

THE TRUTH IN ITS FULLNESS – A LEGEND

IN A FAR-AWAY LAND THAT “IS SOMEHOW NOT SO FAR AWAY,” ONE NIGHT A TRUTH FALLS FROM THE STARS. AND AS IT FALLS, IT BREAKS INTO TWO PIECES—ONE PIECE BLAZES OFF THROUGH THE SKY AND THE OTHER FALLS STRAIGHT TO THE GROUND. ONE DAY A MAN STUMBLES UPON THE GRAVITY-DRAWN TRUTH AND FINDS CARVED ON IT THE WORDS, “YOU ARE LOVED.” IT MAKES HIM FEEL GOOD, SO HE KEEPS IT AND SHARES IT WITH THE PEOPLE IN HIS TRIBE. THE THING SPARKLES AND MAKES THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE IT FEEL WARM AND HAPPY. IT BECOMES THEIR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION, AND THEY CALL IT “THE TRUTH.” THOSE WHO HAVE THE TRUTH GROW AFRAID OF THOSE WHO DON’T HAVE IT, WHO ARE DIFFERENT THAN THEY ARE. AND THOSE WHO DON’T HAVE IT COVET IT. SOON PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING WARS OVER THE SMALL TRUTH, TRYING TO CAPTURE IT FOR THEMSELVES.

A LITTLE GIRL WHO IS TROUBLED BY THE GROWING VIOLENCE, GREED, AND DESTRUCTION IN HER ONCE PEACEFUL WORLD GOES ON A JOURNEY—THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS OF IMAGINING, THE RIVER OF WONDERING WHY, AND THE FOREST OF FINDING OUT—TO SPEAK WITH OLD TURTLE, THE WISE COUNSELOR. OLD TURTLE TELLS HER THAT THE TRUTH IS BROKEN AND MISSING A PIECE, A PIECE THAT SHOT OFF IN THE NIGHT SKY SO LONG AGO. TOGETHER THEY SEARCH FOR IT, AND WHEN THEY FIND IT THE LITTLE GIRL PUTS THE JAGGED PIECE IN HER POCKET AND RETURNS TO HER PEOPLE. SHE TRIES TO EXPLAIN, BUT NO ONE WILL LISTEN OR UNDERSTAND. FINALLY A RAVEN FLIES THE BROKEN TRUTH TO THE TOP OF A TOWER WHERE THE OTHER PIECE HAS BEEN ENSCONCED FOR SAFETY, AND THE REJOINED PIECES SHINE THEIR FULL MESSAGE: “YOU ARE LOVED / AND SO ARE THEY.” AND THE PEOPLE BEGIN TO COMPREHEND. AND THE EARTH BEGINS TO HEAL.