

BIODIVERSITY COLOURING BOOK



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How To Use This Zine

Read these stories carefully and with intention. Each of the subjects has made a great impact on their local community and the Earth. In writing about these subjects and their stories I intentionally chose people who had a strong connection to the lands they were on. Harriet, Jane, Chico, Wangari, and George could not have achieved what they were able to without the lands they live on. As human beings we are meant to live with a connection to the lands, the waters, the animals and plants around us.

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My name is Chico Mendes.

I was a Brazilian Rubber Tree tapper.

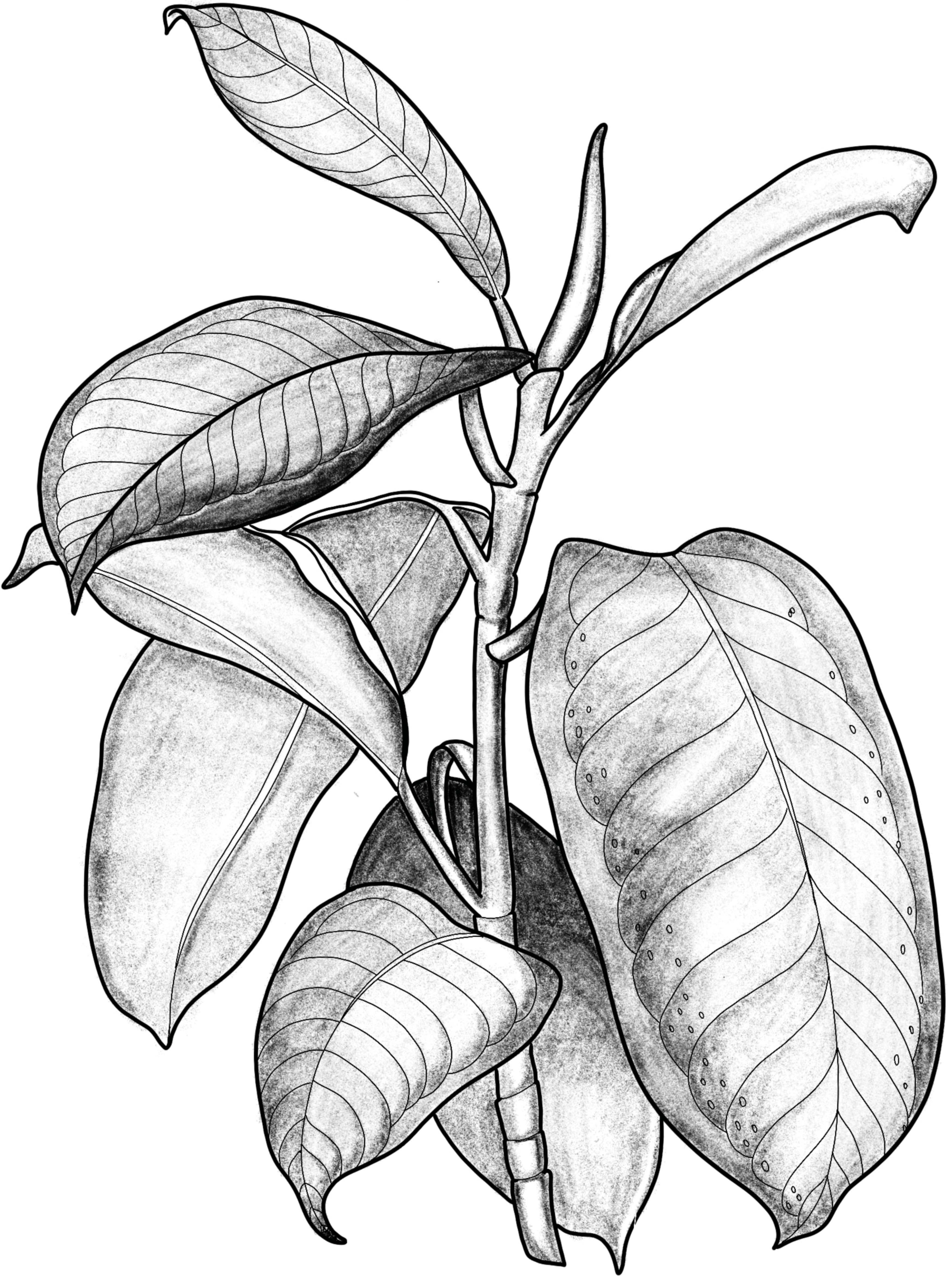
I was a labour organizer who cared for Indigenous communities.



