

The Tribes

- Anishinabe (plural: Anishinabeg — The First Men):
The Ojibway or Chippewa.
Abwan (plural: Abwaneg — The Roasters):
The Dakota, Lakota or Sioux.
Muskego (plural: Muskegag — People of the Swamps):
Those Crees living in the low country southwest of Hudson Bay.
Saganash (plural: Saganashag): The whites.

The Men and Women

- Iron Feather: An Anishinabe hunter.
Otter Woman: His wife.
He-Rises: Their son.
Shanod: Their older daughter.
Smoke Drifting: Their younger daughter.
Sound of Waves: Daughter of Shanod and Ice Stone.
Sturgeon Man: Father of Iron Feather.
Tamarack: A Muskego.
Crooked Lightning: An old warrior.
Dawn Sailing: A captive Abwan.
The Turtle: Her husband.
Loon's Foot: Their son.
Red Sky Woman: Wife of Loon's Foot.
Little Toenail: Their son.
Woman of the North Wind: Foster mother of Dawn Sailing.
Blackduck: Husband of North Wind.
Madeyn: An orphan.
Jamieson: A white trader.
Willow Woman: His wife.
Undertooth: A sorcerer.
Ice Stone: His son.
Tom Stone: Son of Ice Stone and Shanod.
Joe Mashkegwatik: Son of Tamarack and Shanod.
Shakes-His-Wings: Friend of He-Rises.
Wood-that-Sizzles-in-the-Fire: Brother of Willow Woman.
Threetit Anna: Loon's Foot's second wife.
Blue Flag Woman: A huntress.
Cedarstick: An American Anishinabe.
Louise: His wife.
Charlie: His brother-in-law.

The Spirits

Nanabush: Demigod and trickster

Manido (plural: Manidog): A powerful spirit.

Missepishu: The lynx that lives under the water.

Pauguk: Death.

Peboan: Winter.

'Tschgumi: Lake Superior.

Matchi Ayawish: A dangerous animal, brought back
to life by sorcery.

Windigo: A cannibal.

It should be noted that a spirit may be a person, an animal, or an inanimate thing as well as a supernatural being. 'Tschgumi refers to the body of water and also to the spirit that rules over it.

Glossary

Andeg: Crow.

Amik: Beaver.

Kokoho: Owl.

Makak: Bark container.

Manidoke: Power.

Manomen: Wild rice.

Mukwa: Bear.

Muskeg: Swamp.

Pikogan: Cone-shaped lodge.

Tikinagon: Cradle board.

Totosh: Woman's breast.

Wabeno: Shaman, healer or sorcerer.

Wabooz: Rabbit.

Waginogan: Dome-shaped lodge.