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# TRUE NORTH

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Cougar was headin' up out of the canyon. Tired of the fear in his gut after endless rabbit chasing, he wondered where the joy was kept and if it was there at all. Rumor had it that an awakening was taking place up north. He set his course straight as a bee line for the silver shored northern kingdom.

As the light became brighter and the days longer, the sea teemed with life. Food was abundant. Having a full belly was everyone's birthright on the path to the magical northern kingdom. Not everyone knew this law, but those who did were full. Cougar realized his mind made his world. A herd of walrus told him this secret as they were swimming by. It was a time of great blessing.

His easy stride carried him through forested valleys, across meadows and over mountain tops. Cougar soon observed that the further north he got everything and everyone had a rhythm. All living creatures were in their full glory on their way to the midnight sun. Meetings were brief and intense since time was precious before the snows of winter covered the land.

Cougar discovered that all joy lies within oneself and going north brought him home.

True North is a state of mind.

(Some Paintings which illustrate this fable are in the show, "Love, Light and the Pursuit of Art". Can you find them?)