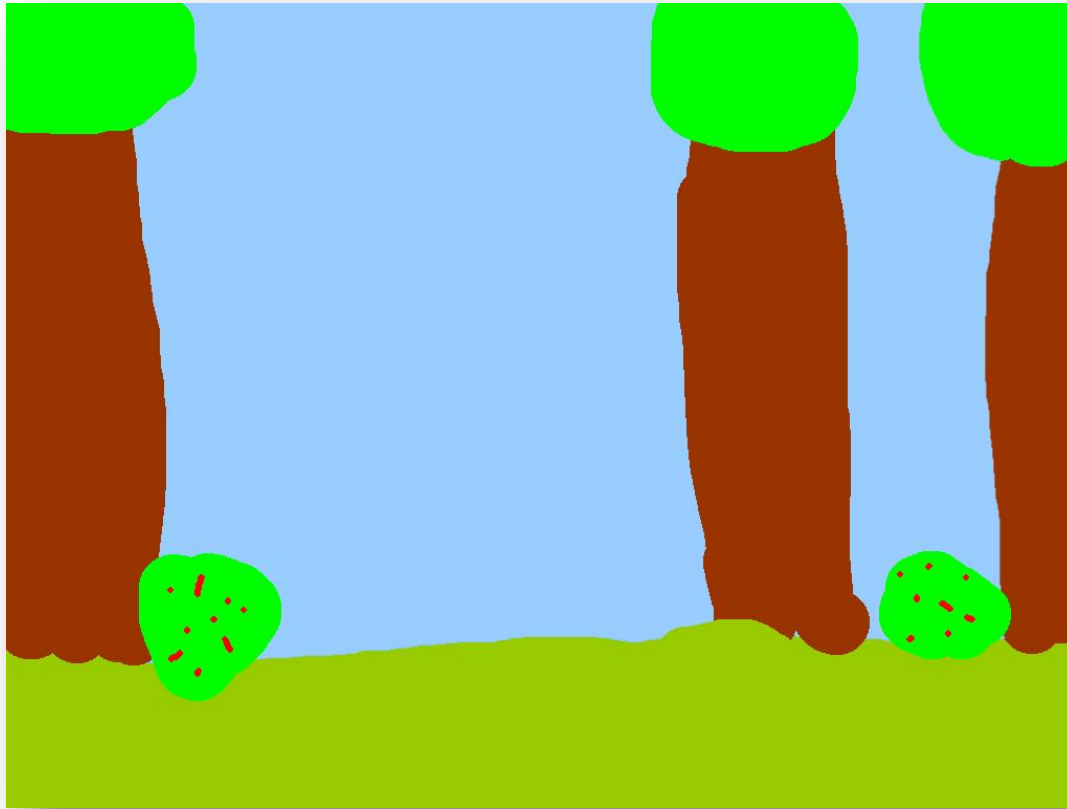


# The Pomo

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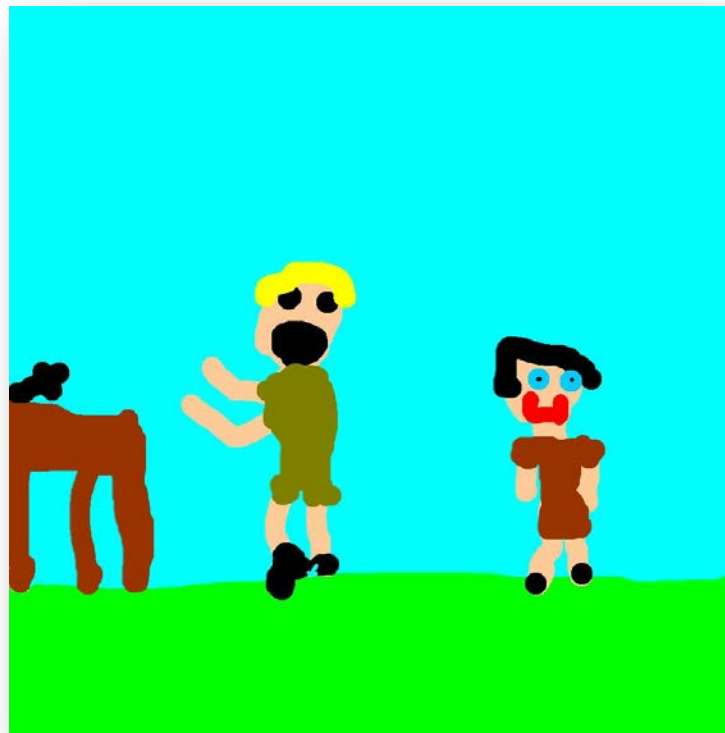
On a breezy spring morning, in the redwood forest, lived a Pomo family. The Pomo Native Americans lived in the Great Basin. The land was grassy with forests and water. The sun was shining on Quicksand. Quicksand is a boy with black hair. He lives in the Pomo village. This is the greatest day of his life!



Quicksand woke up and he put on his headband. He made it out wood pecker feathers, and he put on