I am a rubber tree.

I grow in the Amazon
Rainforest.

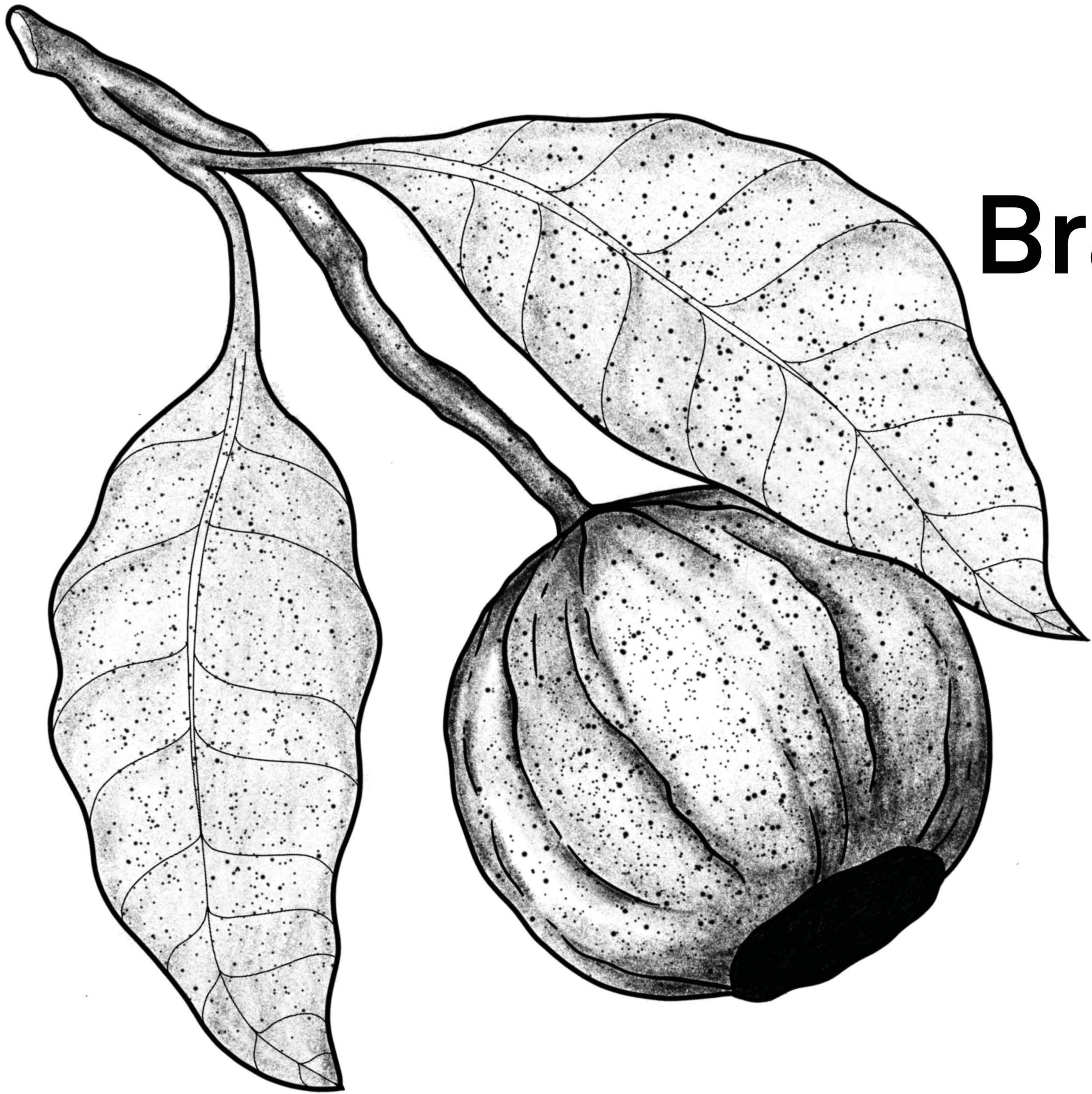
My sap is used to make
things like raincoats and car
tires.



