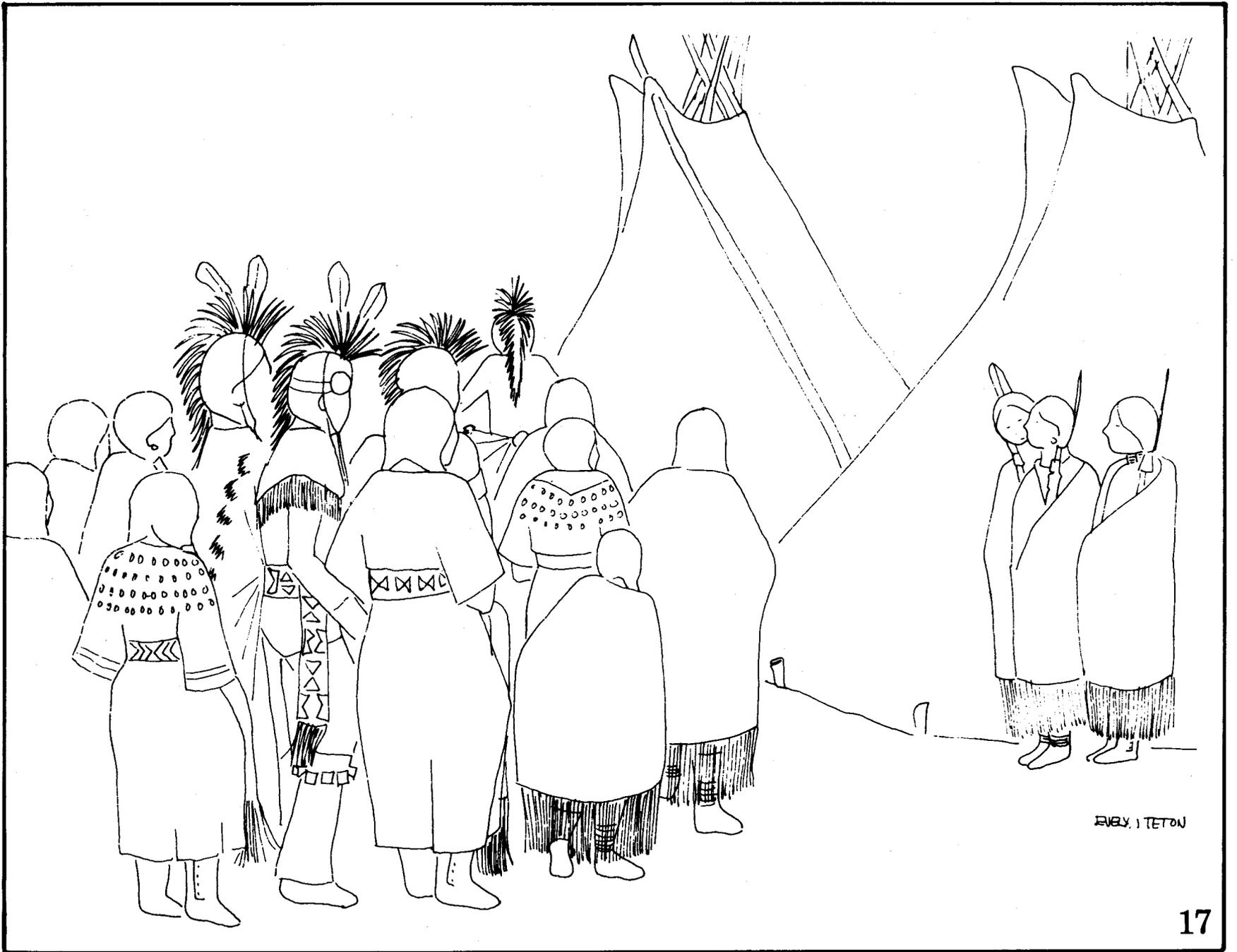
EXISTENCE

Grandmother and Grandfather like to play the old bone game.  
It is very hard to understand at first,  
    but is a good guessing game.  
It is made up of two teams of many people.  
Each team takes turns guessing where the opposite team  
    holds a bone with the correct markings.  
If they guess right, they receive a stick.  
The team that loses all of their sticks loses the game.



