

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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In 1656, in the village of Ossernonen,* a baby girl was born to Chief Kenneronkwa of the Turtle Clan of the Mohawk Nation. Her mother, Kahenta, was a Christian Algonquin. The child's baby name, Ioragode, meant "sunshine" ...

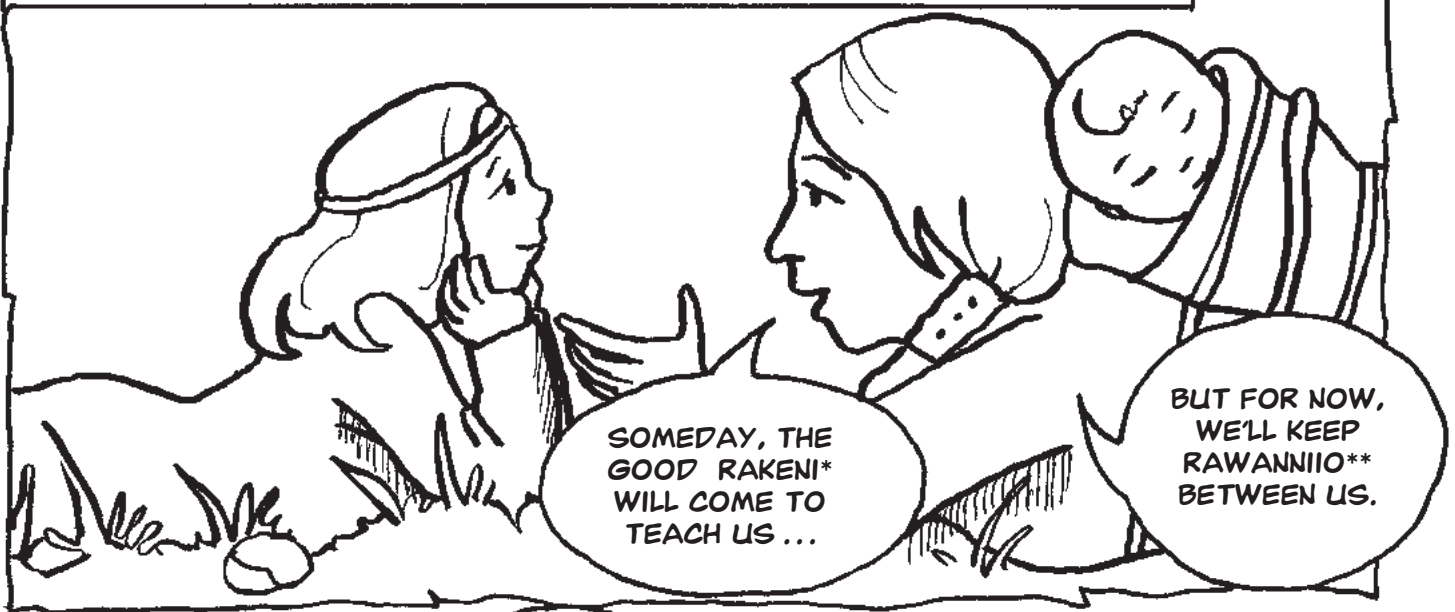
SHE HAS YOUR EYES!

SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL ...

Four years later, her baby brother was born ...