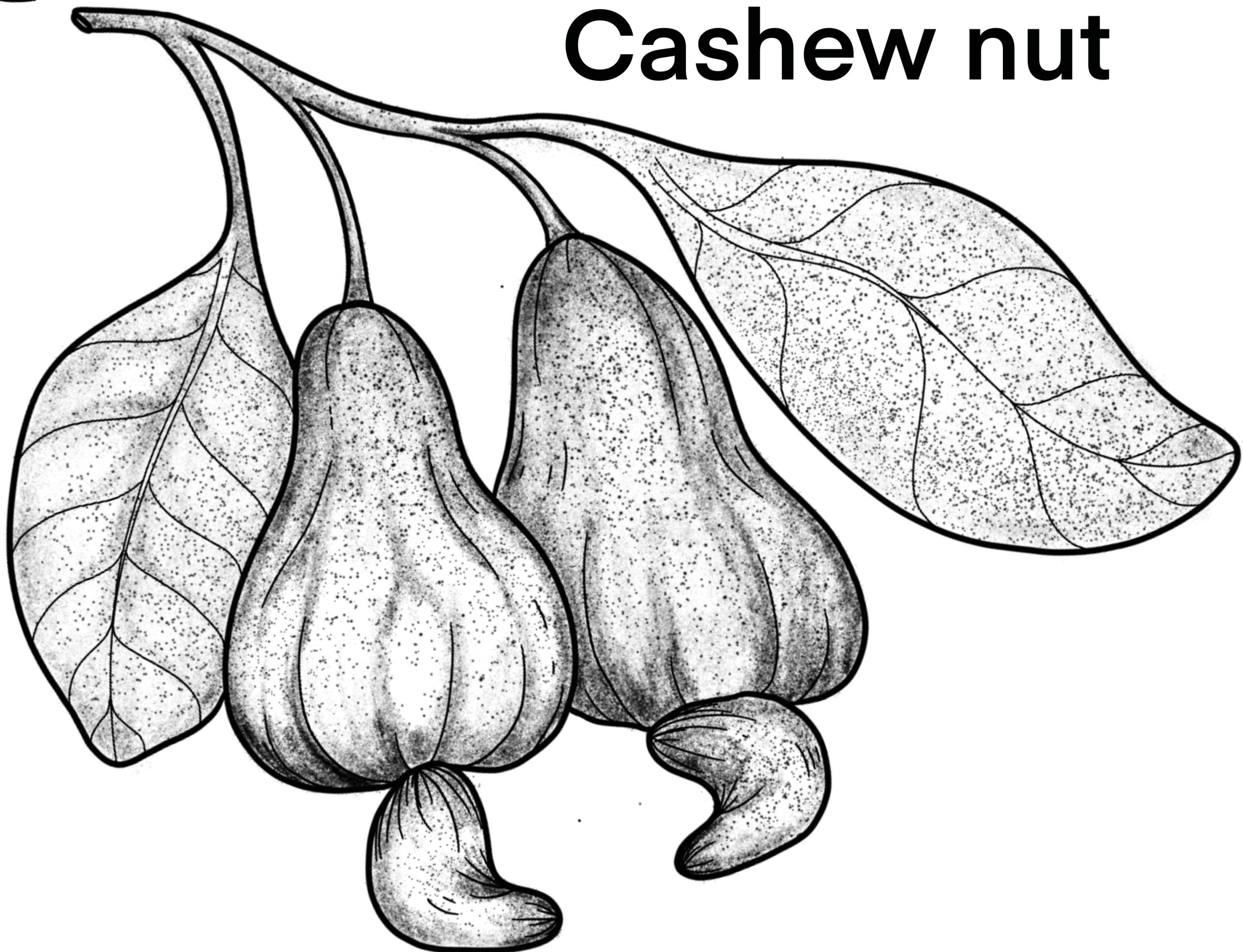
We are cashew and Brazil
nuts.

We grow in the Amazon
Rainforest.

Indigenous peoples and
Rubber Tree Tappers eat us.



Brazil nut



Cashew nut

My name is Jane Mt.
Pleasant.

I am a Haudenosaunee*
plant scientist.

I teach others about the
importance of the Three
Sisters: Bean, Corn and
Squash.