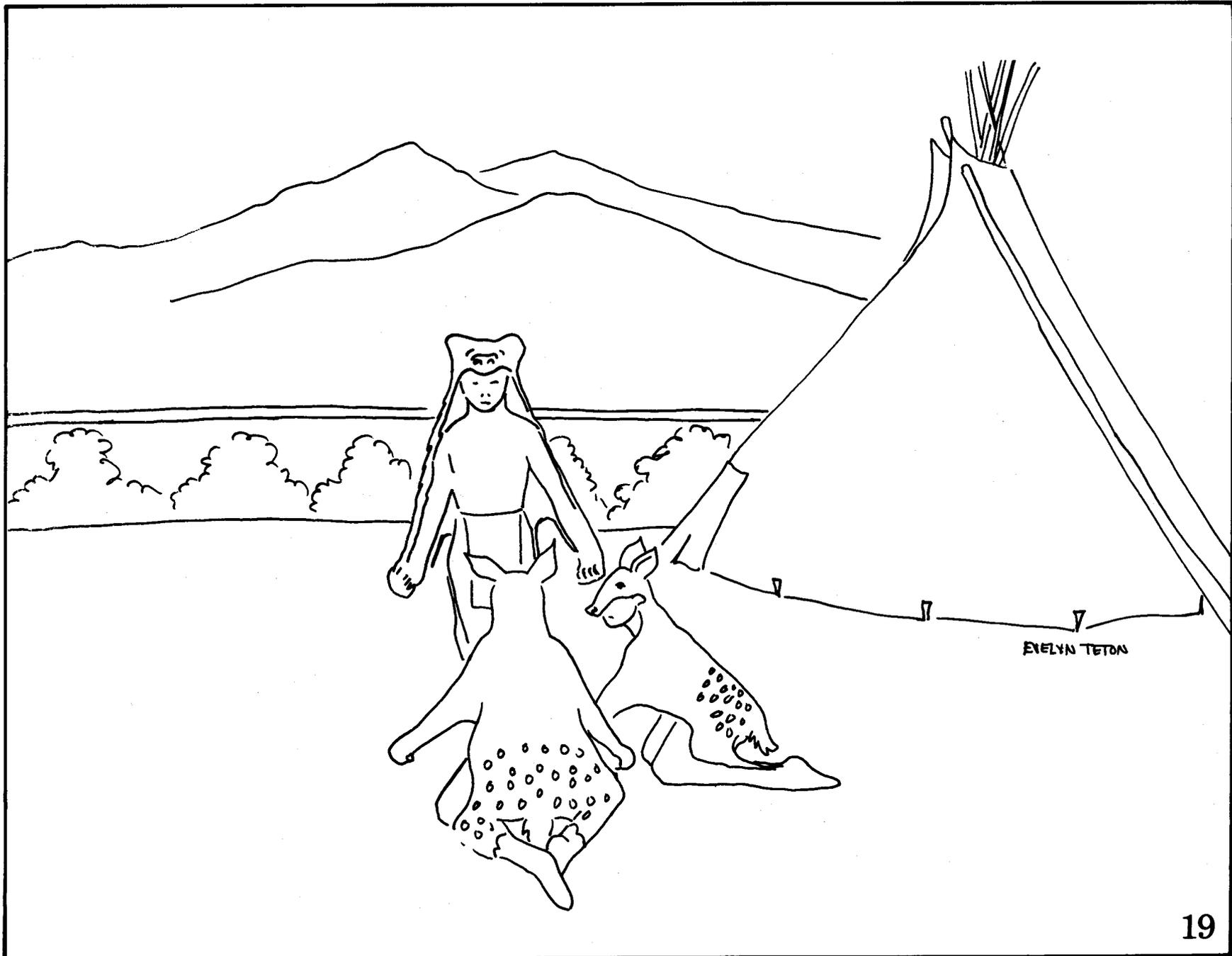
EVELYN TETOO

Everyone likes to watch the many Indian dancers  
and the many drummers singing their songs.  
Some songs are slow and some are fast.  
The dancers wear brightly beaded costumes,  
brightly colored feathers, and ringing bells.

