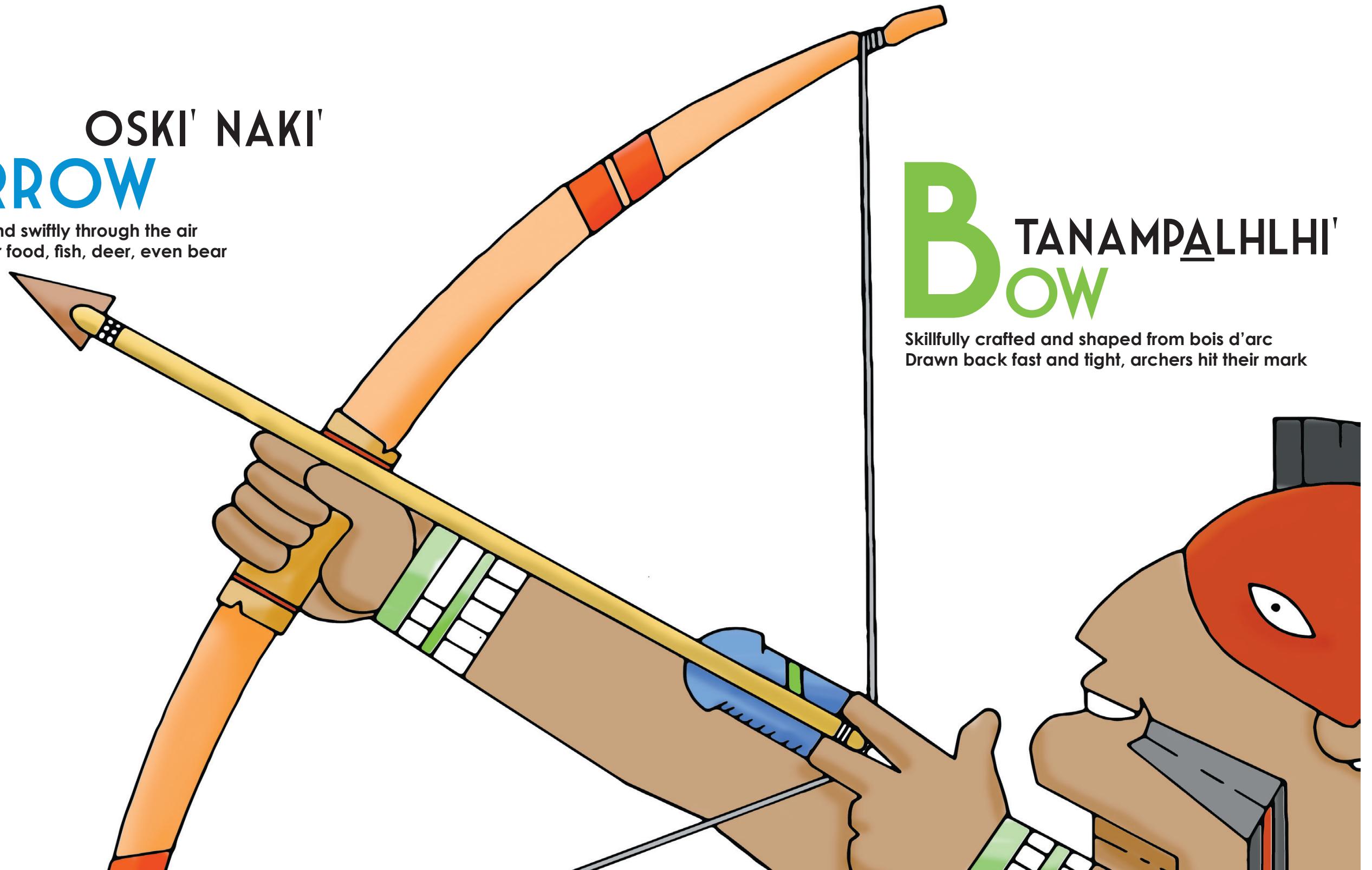


A OSKI' NAKI' ARROW

Flying silently and swiftly through the air
Warriors hunt for food, fish, deer, even bear

B TANAMPALHLHI' BOW

Skillfully crafted and shaped from bois d'arc
Drawn back fast and tight, archers hit their mark



Arrows are used for hunting, fishing, and sport. Chickasaws have used arrows for centuries. The arrowheads are handmade from flint in a process called flint knapping. Flint knapping is shaping the rock by striking it and chipping pieces off. The arrowheads are attached to river cane. Feathers, called fletching, are attached to the river cane to help stabilize the arrow.

A bow makes an arrow fly through the air. Before European contact, bows and arrows were the primary choice for protection and hunting. Chickasaws were known for their archery skills. Their bows and arrows were handcrafted from bois d'arc and prized by every hunter in ancestral tribal lands.