

TRAVELING



It is six o'clock in the morning and Tall Wolf's Sioux Indian

tribe is moving camp, following the route of the migrating buffalo herd across the North American plains. The animals provide the tribe with clothes and shelter as well as food, so it is important that they stay close to the herd.

All of their possessions are secured to travois, sleds that are attached to their horses' backs.

Riding at the front of the group with his son, Little Crow, Tall Wolf looks for a good spot to set up camp. It must have plenty of fresh water, firewood, and good grass for their horses to graze on.



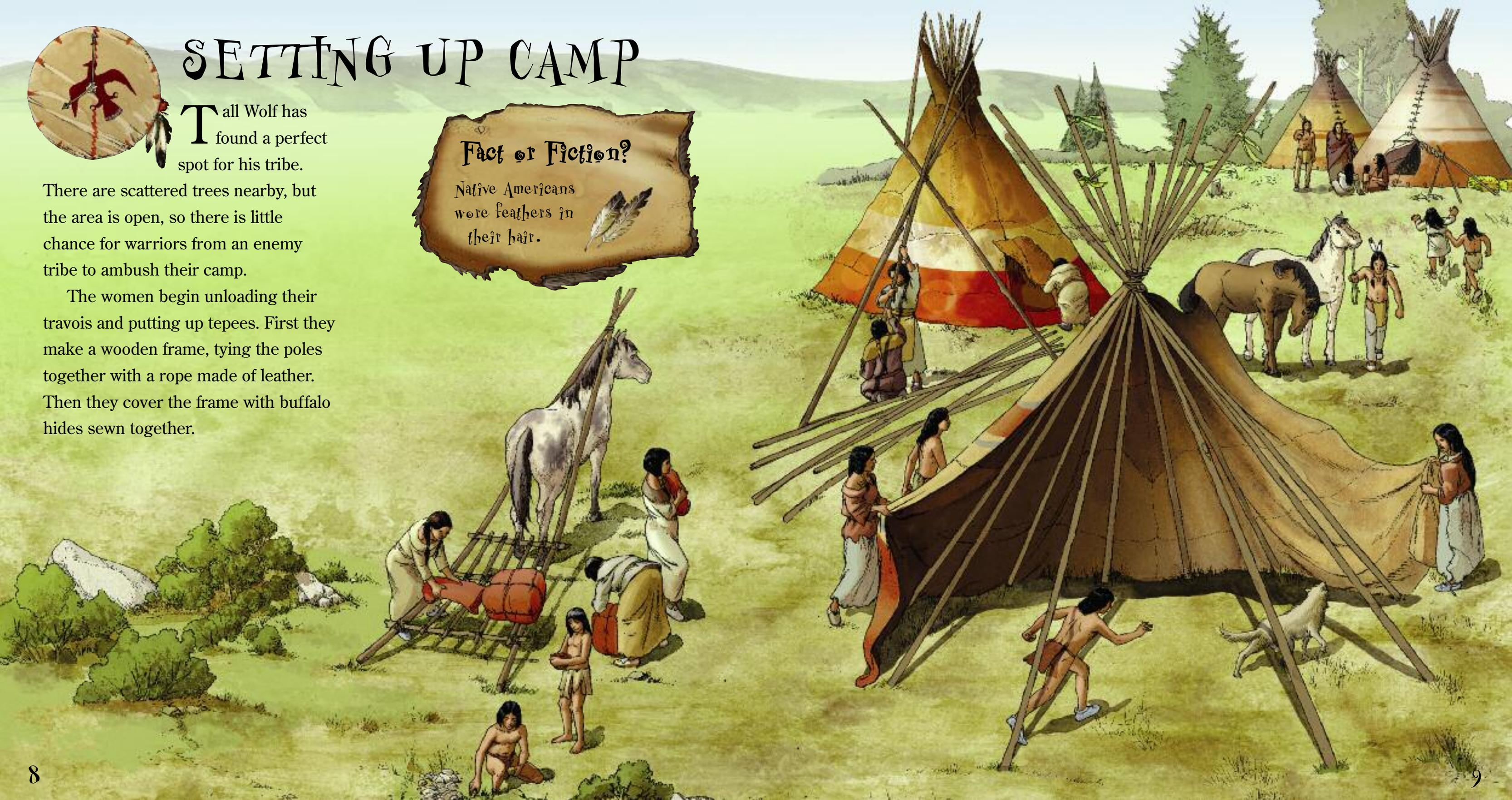
SETTING UP CAMP

All Wolf has found a perfect spot for his tribe.

There are scattered trees nearby, but the area is open, so there is little chance for warriors from an enemy tribe to ambush their camp.

The women begin unloading their travois and putting up tepees. First they make a wooden frame, tying the poles together with a rope made of leather. Then they cover the frame with buffalo hides sewn together.

Fact or Fiction?
Native Americans wore feathers in their hair.



