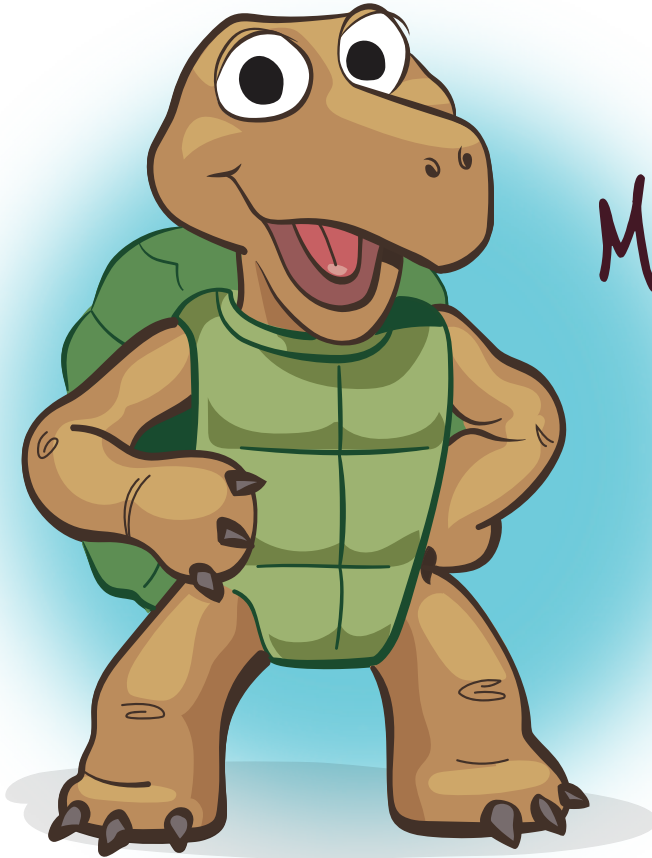




# ASKI

AND TURTLE ISLAND

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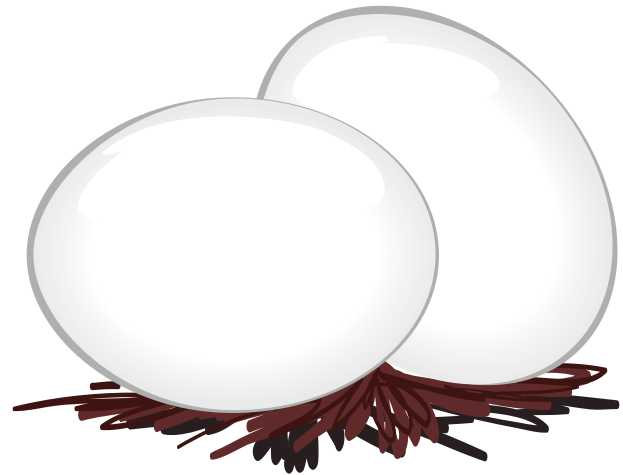
My name is Askî.

This story is about me.



I hatched in the sands of Mother Earth,  
in a place called Turtle Island.

I am told it is a very special place  
because it is named after turtles.



Turtles have lived in this  
**pond** for as long as  
anyone can remember.

I live here with my  
mom and dad and  
all my relatives.









Grandfather tells me that we share  
Turtle Island with many other animals.  
They are crawlers, flyers, swimmers,  
and the four-legged ones.



We share our pond with some  
of these animals as well.

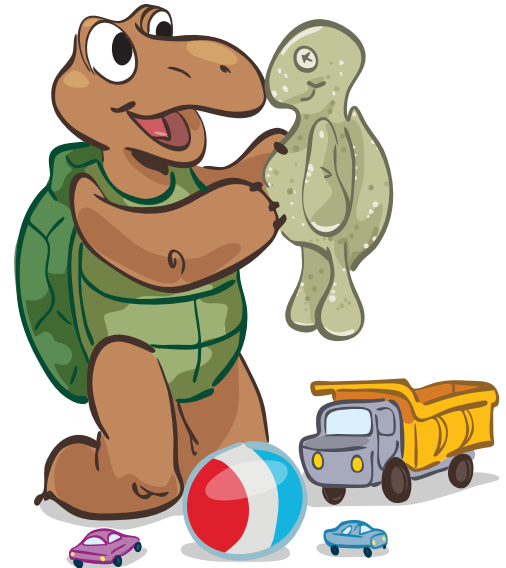
Some live in the water, some live in the sky,  
and some live on the land.