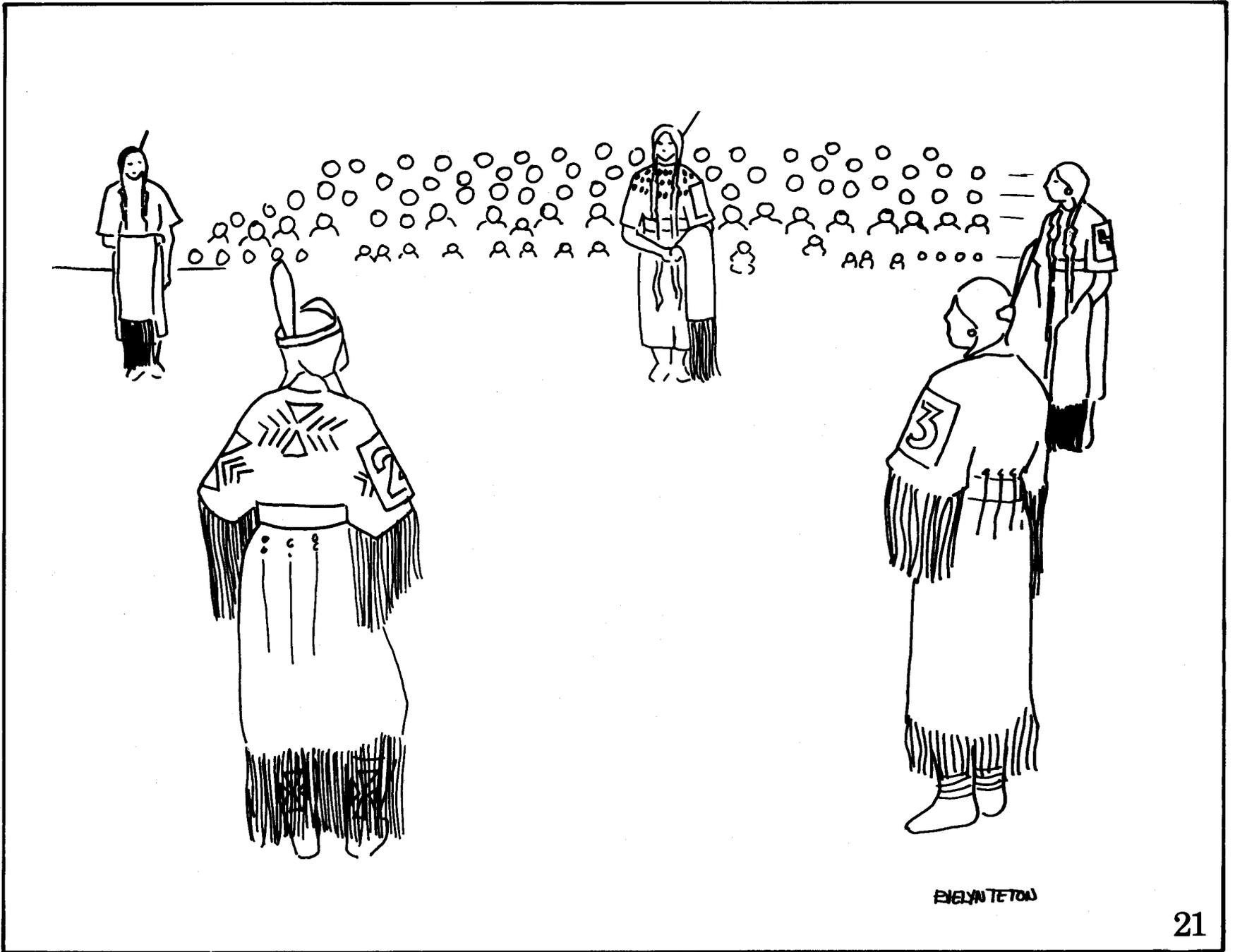


EVERY, I TETON

Each night an old legend is acted out on the stage.  
Everyone is invited to watch and listen.  
These stories are very old.  
Almost all of the stories are about the coyote, beaver,  
bobcat and bear.  
Indian people believed the animals were once people.

