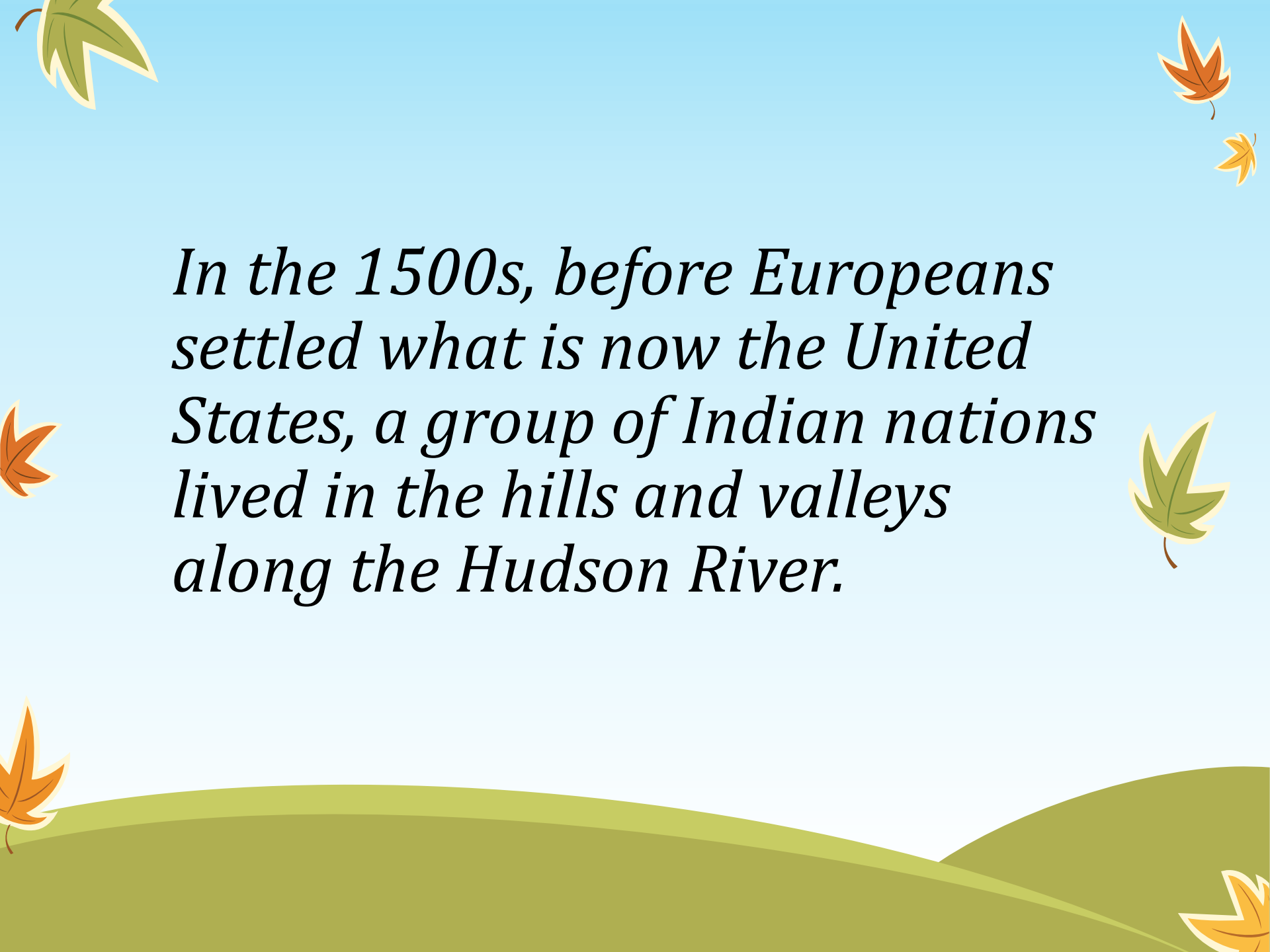








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Our League of the Iroquois

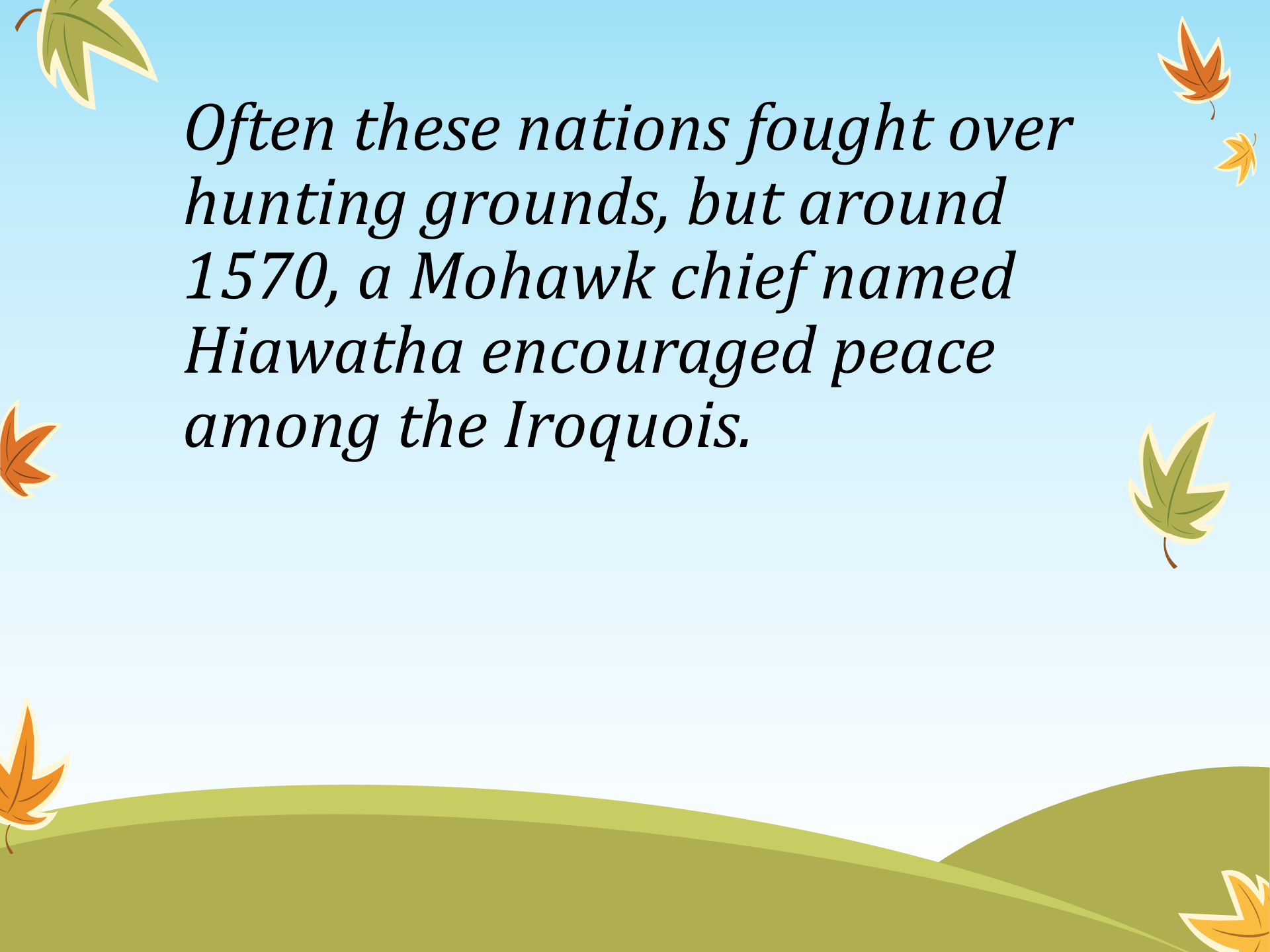
by Hiawatha

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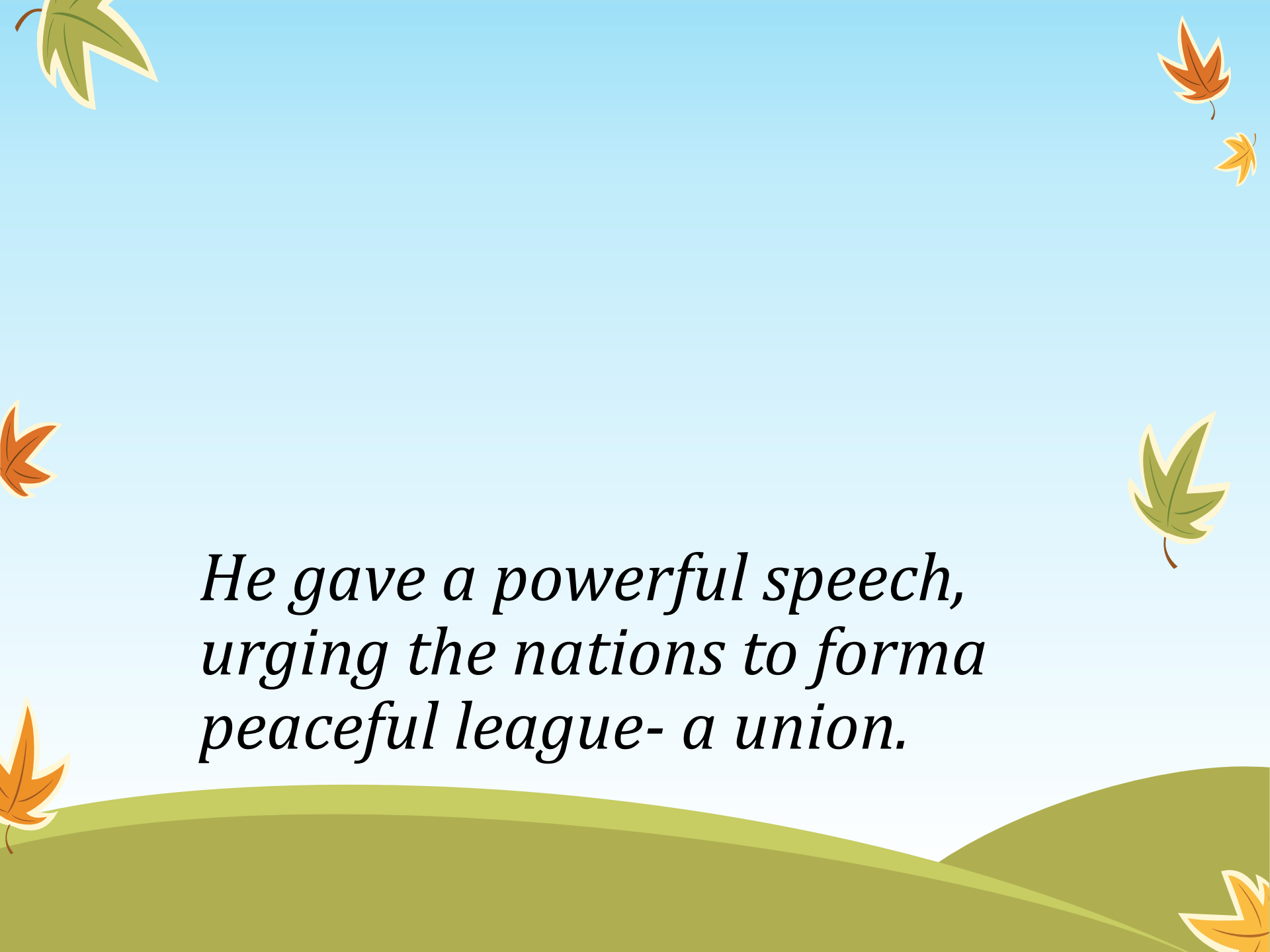
In the 1500s, before Europeans settled what is now the United States, a group of Indian nations lived in the hills and valleys along the Hudson River.



*These five nations were the
Onondaga
Oneida
Seneca
Cayuga
and the Mohawk.*

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Often these nations fought over hunting grounds, but around 1570, a Mohawk chief named Hiawatha encouraged peace among the Iroquois.

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*He gave a powerful speech,
urging the nations to form a
peaceful league- a union.*






*His speech has been passed
down for hundreds of years.*

Here are his words...







