

THE BIG BIG FISH



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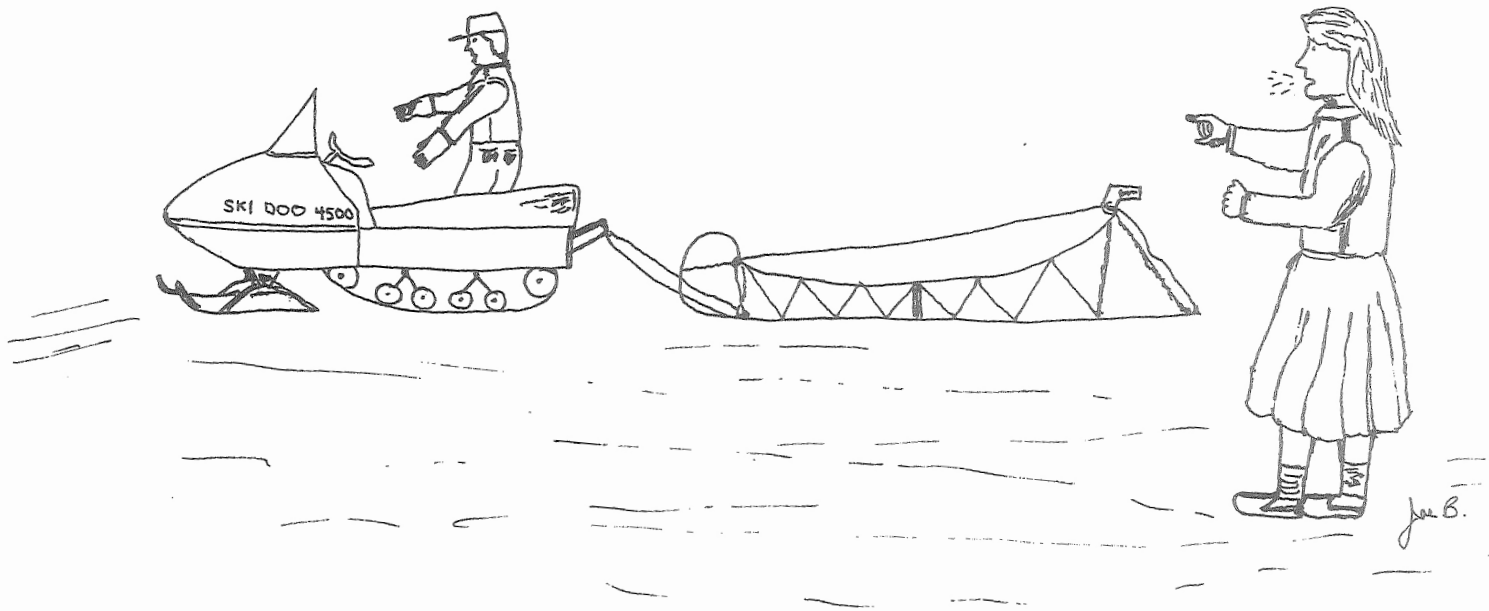
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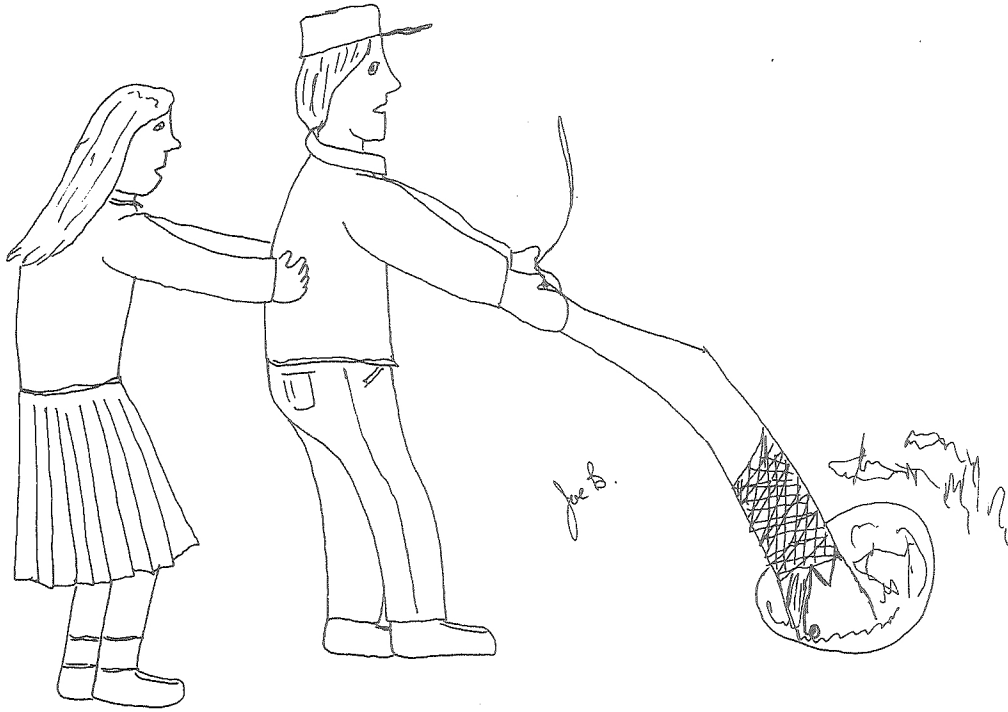
Part One

"Go check the net," said the wife.

So the man went to the net.

The man went on his ski-doo.

He took his sled too.

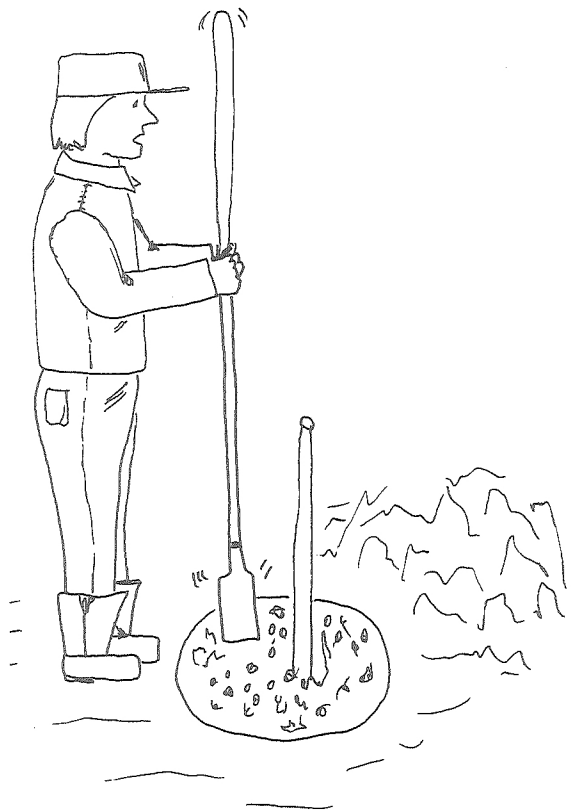




He stopped at his net.