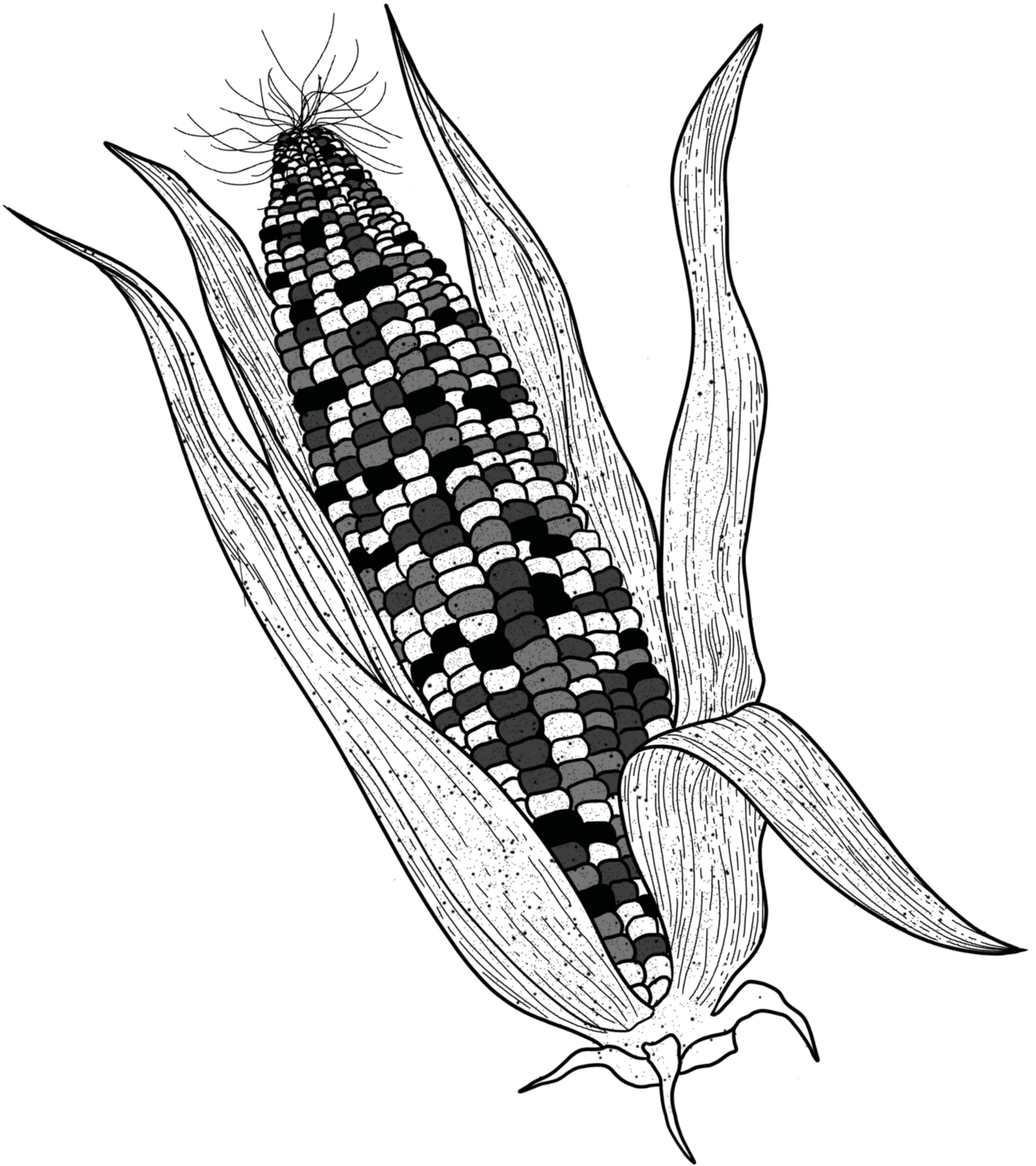
*Pronounced: "ho-dee-no-sho-knee"



I am a corn plant.

I am grown by many nations
on Turtle Island.