Friends and Brothers,
You have come together from a
great distance. War makes you
fear for your homes and
children. I am with you.
We are one.



We have a common interest and must determine how this can be done.





To oppose other tribes, singly and alone, would prove destruction.







We must unite into one common band of brothers.








We must have but one voice.



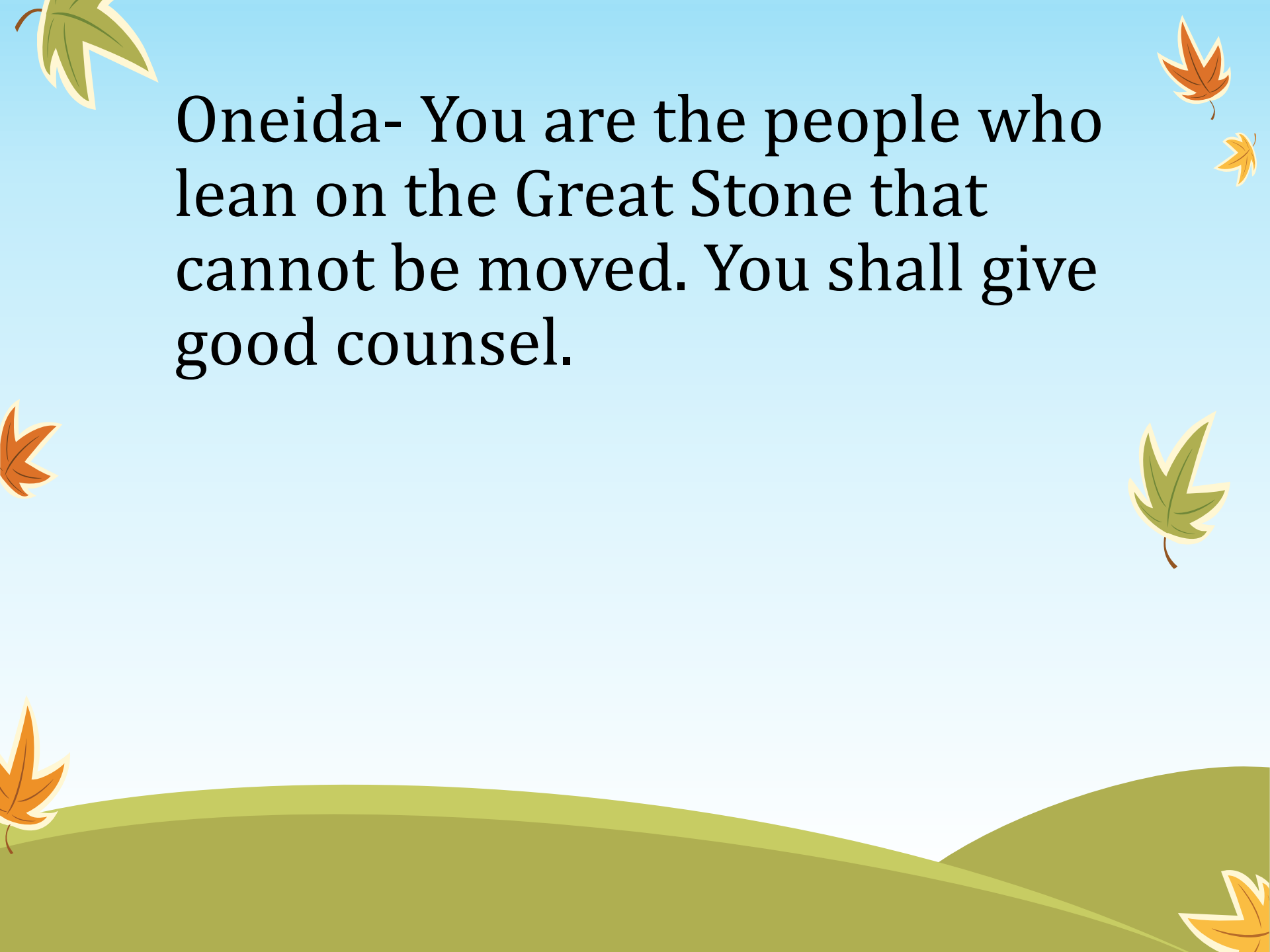


We must have one fire, one pipe
of peace, and one war club.
This will give us strength...