The man took his shovel.

He shoveled away the snow.



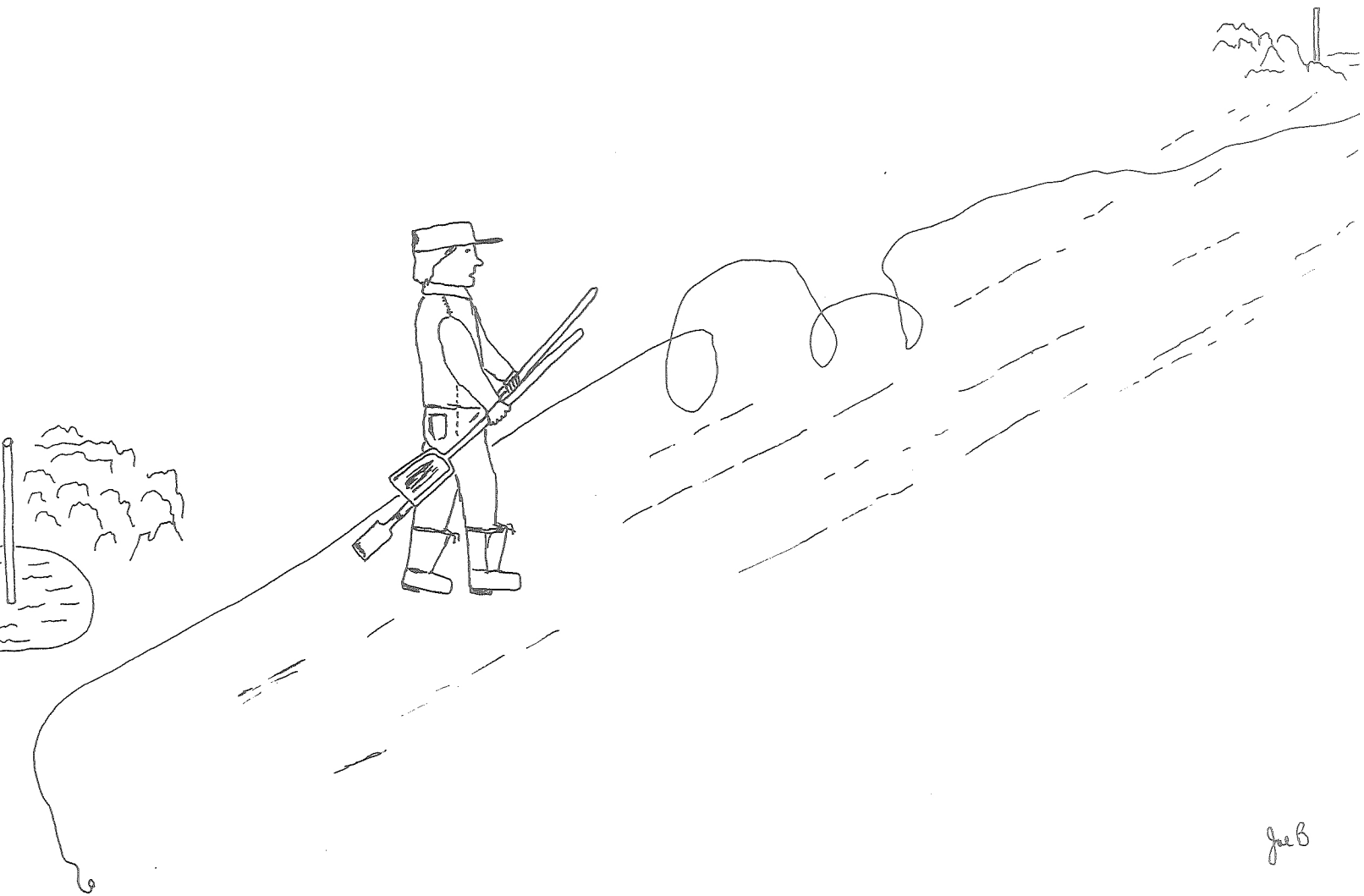
Next, he took his ice chisel.

The man broke the ice.

Then, he took his shovel and
shoveled away the ice.

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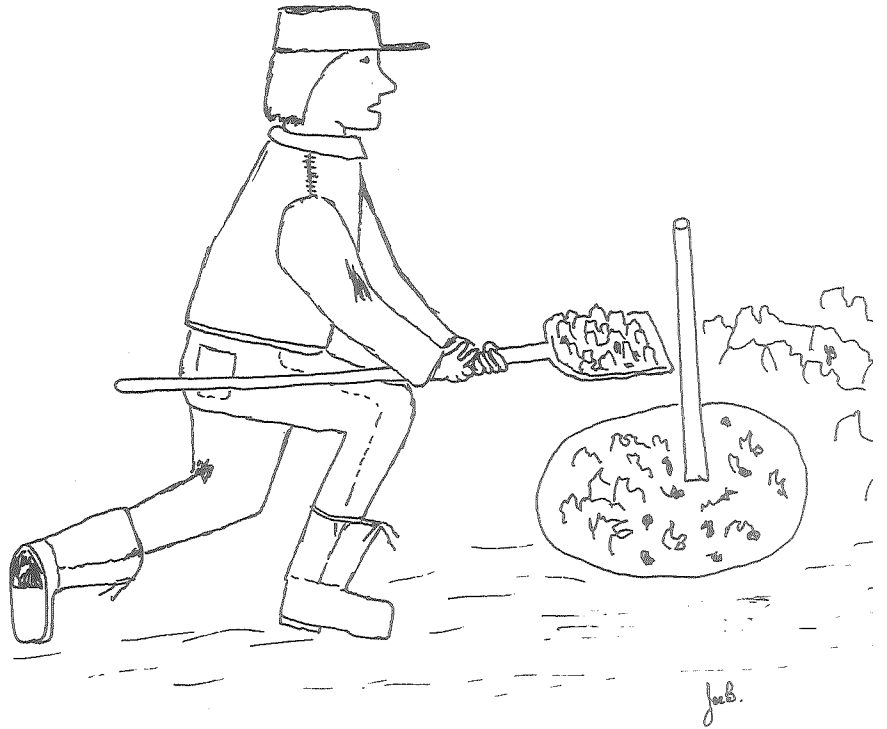
still more work to do!