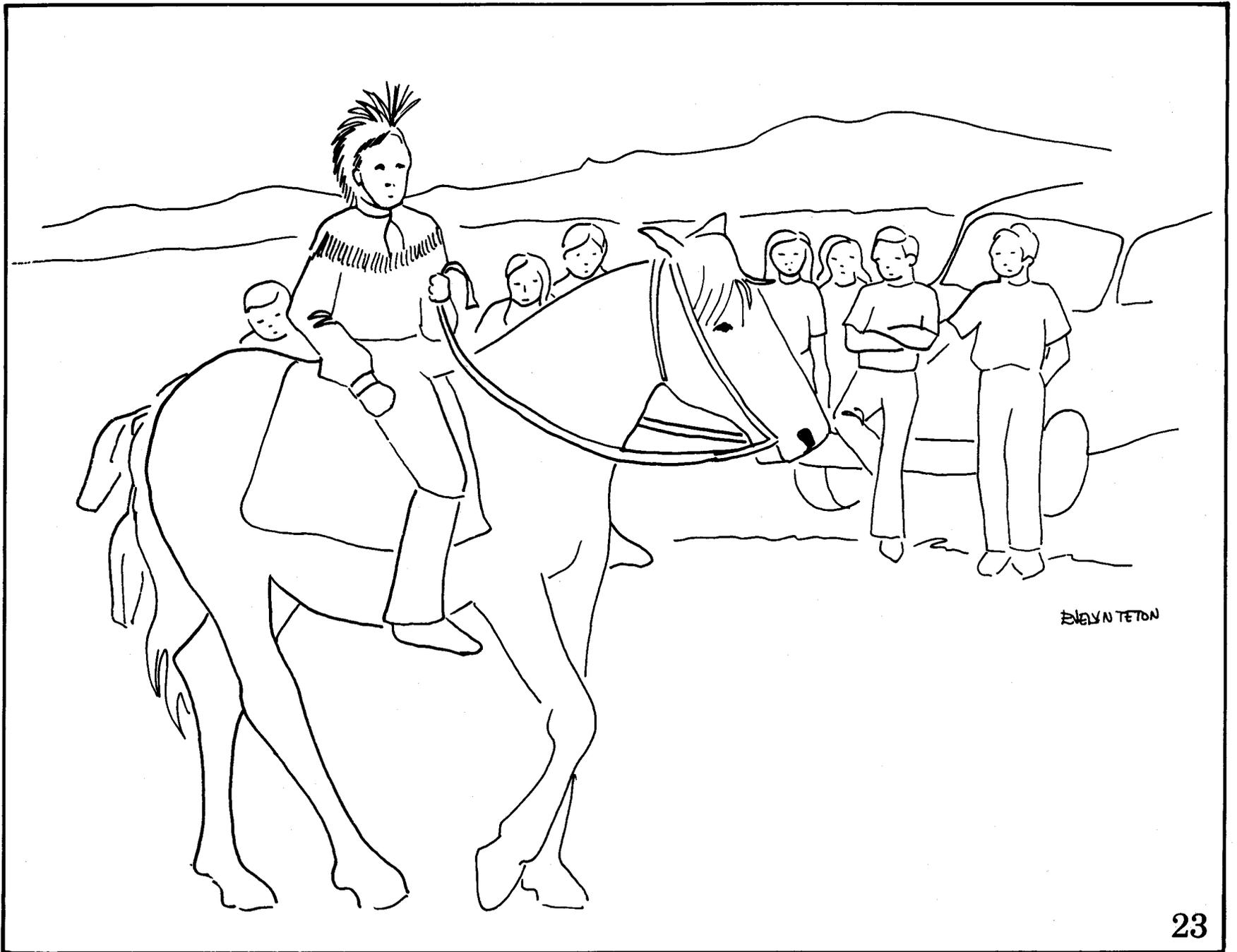


**All the pretty girls put on their beaded Indian costumes  
and dance their best during the festival.  
Every year an Indian Queen is picked from the many girls.  
The judges who pick the Queen have a very hard job.**