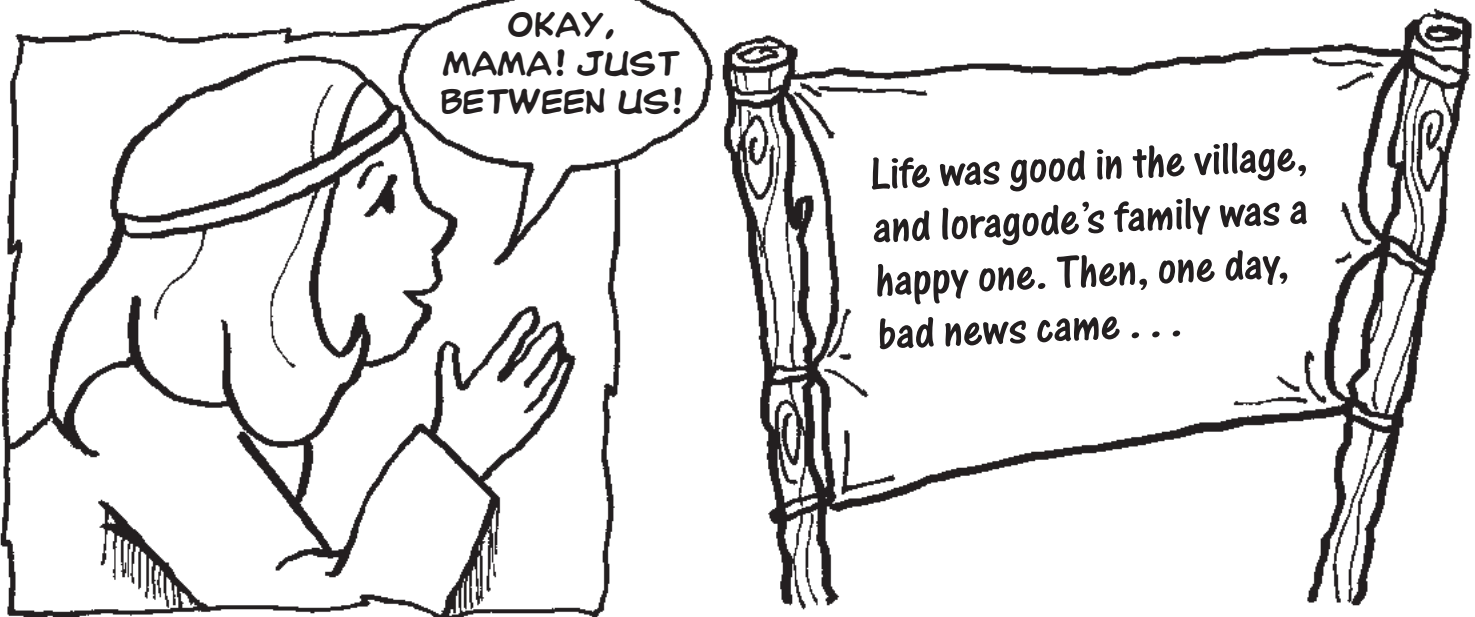
* Now Auriesville, New York, where there is a shrine honoring Blessed Kateri

In time, Kahenta shared her faith with loragode ...