Joe B

The man went to the other end of
the net.

He took his shovel and shoveled
away the snow.



Next, he took his ice chisel and
broke the ice.

Then, he took his shovel and
shoveled away the ice.

But,

still more work to do!

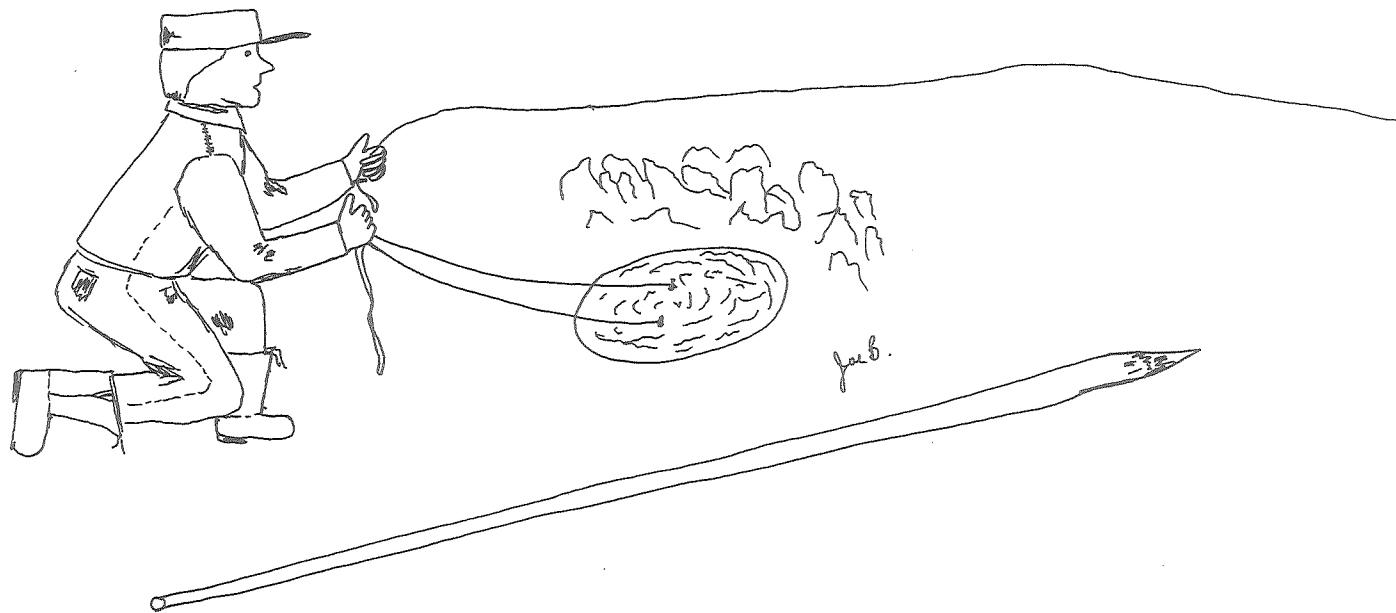


The man took a string from his sled.

He put the string on the ice.

The man took hold of the stick.

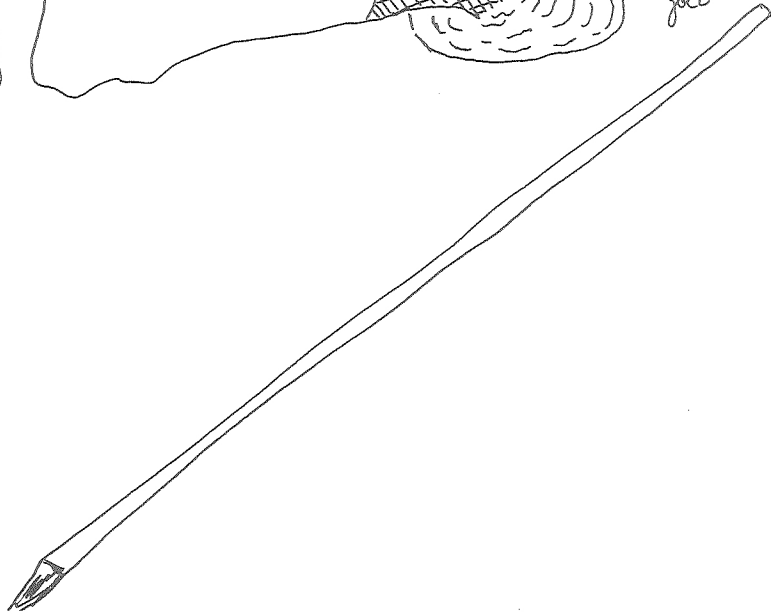
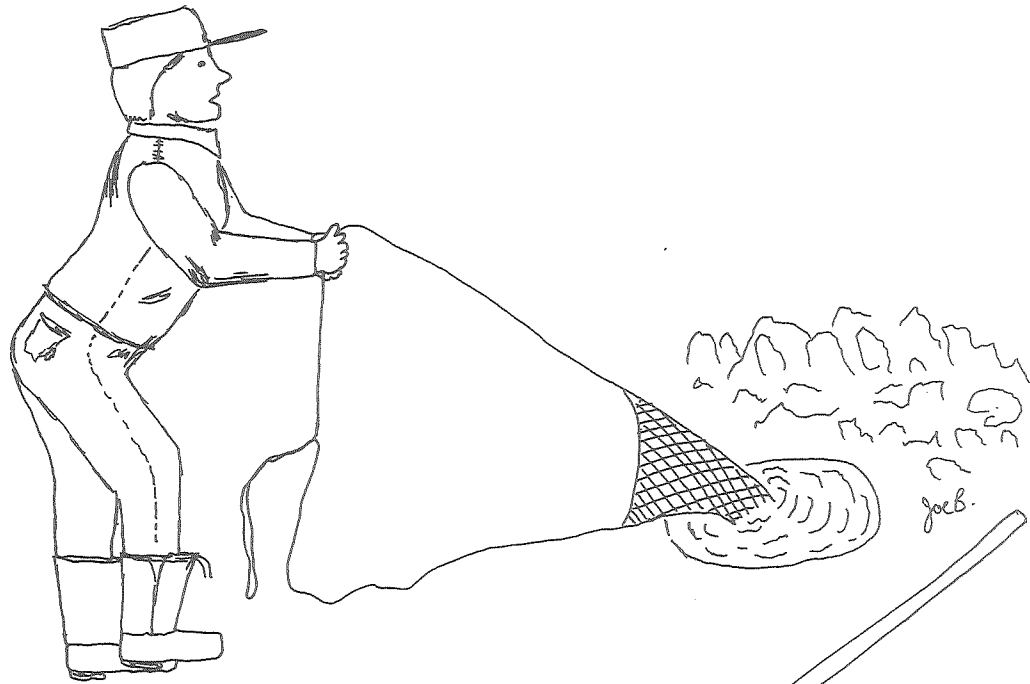
He pulled up the stick.



