



ASKI
AND TURTLE ISLAND

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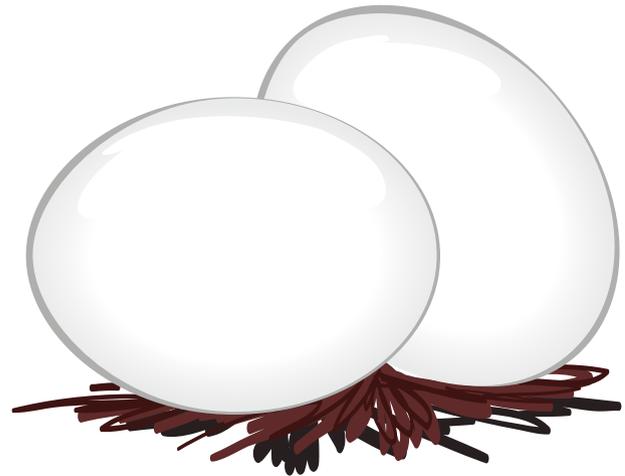
My name is Askî.

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.

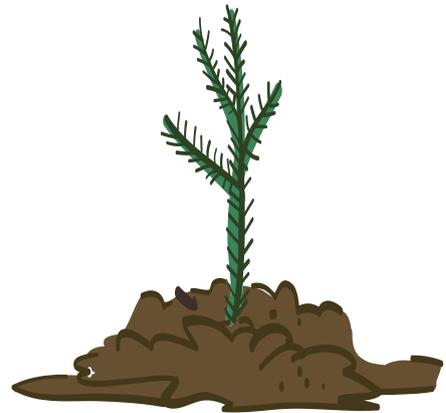
He says all that we need comes
from Mother Earth:
our food, our clothes,
our homes and even our toys.





We need to take
care of Mother Earth.

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



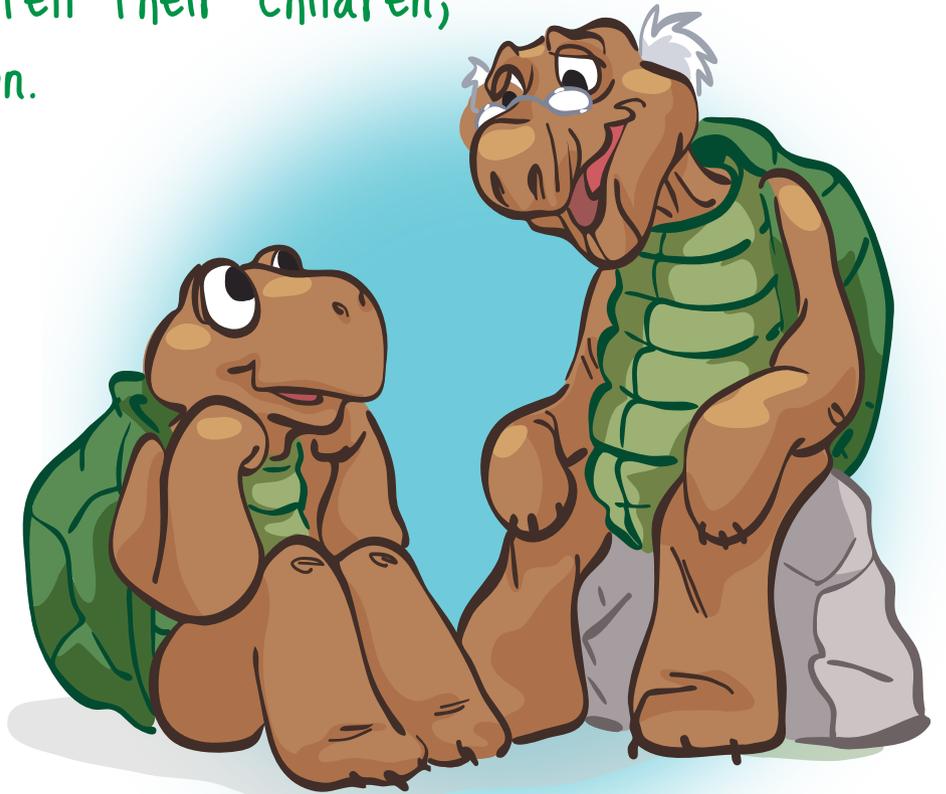
Everyone gathers by the pond to listen to Grandfather and Grandmother Turtle tell us stories.

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.



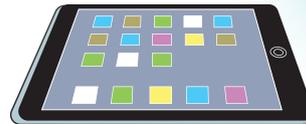
A long time ago
there were no books;

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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