

## **The Legend**

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**Narrator:** This is a story about change; about building healthy families and wanting a better life.

*(three siblings sit outside of a tent)*

**Cavelle:** How come our parents haven't come back yet? It's been three days.

**Jersey:** I don't know. I am so tired of waiting for them.

**William:** I miss my Mother's presence. I need her comfort. I wonder if they are ever going to come back?

**Jersey:** You'll be okay, as long as we're together. I will try to provide for us.

**Cavelle:** I feel so uncomfortable. I just want my Mom.

**Jersey:** Do something to keep yourself busy, so you don't have to feel this way.

**William:** It's getting dark. Let's go chop some wood and start a fire.

*(William, Jersey and Cavelle all walk and begin to chop wood. While they are working The Northern Lights appear – projected on the ceiling)*

**Cavelle:** Hey! Look! The Northern Lights! They're so beautiful.

**The Northern Lights Speak:** Innutuhun – The Medicine is Giving. Look to the light in the sky and in each other. You need to hunt Caribou. You need to listen to The Northern Lights, you need to pray hard that you will get through this. I know it's not easy, but things will get better if you stick together and look out for each other.

*(all three siblings begin to pray. After some time, Jersey speaks)*

**Jersey:** Let's collect Labrador tea leaves, and make tea on the stove after we get the fire going. Then we can cook the Partridge that we got this morning.

*(all three siblings collect leaves, make a fire, brew tea, and smudge while David Hart's "Traditional Song" plays)*

**William:** We'll go Caribou hunting in the morning?

*(other siblings nod in agreement)*

## TEN YEARS LATER

**Narrator:** Ten years later, everything had gotten better.

*(Jersey and Cavelle are sitting inside the tent, drinking tea)*

**Jersey:** William will be so happy when we surprise him for this Sweet 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday party!

**Cavelle:** Yeah! I can't wait to see the big smile on his face. Let's bake a cake from scratch and make hotdogs and homemade pizza!

**Jersey:** Great idea! You start decorating and I'll get the food going.

*(Cavelle starts decorating, and Jersey starts cooking. Eventually Cavelle looks out the window and says...)*

**Cavelle:** Oh my goodness, he's here! Turn off the lights and hide!

*(the lights dim and the sisters hide. William opens the door)*

**William:** Hello? Cavelle and Jersey? Are you here?  
Weird.... *(turns on the light and the sisters jump out and shout....)*

**Jersey and Cavelle: SURPRISE!!!!**

*(William has happy tears and they all hug)*

**Jersey:** Happy birthday, William!

**William:** Thank you! I appreciate this so much! No one has ever done this for me before. Thanks for stepping up when our parents couldn't. You are the best! Thank you for being our Mother figure our entire life.

**Cavelle:** Yeah Jersey – you are the best sister I ever had. We owe you a lot.

**Jersey:** You don't owe me anything. I'm glad I have you guys on my side whenever I am feeling down. You guys are the only ones I got.

**William:** Remember that time when The Northern Lights talked to us when we were younger? They told us which way to go. And told us that things would get better? They were right. Things are better.

**Jersey:** How could I forget? It reminds me of my parents every time I think of it. Let us pray that our parents are doing okay and that they are safe wherever they are. I

am not mad at them for leaving us. I just hope that one day they come back and feel proud of us.

**Cavelle:** I know that we can better for our children than our parents were to us. We are strong and we are proud.

*(lights out and Mushuau Uassists plays)*