Next, he took the net off the stick.

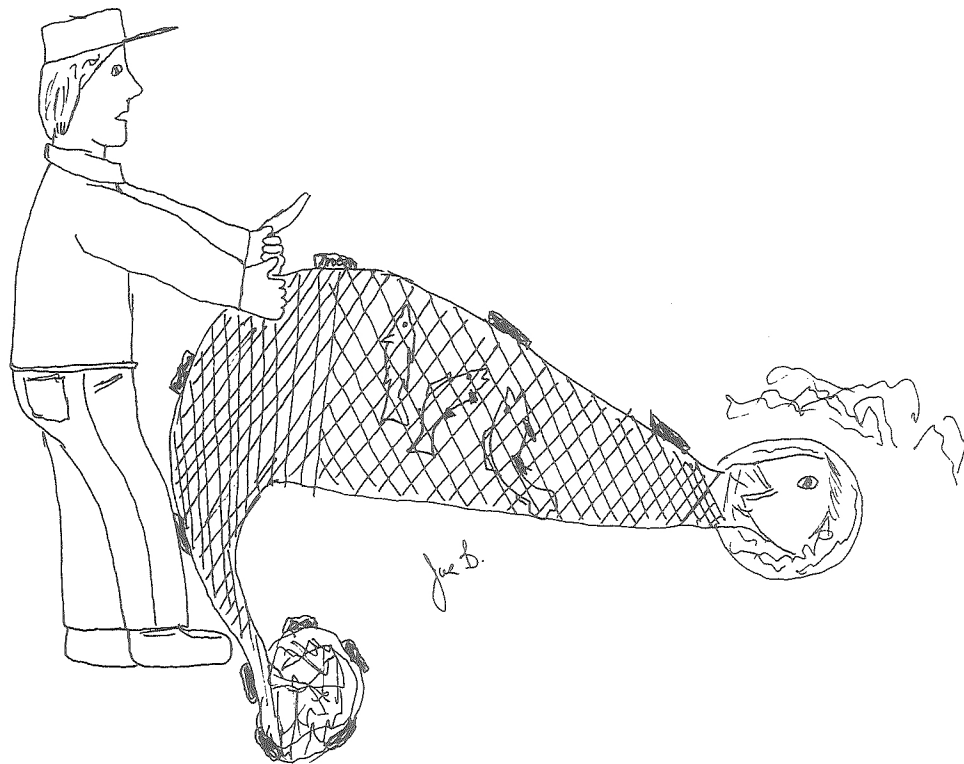
Then, he tied the string to the net.

The man went to the other end of the net.



He took hold of the string and
pulled the net.

He pulled the net onto the ice.



Part Two

The net was on the ice.

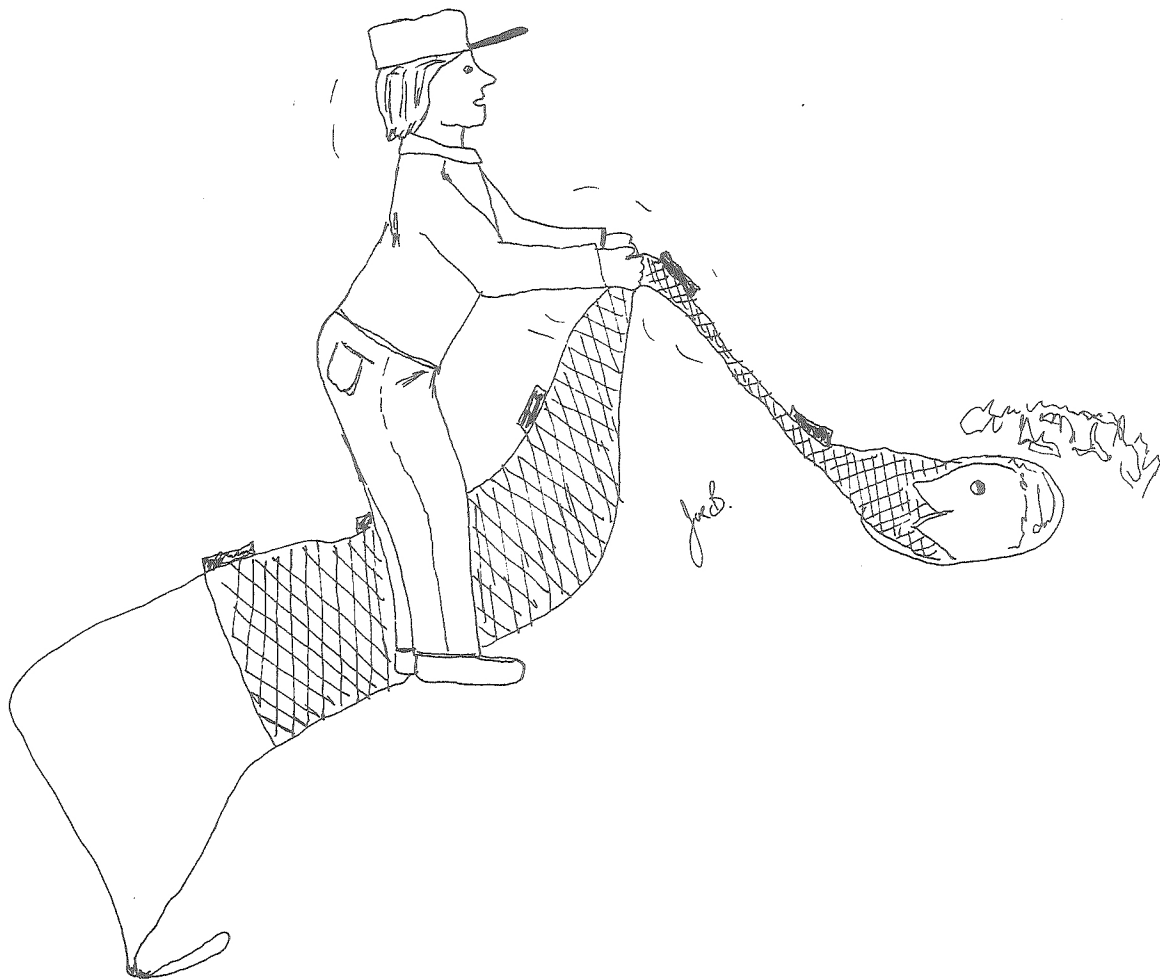
He pulled out one fish.