DAILY TASKS



Once the camp is fully set up, the women begin their daily chores. Some explore the plains, gathering berries and fruits, such as wild strawberries and juicy plums. They pick peppermint and other herbs, too, which will flavor their cooking.



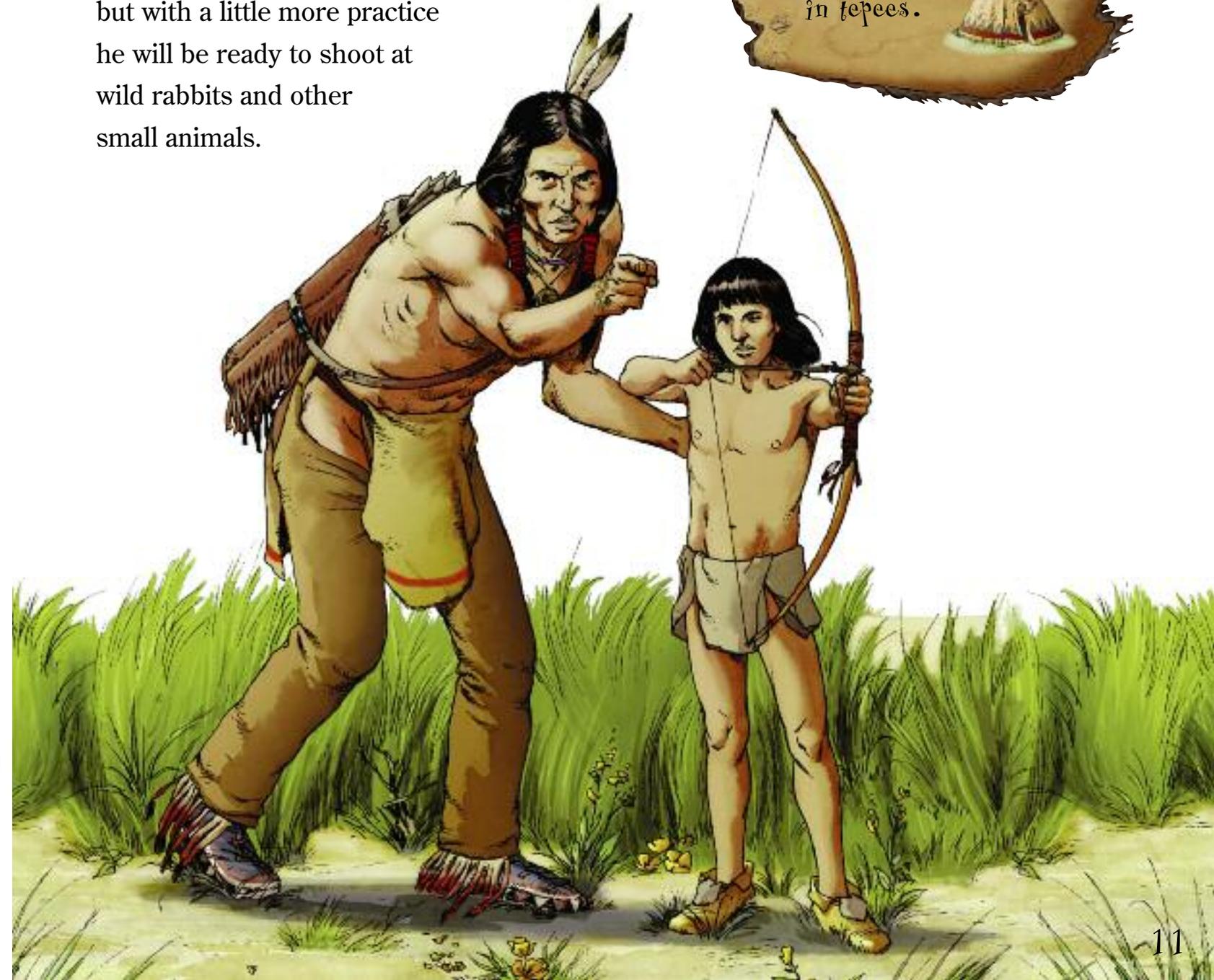
Back at camp, Tall Wolf's wife, Plenty Blankets, is draping strips of buffalo meat over a rack to dry in the hot sun. Once dried, the meat will keep for several months and will feed the tribe during the difficult winter months when food becomes scarce.

Two women have stretched out a buffalo hide and pegged it to the ground.



They are scraping a layer of fat off the surface, using a tool made of bone. When it has been scraped clean, they will turn it over and scrape off the hair. Then they will soften it by rubbing the surface with boiled and liquefied buffalo brains. The finished hide will be made into clothes, shoes, called moccasins, or a tepee cover.

While the women go about their work, Tall Wolf spends some time with his son, teaching him how to shoot with a bow and arrow. At the moment Little Crow is shooting at a still target on a tree, but with a little more practice he will be ready to shoot at wild rabbits and other small animals.



Fact or fiction?

All Native Americans lived in tepees.