EVELYN TETON

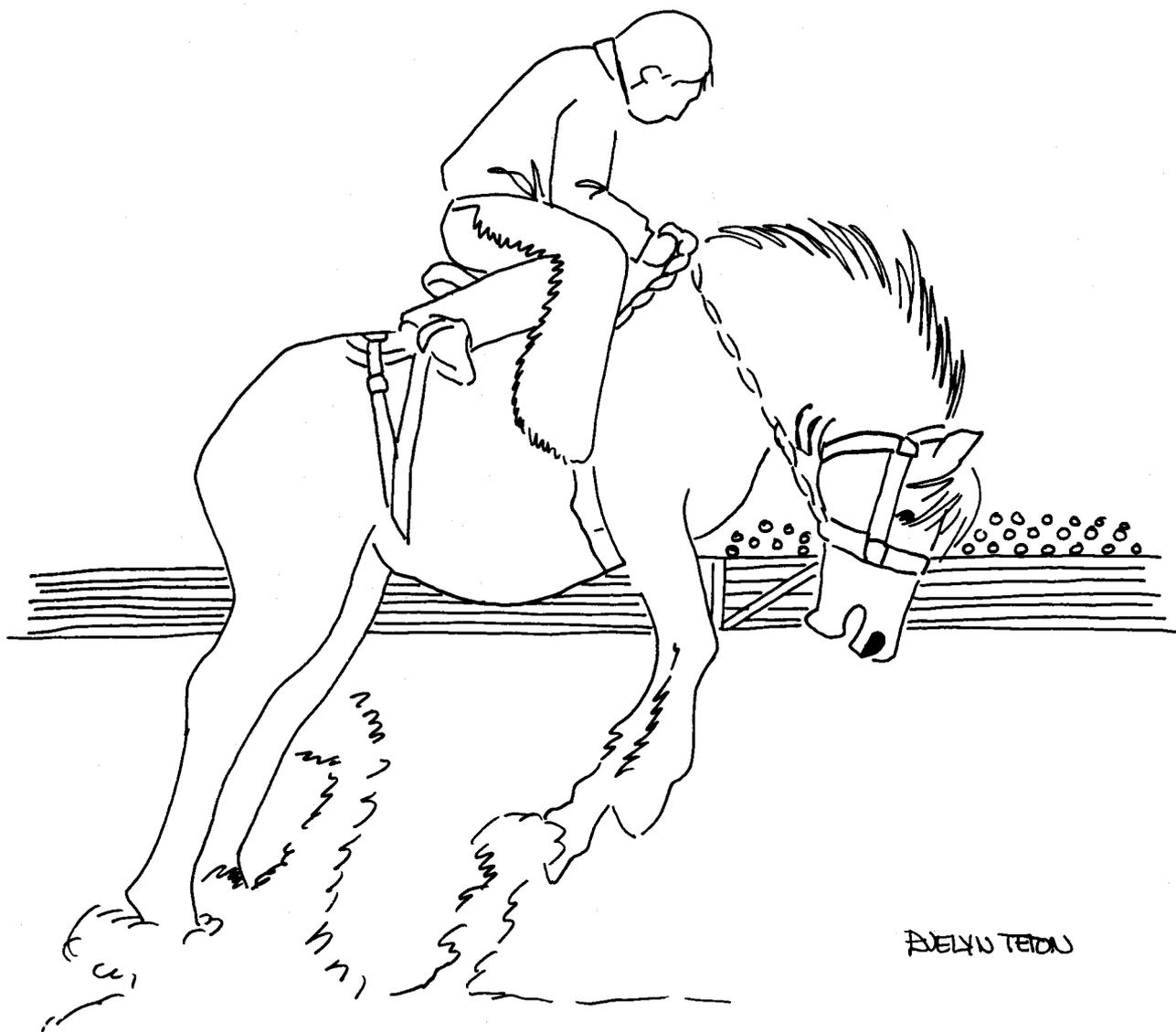
There is a big parade for all the people.  
Everyone is invited to join in the parade.  
I will ride in the parade on my horse, Moo-So Man.  
Moo-So Man has a lot of hair, and Grandfather put feathers  
on his tail.  
Grandmother beaded my leggings to go with the feathers  
Grandfather made for me.