He pulled out two fish.

He pulled out three fish.

Wow!

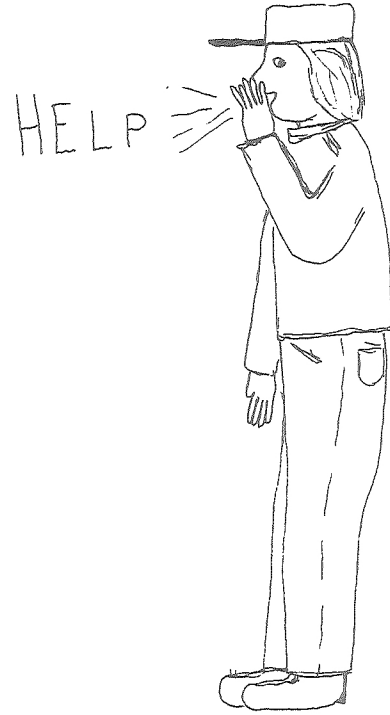
What a big fish!



The man saw a big, big fish in
the net.

So he took hold of it and
began to pull.

He pulled and he pulled and he
pulled, but it wouldn't come out.



So the man called to his wife
who was cooking bannock.

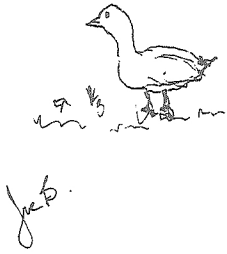
"Help! Help! Do you hear my shout?
I pulled the fish but it wouldn't
come out."

So the wife ran to the man.

The wife took hold of the man.

The man took hold of the fish.

They pulled and they pulled and
they pulled, but the fish wouldn't
come out.



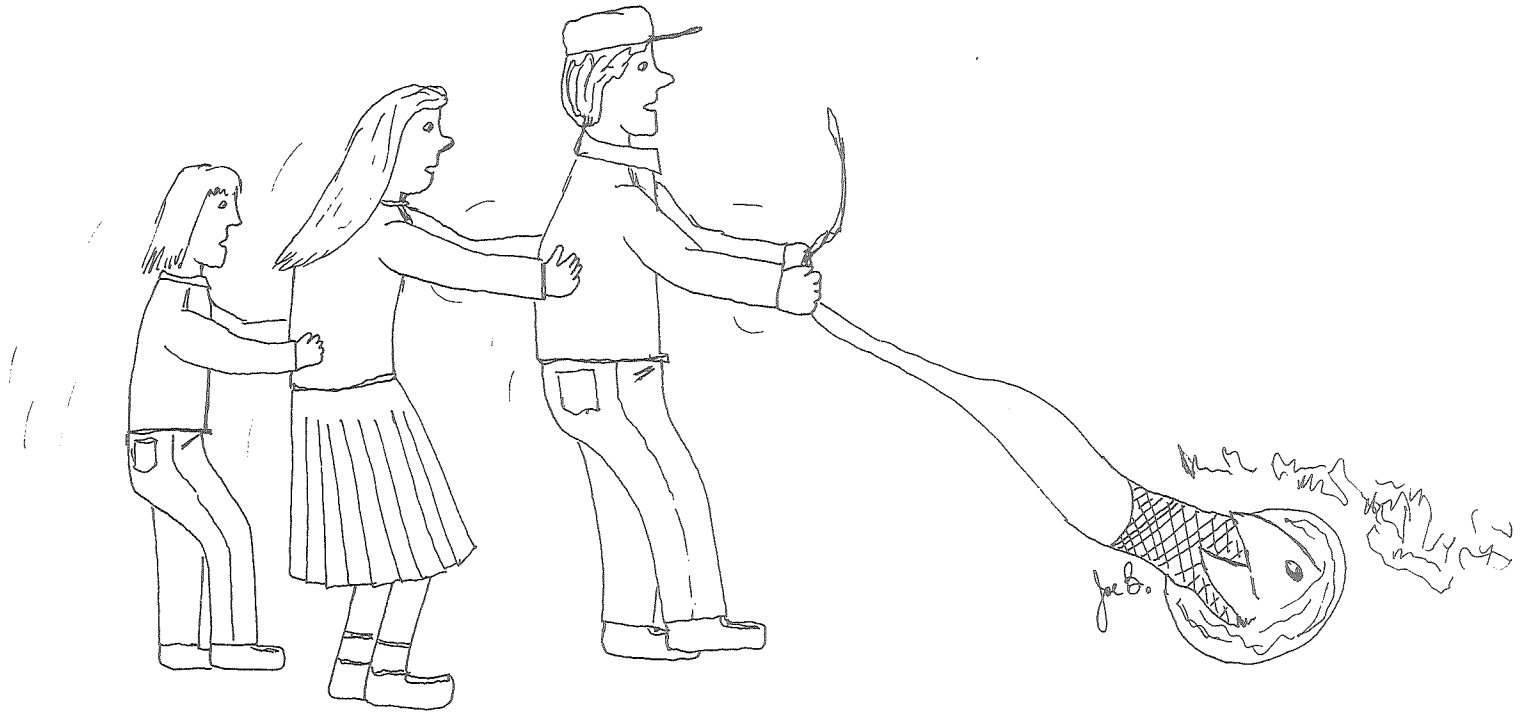
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So the wife called to the son
who was hunting ptarmigan.

"Help! Help! Do you hear my shout?
We pulled the fish but it wouldn't
come out."

So the son ran to the wife.

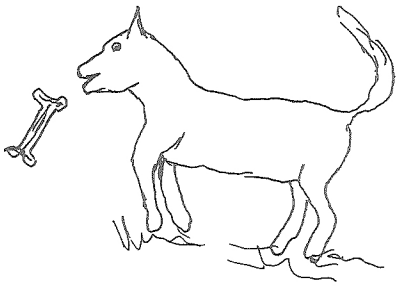


The son took hold of the wife.