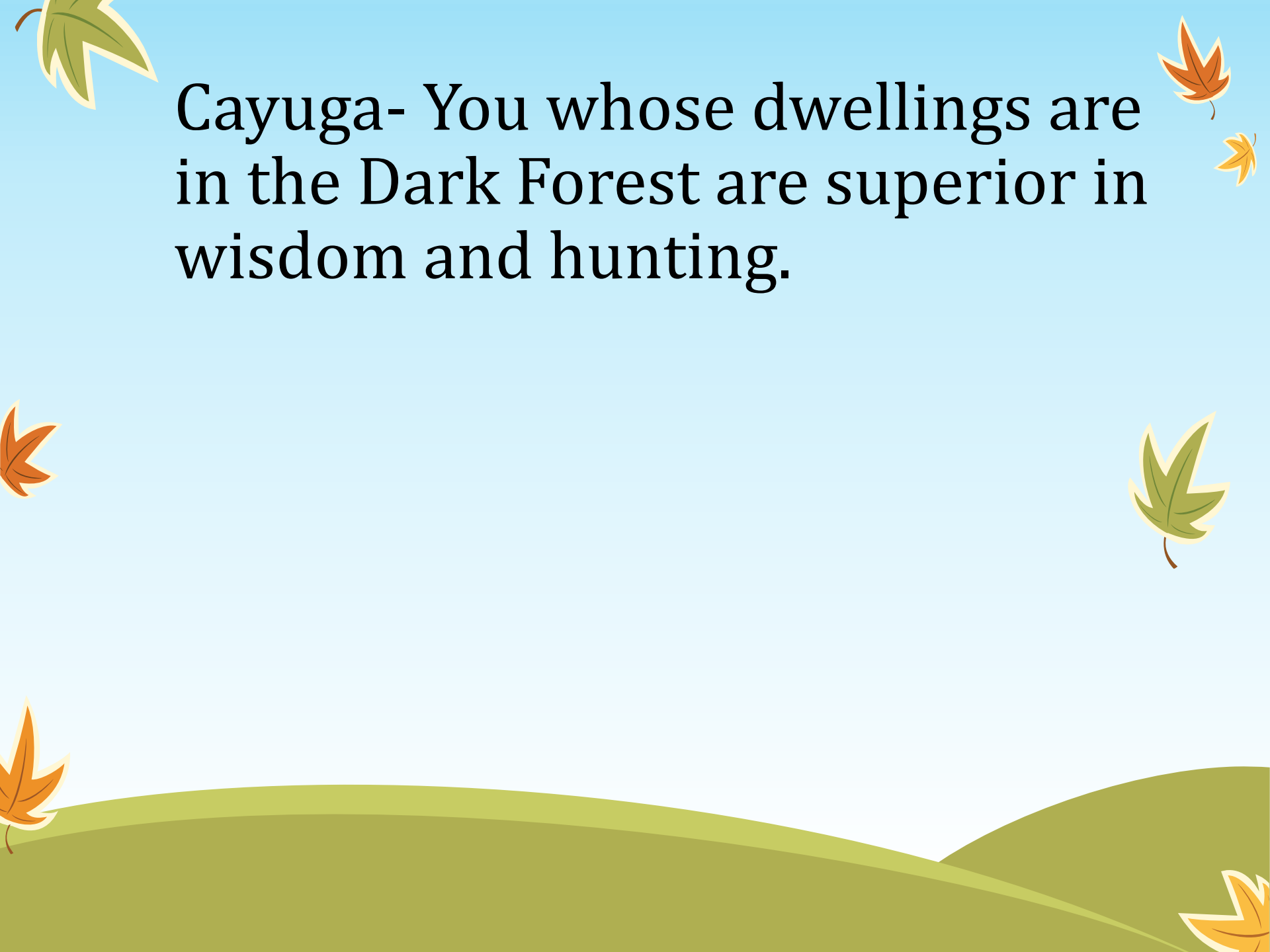
Onondaga- You are the people in
the shadow of the Great Tree
whose branches spread far and
wide and whose roots sink deep
into the earth. You are mighty.