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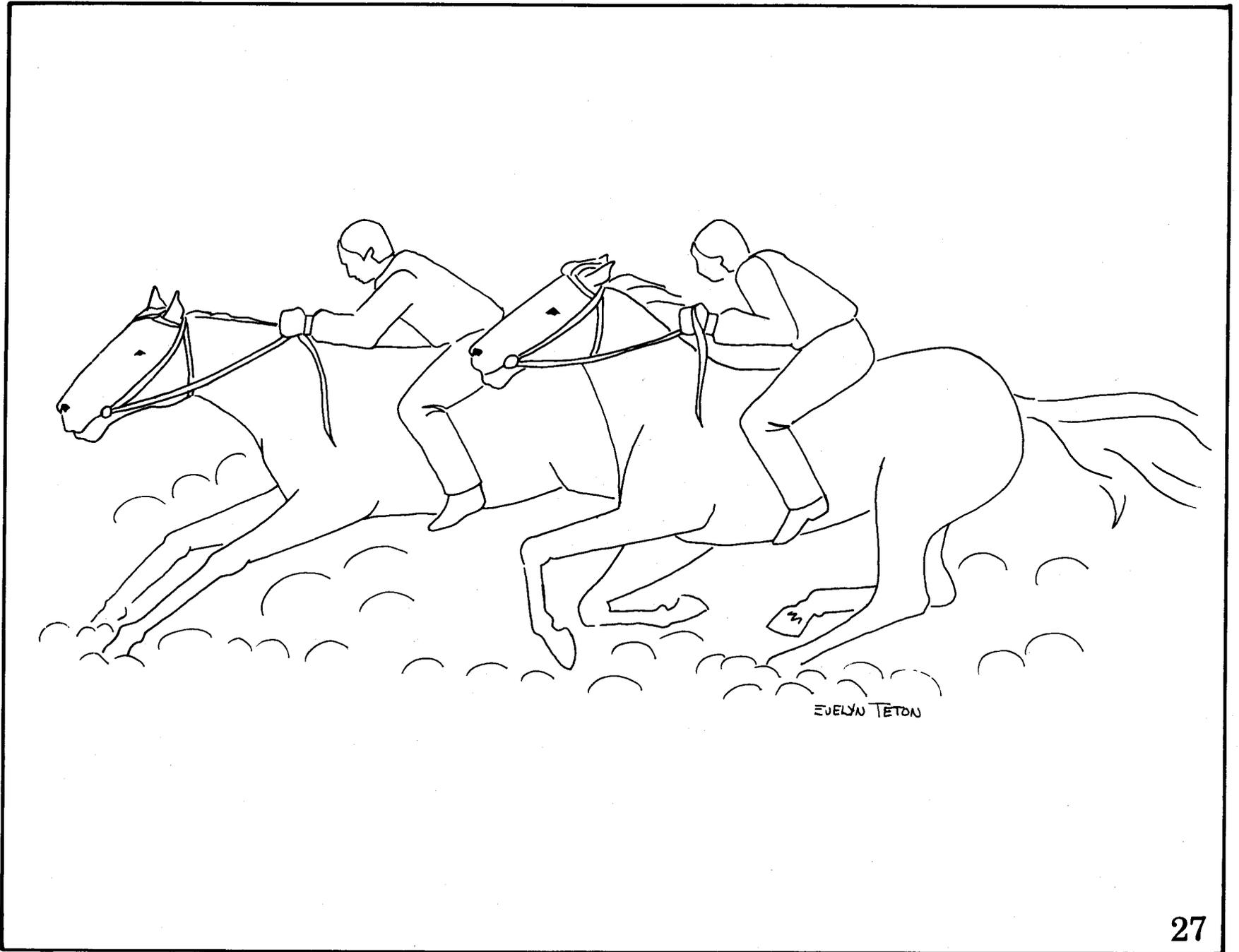
**All the Indian people like the rodeo.**