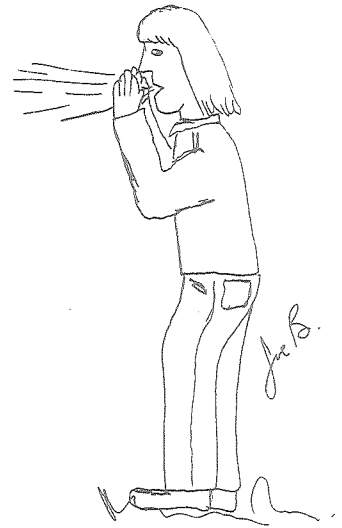
The wife took hold of the man.

The man took hold of the fish.

They pulled and they pulled and
they pulled, but the fish wouldn't
come out.



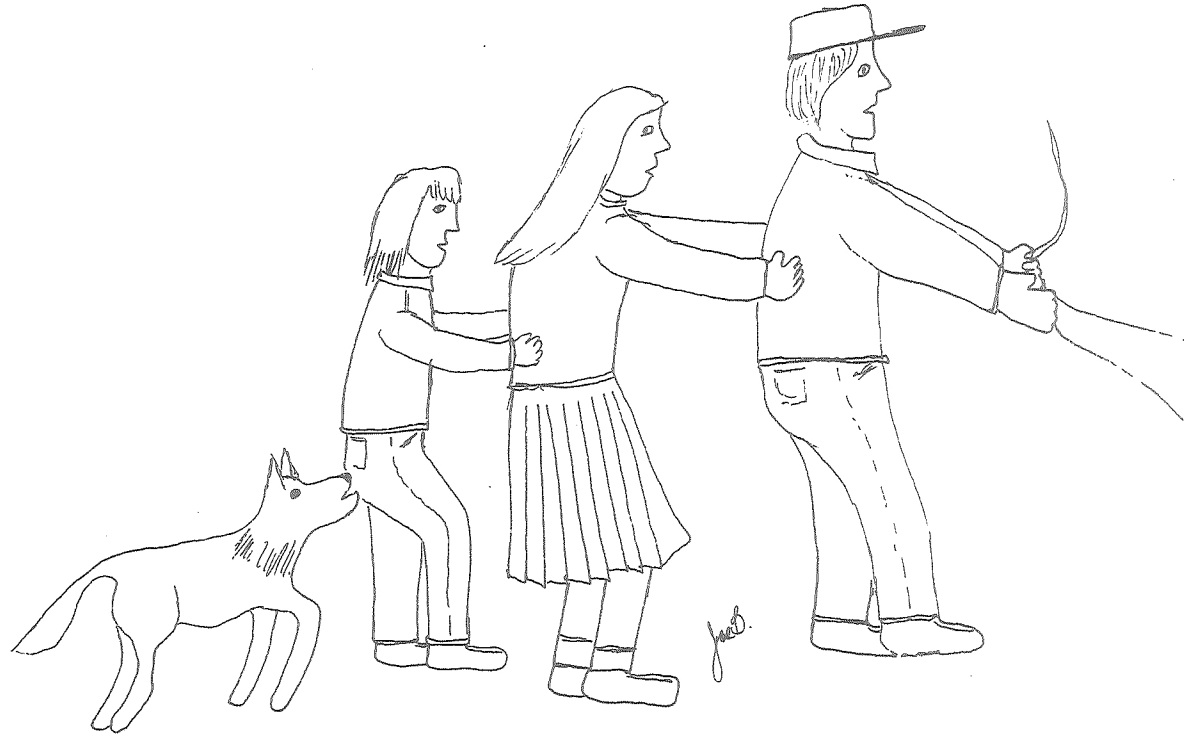
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So the son called to the dog
who was chewing a bone.

"Help! Help! Do you hear my shout?
We pulled the fish but it wouldn't
come out."

So the dog ran to the son.



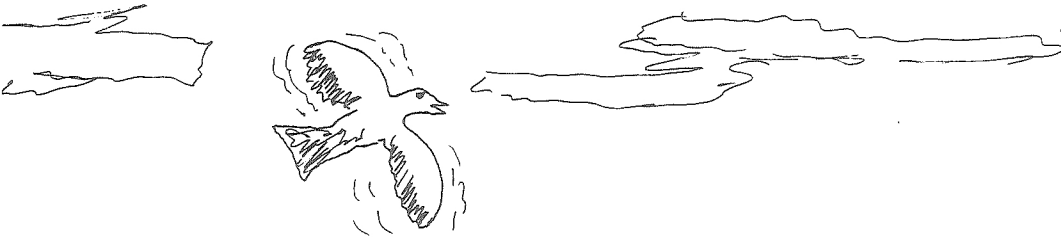
The dog took hold of the son.

The son took hold of the wife.

The wife took hold of the man.

The man took hold of the fish.

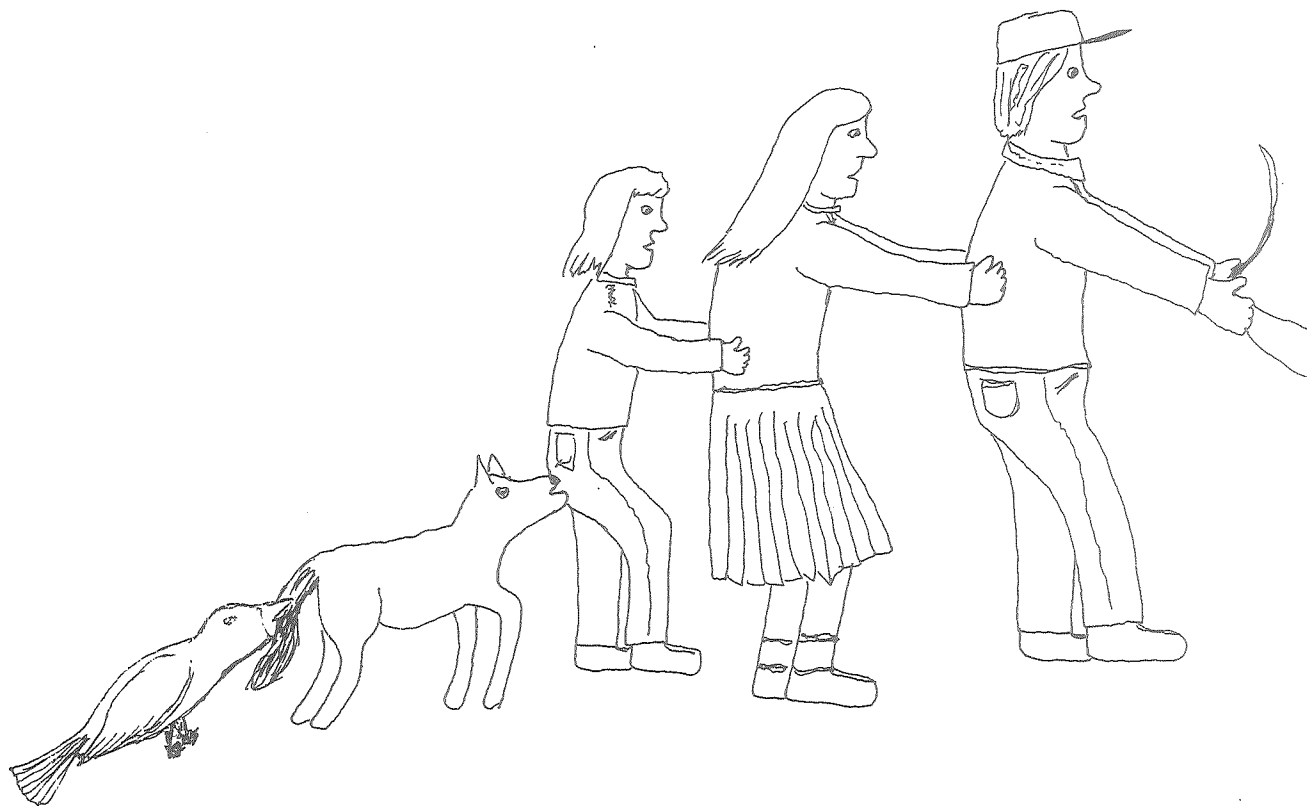
They pulled and they pulled and
they pulled, but the fish wouldn't
come out.