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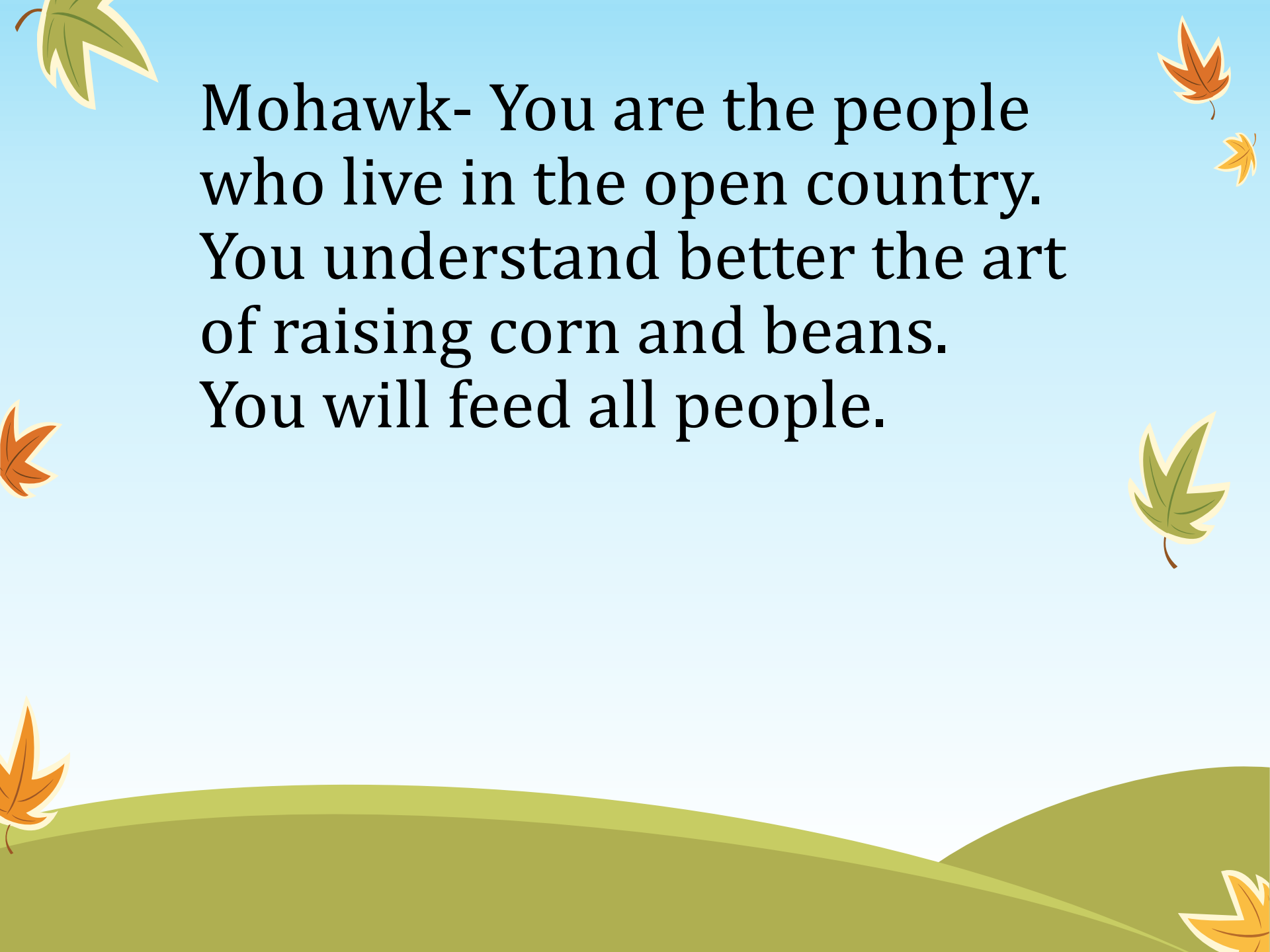
Oneida- You are the people who
lean on the Great Stone that
cannot be moved. You shall give
good counsel.