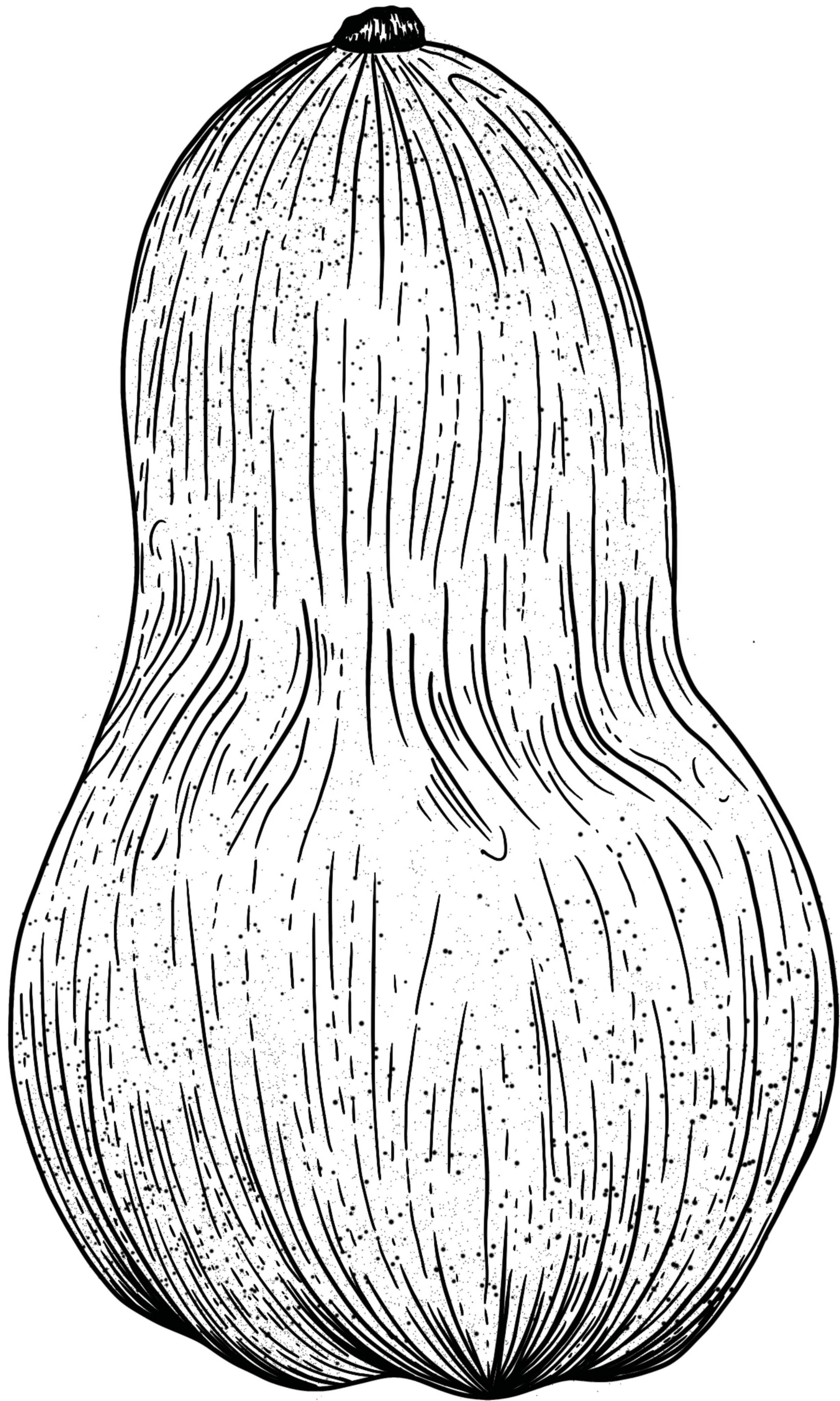
I grow tall so bean can grow
up my stalk.



I am a Squash.

I am grown with Bean and
Corn on Turtle Island.