So the dog called to the raven
who was flying in the sky.

"Help! Help! Do you hear my shout?
We pulled the fish but it wouldn't
come out."

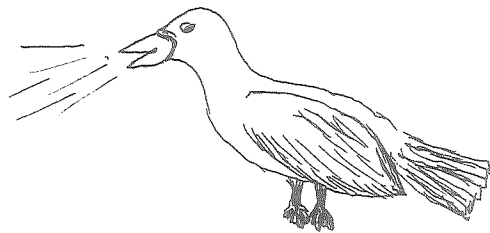
So the raven flew to the dog.



The raven took hold of the dog.
The dog took hold of the son.
The son took hold of the wife.
The wife took hold of the man.
The man took hold of the fish.
They pulled and they pulled and
they pulled, but the fish wouldn't
come out.



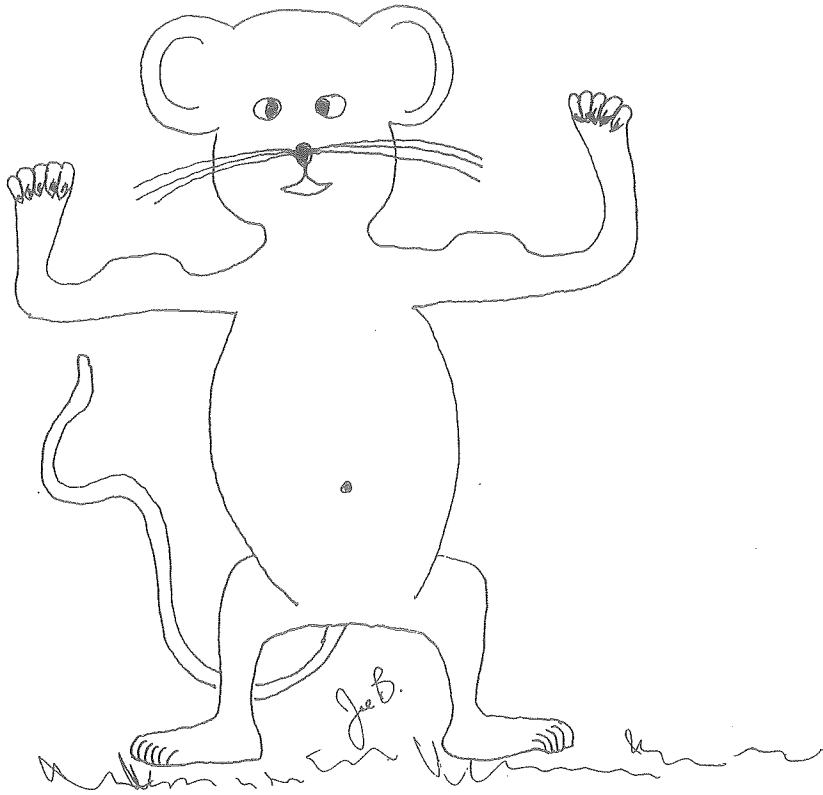
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So the raven called to the mouse
who was running through the bush.

"Help! Help! Do you hear my shout?
We pulled the fish but it wouldn't
come out."

The mouse ran to the raven.



"The mouse is too small," said the man.

"No! I am strong like the caribou,"
said the mouse.



The mouse took hold of the raven.

The raven took hold of the dog.

The dog took hold of the son.

The son took hold of the wife.

The wife took hold of the man.

The man took hold of the fish.

They pulled and they pulled and
they pulled and the fish came out!



The fish fell on the man.

The man fell on the wife.

The wife fell on the son.

The son fell on the dog.