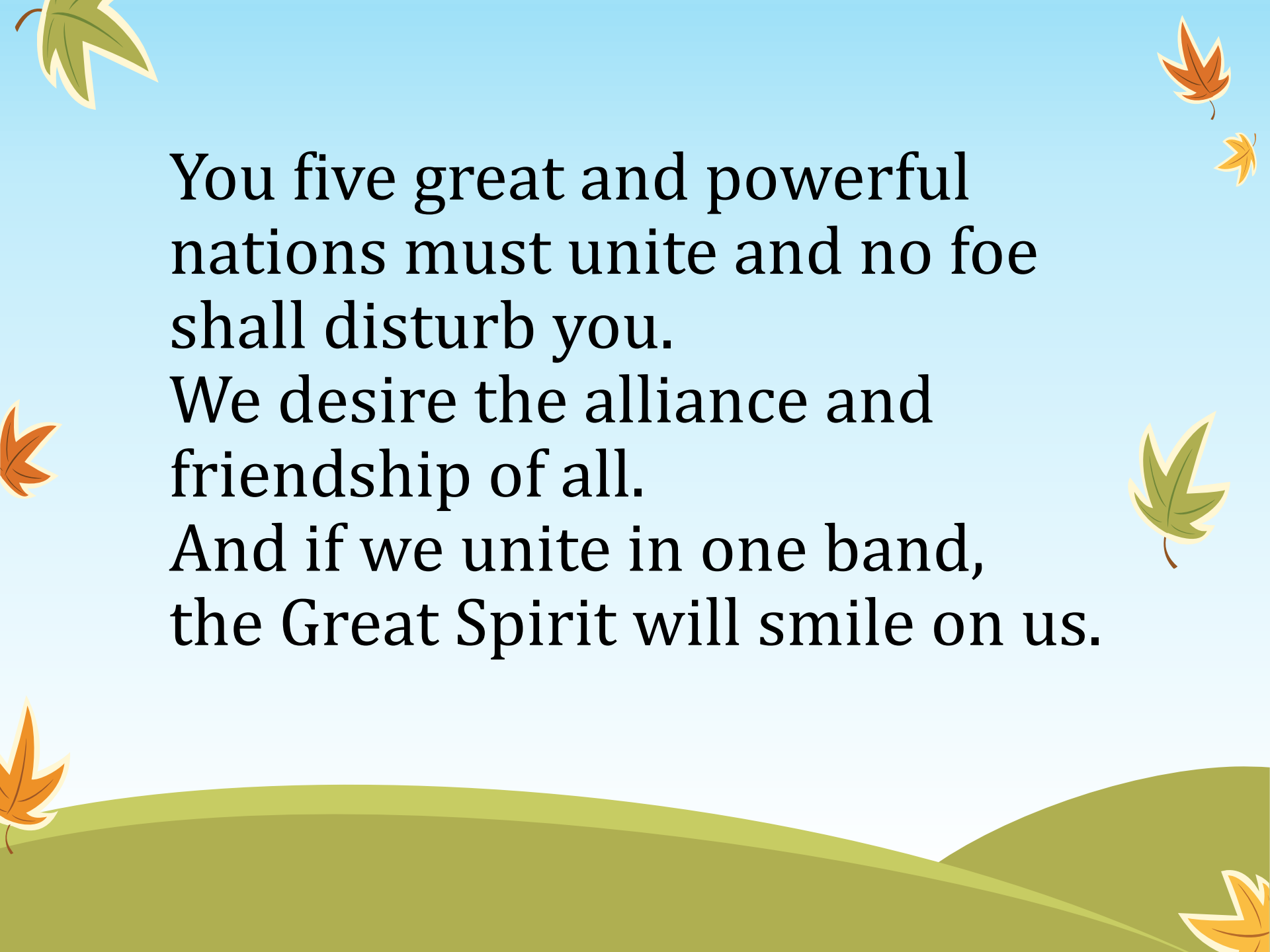
Seneca- You are the people
whose homes lie at the foot of
the Great Mountain, shadowed
by its cliffs. You will always
have the gift of speech.