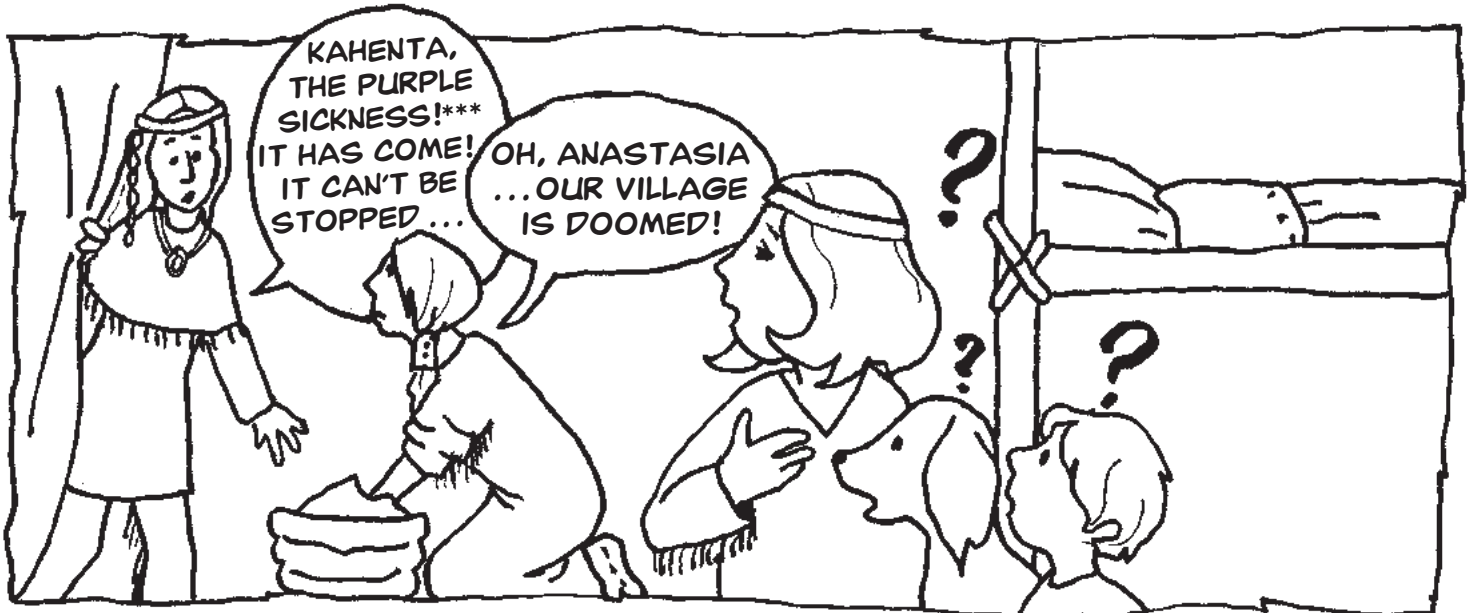
SOMEDAY, THE GOOD RAKENI* WILL COME TO TEACH US ...

BUT FOR NOW, WE'LL KEEP RAWANNIIO** BETWEEN US.



OKAY, MAMA! JUST BETWEEN US!

Life was good in the village, and loragode's family was a happy one. Then, one day, bad news came ...



KAHENTA, THE PURPLE SICKNESS!*** IT HAS COME! IT CAN'T BE STOPPED ...

OH, ANASTASIA ... OUR VILLAGE IS DOOMED!

* Blackrobes, or priests

** God, the Great Spirit

*** Smallpox, a highly contagious disease

And doomed it was. The chief worked hard to help his people ...



HOLD ON,
RUNNING
DEER ...

But...



KAHENTA ...
I FEEL SICK ...