We are all friends and live together in harmony.



Grandfather says that we also share Turtle Island  
with the **two-legged ones**.

He says all that we need comes  
from **Mother Earth**:  
our food, our clothes,  
our homes and even our toys.





We need to take  
care of Mother Earth.

Sometimes it seems like a  
really big job to do this,  
but it is really important.



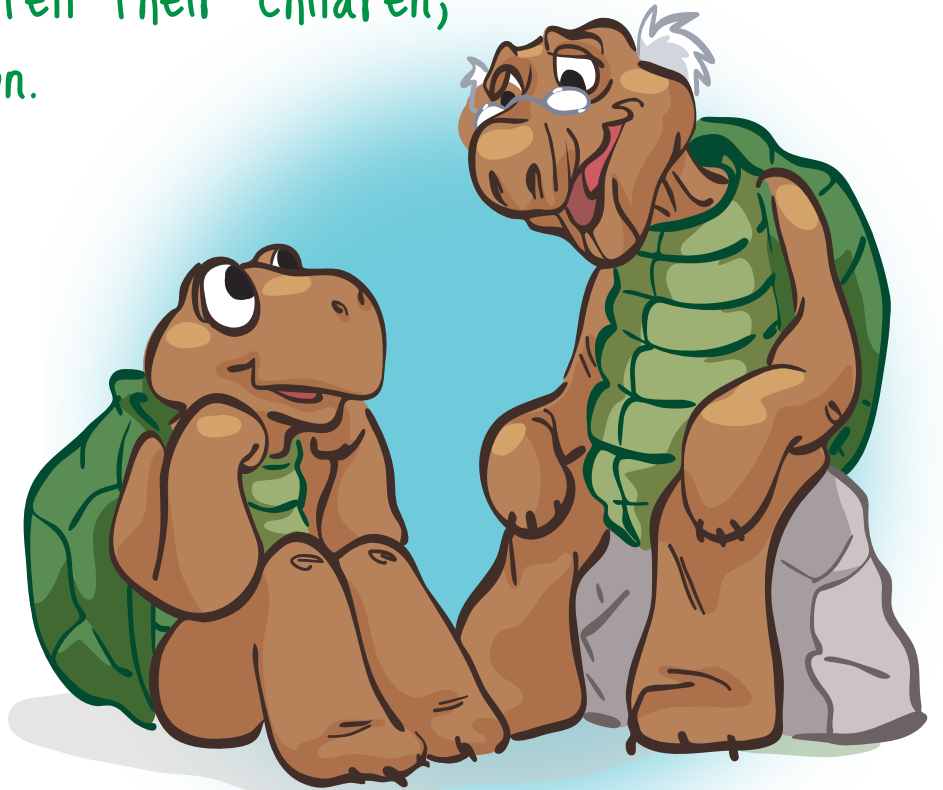
Everyone gathers by the pond to listen to  
Grandfather and Grandmother Turtle  
tell us stories.

We all listen carefully because these  
stories are passed on to us, just  
like they were passed on to them.





When we get to be older turtles, we will  
tell our children these stories,  
and then they will tell their children,  
and so on and so on.





It is cool to learn these stories from  
our grandfathers and grandmothers.

They say there are many  
stories and we are never  
too old to learn them.



A long time ago  
there were no books;

they  
only told  
stories.



Today we still tell stories.  
We also read stories in books and  
on the computer, even on iPads!

How do you  
like to learn  
stories?









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