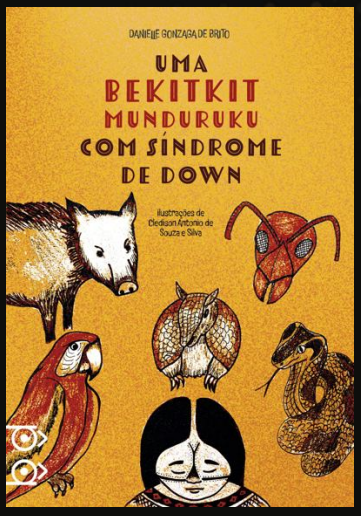
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SYNOPSIS

In the short story 'A Munduruku Bekitkit with Down Syndrome', our protagonist is an Indigenous child belonging to the Munduruku people, born with Down syndrome. At the time of her birth, her community did not quite understand what this syndrome was; however, through the combined wisdom of the elders and the help of the ancestors, Edilce—affectionately called Dó by friends and family—came to be embraced and loved by her people. Over time, other different bekitkit also found their place guaranteed and respected within their society. In addition to offering insight into the culture and language of the Munduruku people, our story teaches and shares that when we listen to and respect our children and our elders, we come to understand that the future is ancestral.

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