**I like to watch the Indian cowboys ride the wild horses.**

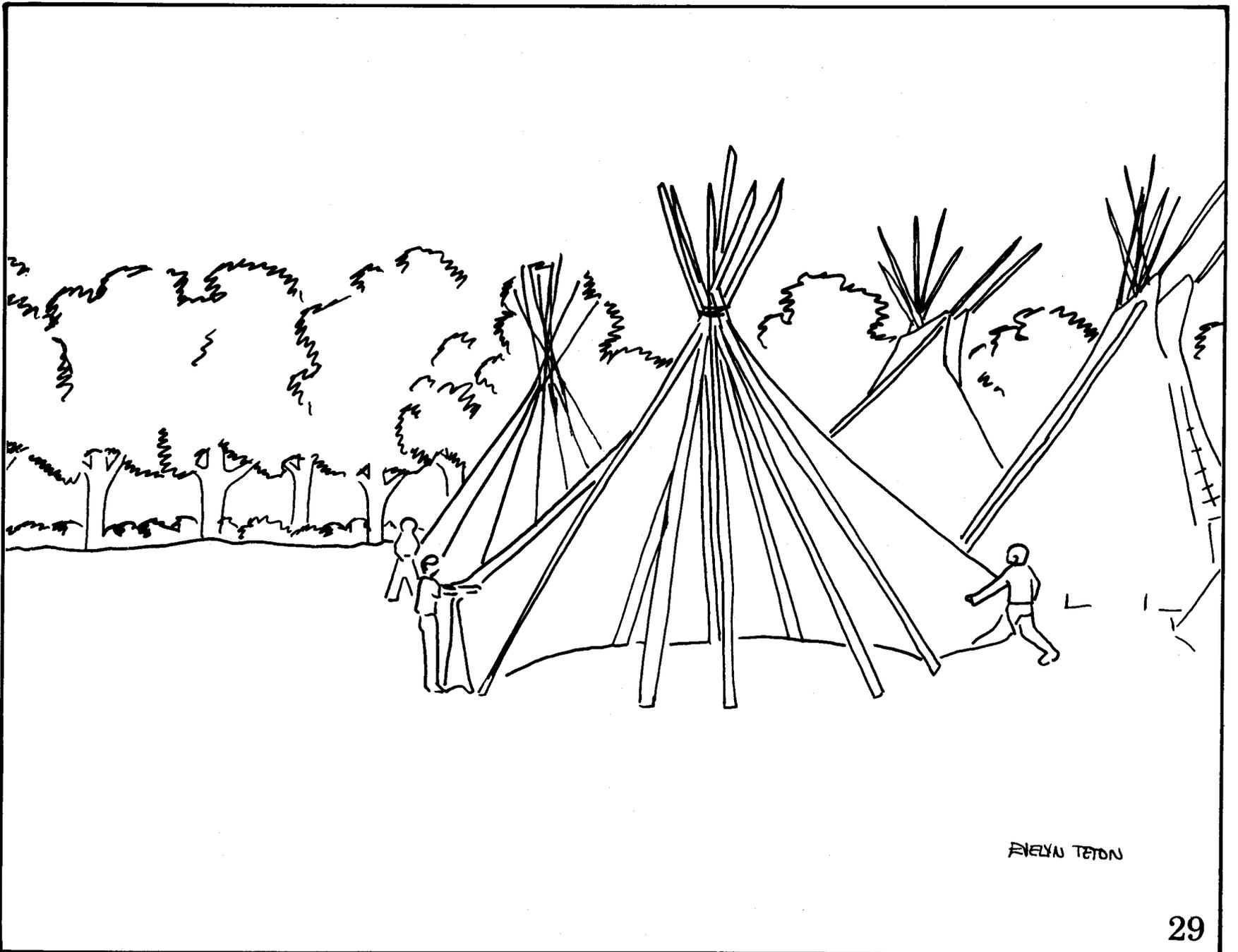


DELIN TETAU

**I will ride Moo-So Man in the Indian relay race.  
He has won this race before.  
He is a great horse.**



**Yes, Indian festivals are fun.  
But they must come to an end, and I must say good-bye  
to all my good friends.  
I will see all my friends from other places, again, next year.**



PIEYU TETON



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