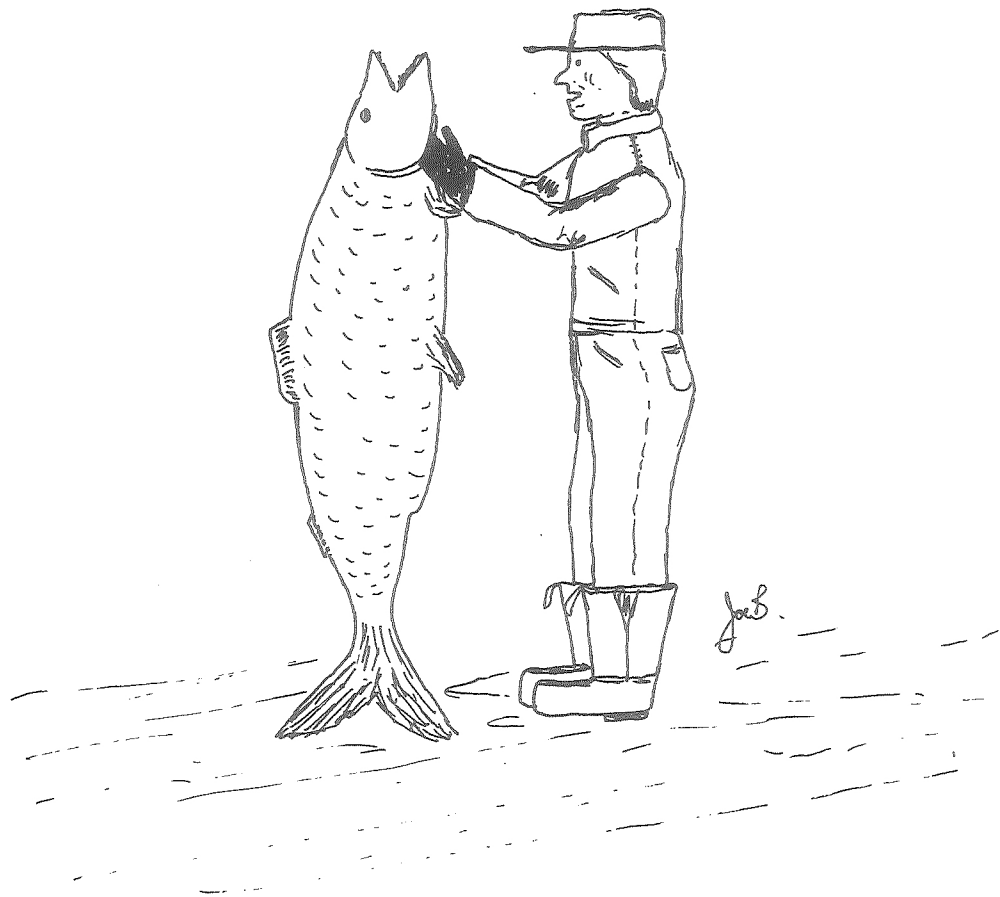
The dog fell on the raven.

The raven fell on the ice.



The little mouse ran to the bush
and said,

"I told you I am strong like the
caribou."

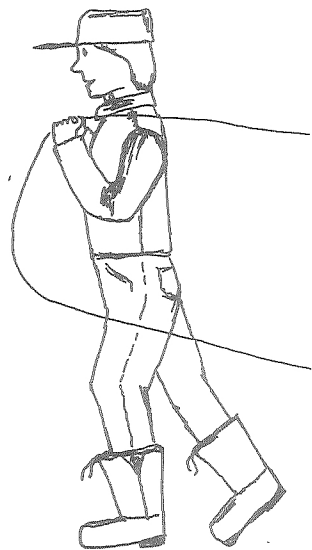
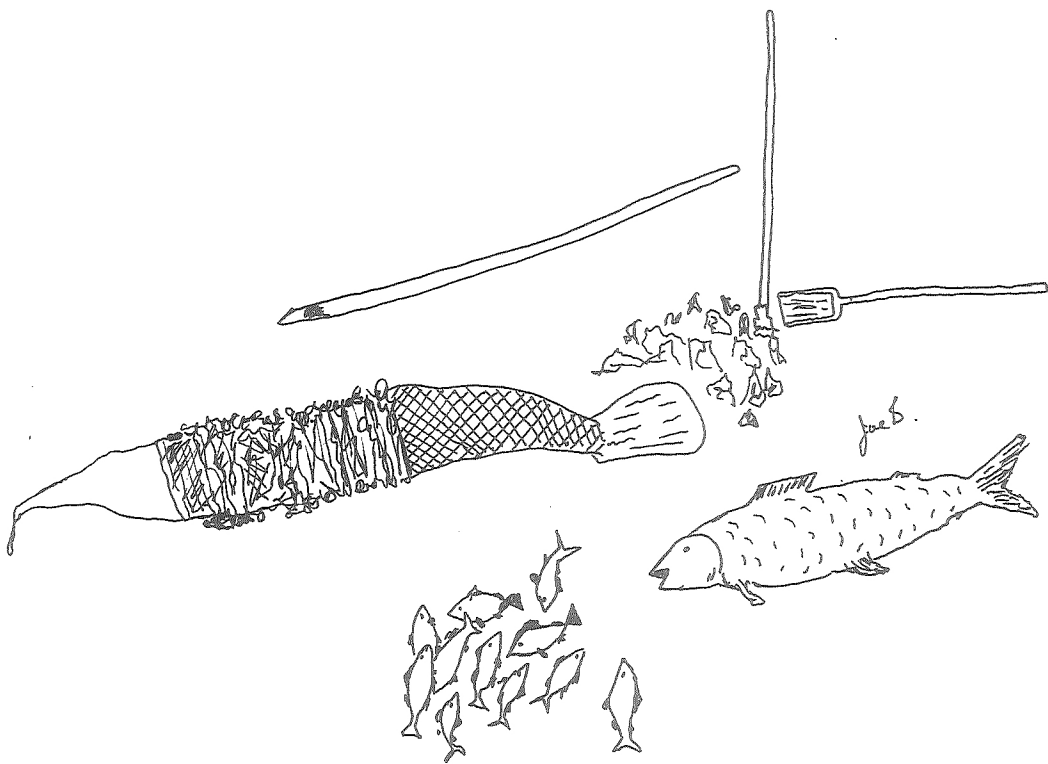


Part Three

So the man got his big, big, fish.

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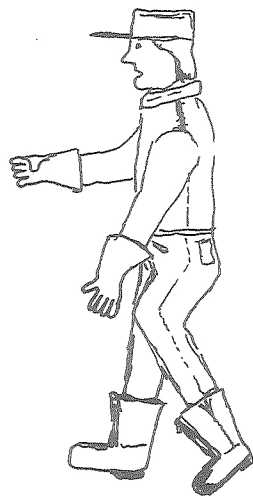
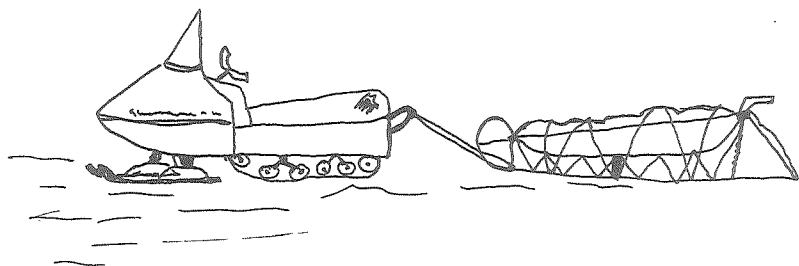
Still more work to do!



The man pulled more fish out of the net.

Next, he took hold of the string on the
ice.

Then he pulled the string so his net
went back into the water.



Joe B.



The man put the stick in the water.

"No more work," said the man.

Then the man went home.