I grow low to the ground to
protect them from weeds
and other unwanted plants

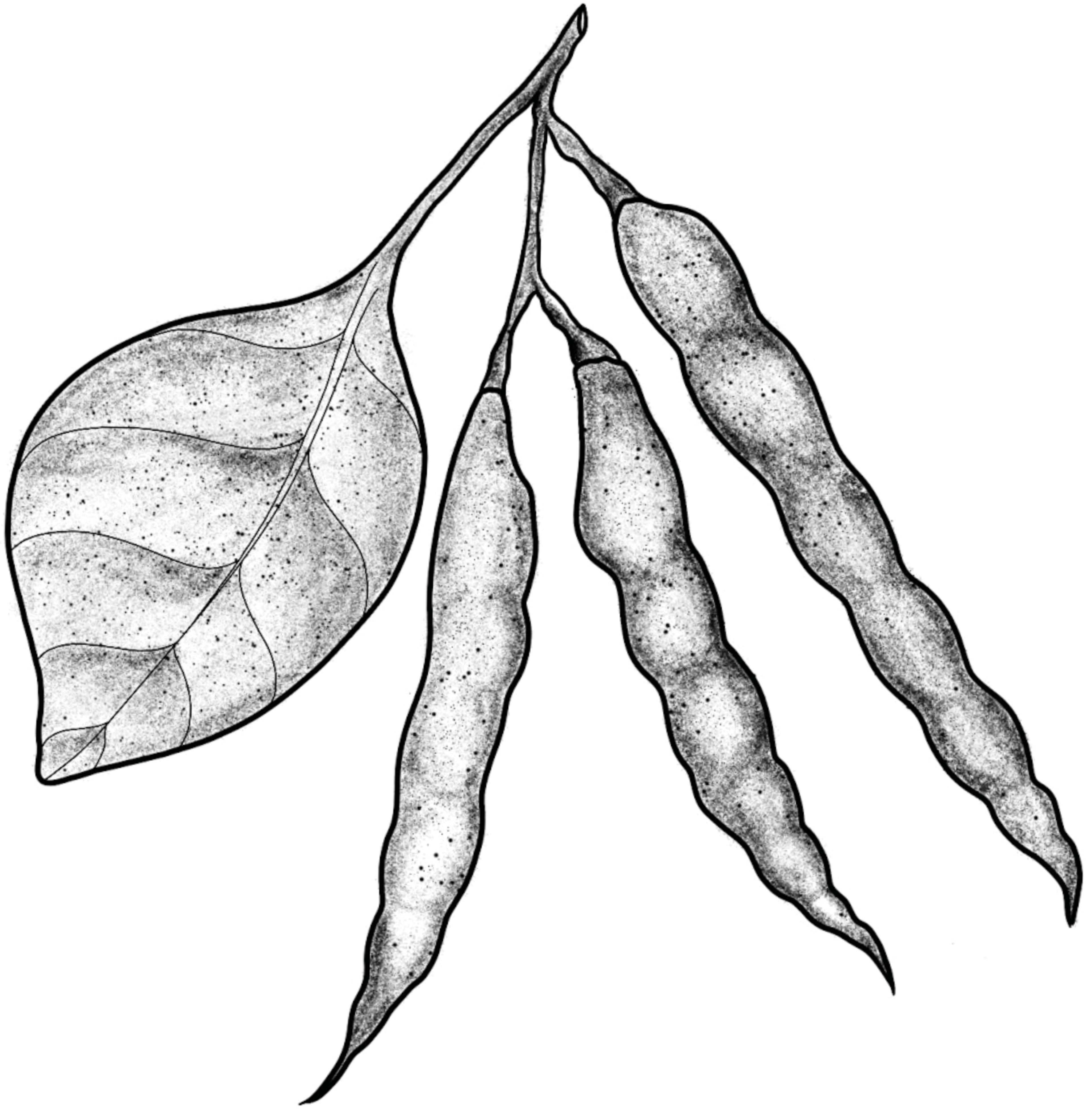


I am a bean plant.

I grow with my sisters corn
and squash.

My roots give them food
when they break down in the
soil.

I am called a nitrogen fixer.



My name is George
Washington-Carver.

I was an African-American
plant scientist.

I helped poor farmers learn
about the importance of
composting.



I am a peanut plant.

I make yummy snacks like peanut butter.

My roots give food to cotton plants when it breaks down in the soil.

I am called a nitrogen fixer.



I am a bloom from the Nile
tulip tree.

My yellow flowers can be
found on my tree in East
African countries like Kenya.



My name is Wangari
Maathai.

I was a Kenyan woman who
taught other women how to
care for native tree species.



My name is Harriet Tubman.

I was an African-American
conductor on the
Underground Railroad.

I rescued hundreds of
people from slavery.