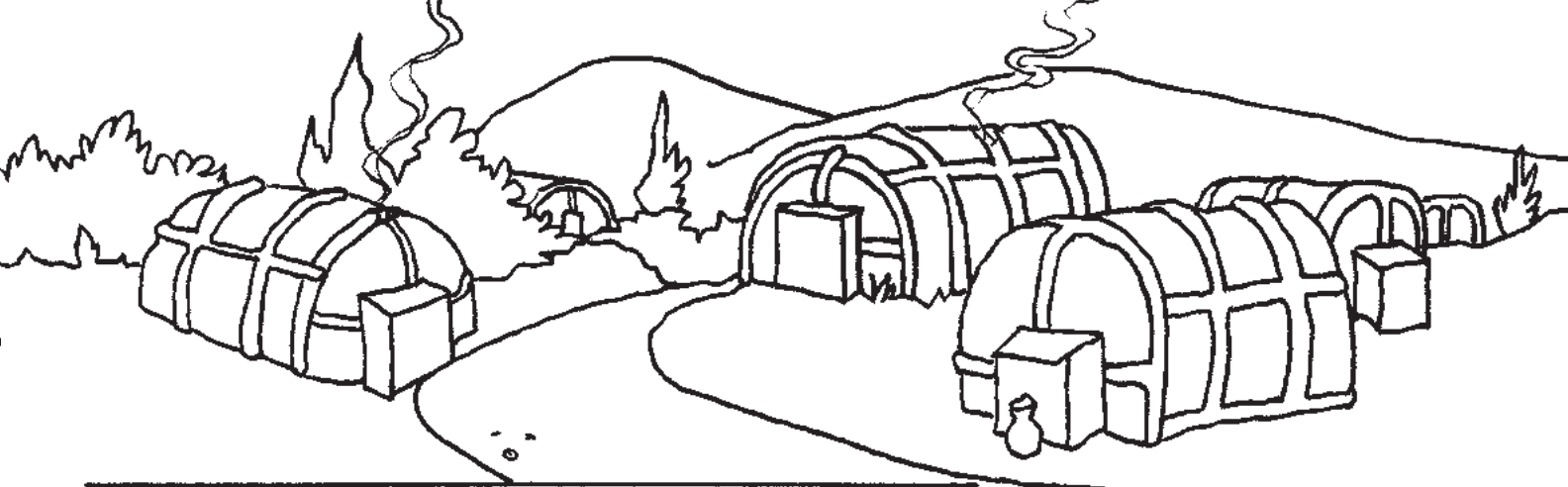


I WILL CARE
FOR YOU ...
MY LOVE ...

ME TOO,
DADDY!



YIP
YIP



But no one was spared in the village.
And soon, even the crying was...

silent.

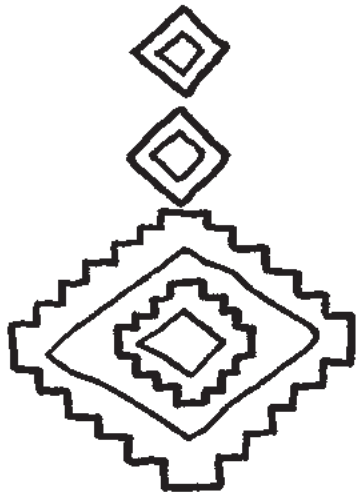
Later, in a nearby
village ...

ANASTASIA,
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?

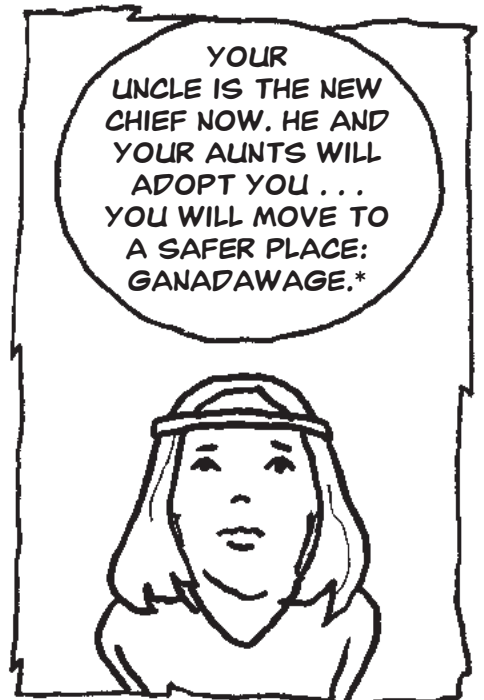
I MUST FIND
OUT ...



