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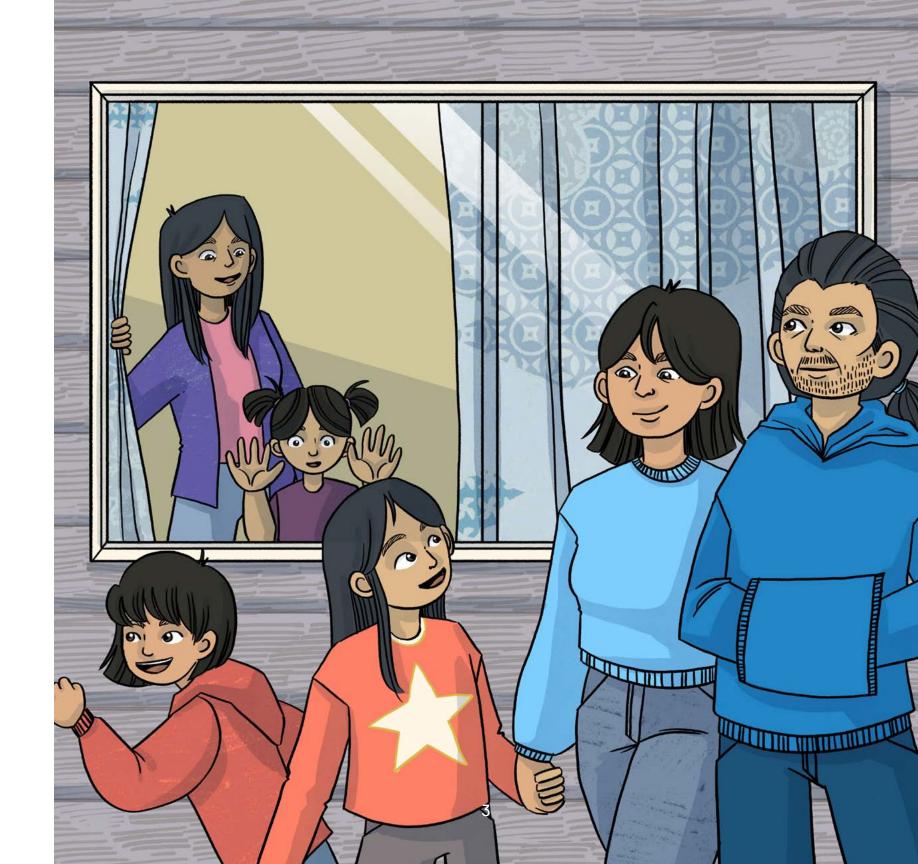
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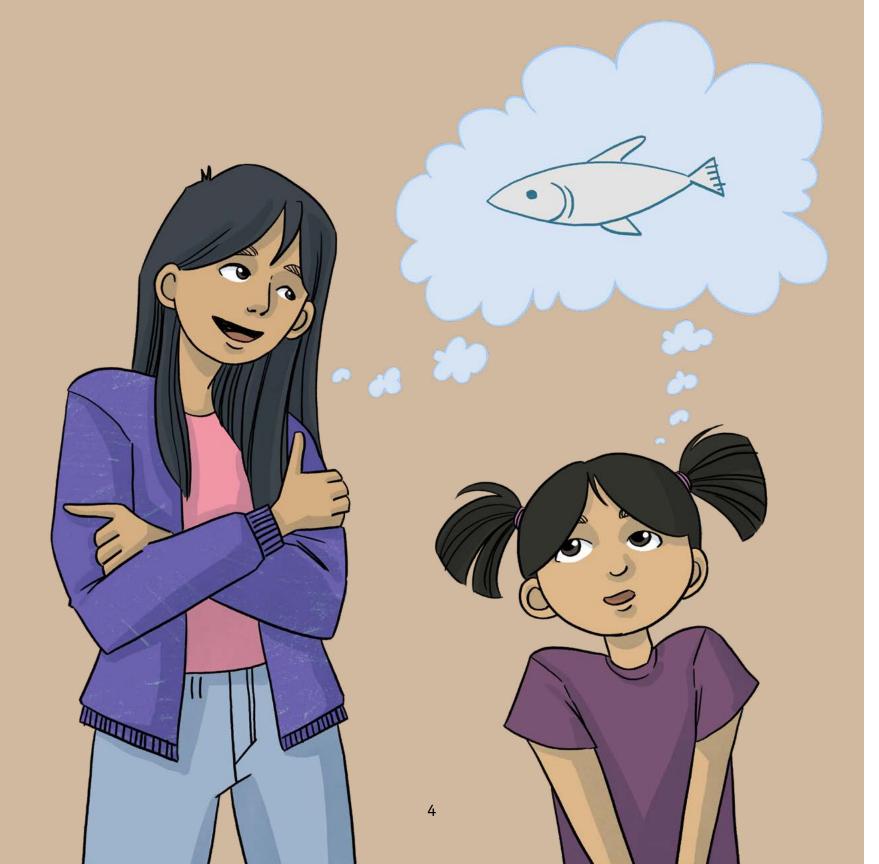
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Kunuk is looking out the window on a Sunday afternoon. She sees people walking down the road together. "I wonder where they're going," Kunuk says to *Anaana*. "Anaana" means "mother" in Inuktitut.