his breechcloth. A breechcloth is a piece of cloth worn by men that is wrapped between their legs with a belt. He also put on his necklace made out of shells and bones. Then he put on his moccasins. They help protect his feet from thorns, sharp rocks, and branches.



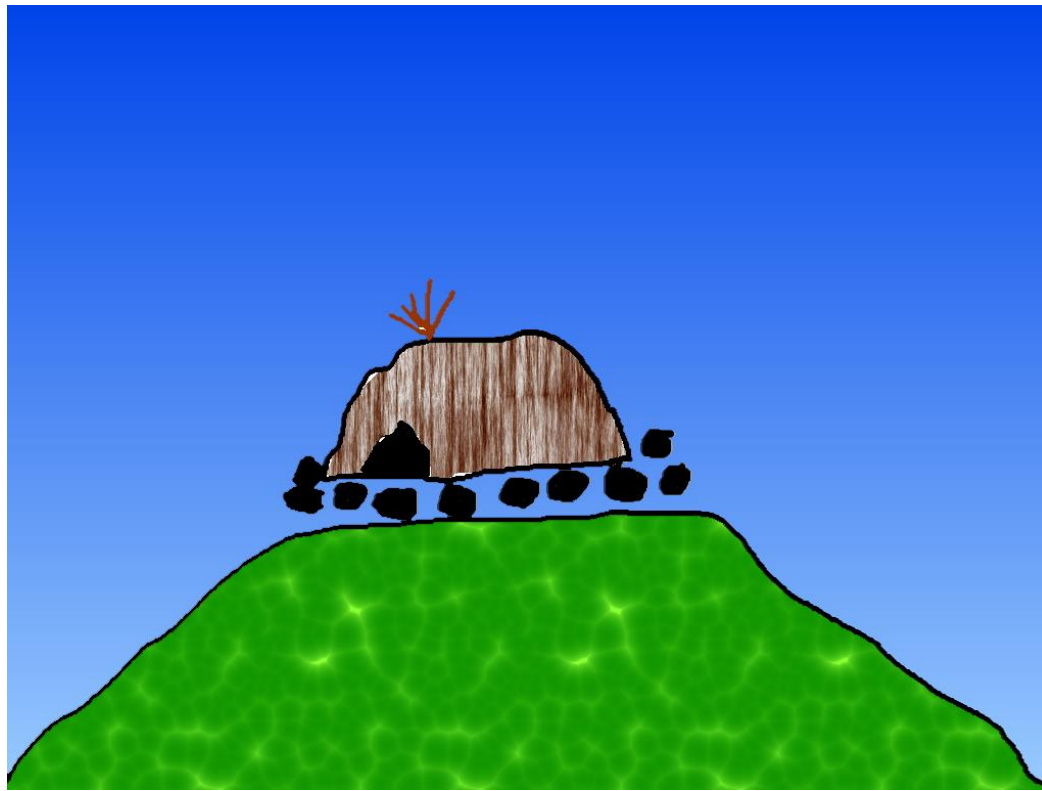
His sister wore a long skirt that hung down to her ankles. She also wore a mantle that tied around her neck. A mantle is a shirt that hangs down to the top of your skirt. Mother made our clothes using a bone needle to sew the animal skins.