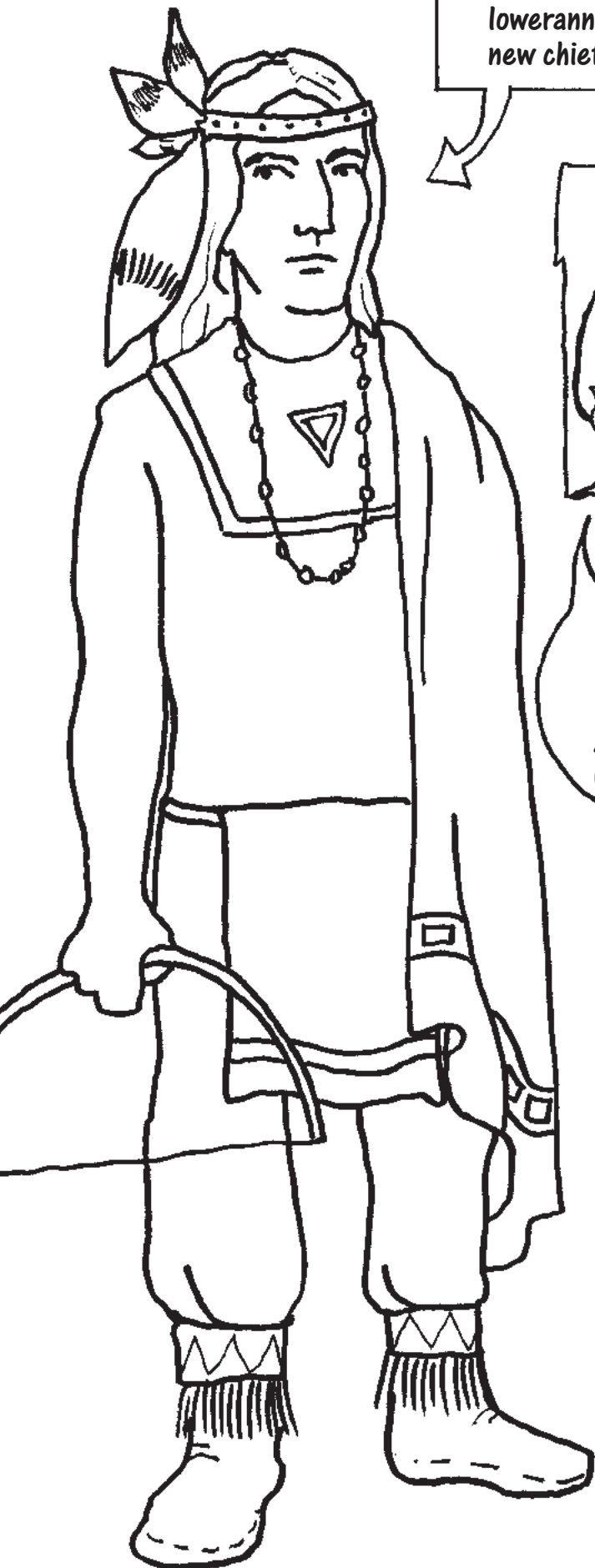
...IF KAHENTA'S
FAMILY IS STILL
ALIVE!



Smallpox was a feared disease that was brought to the New World by Europeans. The native people had no immunity from it, so it spread like wildfire. Many died from it. Smallpox left Kateri with weak eyesight for the rest of her life ...

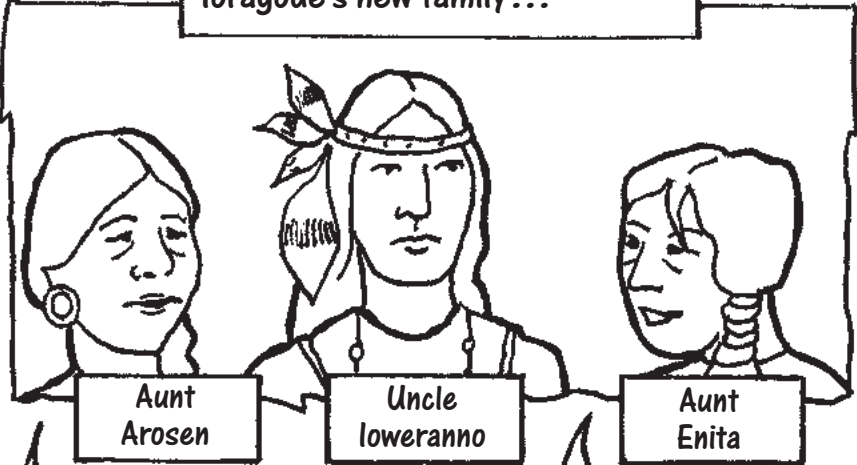


* Now Fonda, New York



loweranno, the new chief...

loragode's new family...



Aunt Arosen

Uncle loweranno

Aunt Enita

POOR LITTLE THING! SHE HAS TO FEEL HER WAY AROUND WITH HER HANDS...

IT'S FROM THE DISEASE! SHE'S SEVEN... WE'LL CALL HER **TEKAKWITHA*** NOW!



* "She who pushes with her hands"