"They are probably going visiting," Anaana says.





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Kunuk says, "We should go visiting too! Who should we visit?"

Anaana says, "We should visit your *amauq*." That means "great-grandparent" in Inuktitut. "She might be lonely, and we can bring her some fish."

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Kunuk, Anaana, and Kunuk's older sister, Maata, walk down the hill to Amauq's house.

When they arrive, they walk into the house. Amauq is sitting in her chair and looks so happy to see them. Amauq smiles at Kunuk and Kunuk smiles back.





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Anaana goes to make tea and cut up the fish. Maata goes to the kitchen too to do some dishes.

Kunuk sits beside Amauq. "I am happy you came to visit, *Uik*. I love visitors," says Amauq.

"Uik" means "husband." Amauq calls Kunuk "Uik" because Kunuk is named after her late husband. This makes Kunuk feel special.

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Amauq starts to sing a little song about visitors. Kunuk stands up and dances for joy while her amauq sings.

"Pulaaqtukuluk, pulaaqtukuluk,

alianait, alianait!

Pulaaqtukuluk

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Kunuk hears the front door open. It's her *anga* and his family. "Anga" means "uncle" in Inuktitut. Anga and his family come inside to visit Amauq too.

Everyone shares the tea and frozen fish. Amauq tells them a story about visiting other camps by dog team as a girl and how fun that was.

Anga and his family leave, and Anaana, Maata, and Kunuk stay and clean up the dishes. They put the rest of the fish in the freezer for Amauq to enjoy later.





Kunuk, Anaana, and Maata say goodbye to Amauq.

"I love visiting Amauq. It makes me feel warm inside," says Kunuk as they walk home.

At home, Kunuk says, "When I'm an amauq, I hope I get lots of visitors!"



Inuktut Glossary

Inuktut is the word for Inuit languages spoken in Canada, including Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun. The pronunciation guides in this book are intended to support non-Inuktut speakers in their reading of Inuktut words. These pronunciations are not exact representations of how the words are pronounced by Inuktut speakers. For more resources on how to pronounce Inuktut words, visit inhabiteducation.com/inuitnipingit.



Learning Inuktitut!

Use this guide to learn the song that Amauq sings about visitors.



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Pu-laaq-tu-kuluk, pu-laaq-tu-kuluk, Dear one is visiting, dear one is visiting,

a-lia-nait, a-lia-nait! joy, joy!

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Pu-laaq-tu-kuluk Dear one is visiting

חֹשב יורכ!

tii-tu-laur-mita! let's have some tea!



It's a perfect day to go visiting, and Kunuk is excited to see her amauq. Join Kunuk and her family as they spend an afternoon sharing food and listening to Amauq's stories. Going visiting is so much fun!