Then Quicksand went outside and said, “Mother we have to go fishing! Can you peel the corn?” Mother said, “Sure Quicksand.” My father and I are going hunting for deer and buffalo. Quicksand asked Father, “Can you get the spear?” Dad grabbed the spear. A spear is a stick with a pointy rock on top of it. We were walking in the forest and then we saw a deer! I saw my father throw the spear. We got one deer but the rest ran off.



Father and I saw a blue running river. We grabbed a net. I hold one end and father holds the other. We caught three salmon! I am so hungry when we get home. Grandmother was finishing up making the traps. We use traps to catch smaller animals like rabbits, squirrels, and birds. Tonight we will dry the fish so we can preserve it for another meal. We see mother finishing the dome-shaped house.

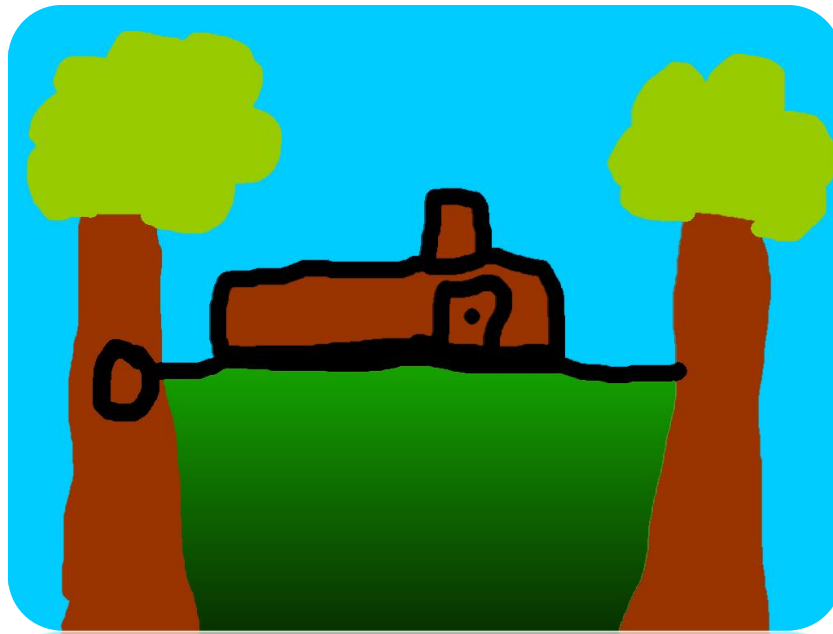


Quicksand asked “Mother when are you going to be done with the dome-shaped house? It’s almost midnight.” They had a torch. A dome-shaped house is a medium-sized house. “I will be done just as soon as I put some slabs of redwood bark on, take some vines to make a window, bend the poles, tie them together with vine, and tie the tule to make the side of the house,” Mother said.



They were near the redwood forest. Quicksand went to find his father, so father could come back home to help mother fix the house. When he was going to find his father, Quicksand saw a multi-family home across the forest. A multi-family home is a forty foot tall house. Each house had a door, a fire, a baking pit for cooking, and a mortar for grinding.





He went across the forest to see the multi-family home and forgot all about finding his father. When he got there, he saw some redwood bark, took it, and gave it to his mother. Soon, Grandma and Grandpa will live with us. In the Pomo tribe, they have extended families that live next to each other. Then Quicksand and his family went into the house and slept. It was a hard and long day, but Quicksand made it through with his Pomo family.