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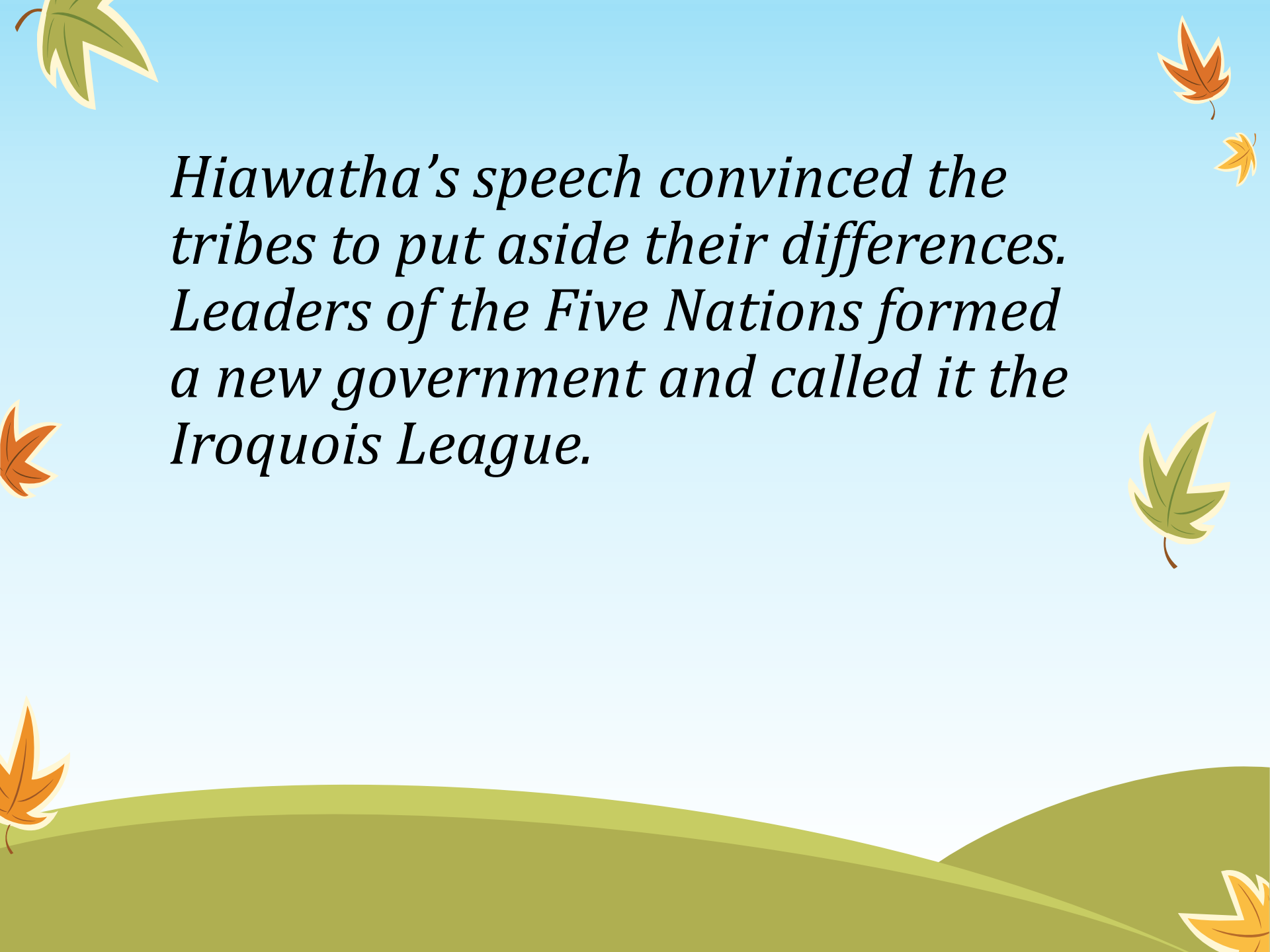
Cayuga- You whose dwellings are
in the Dark Forest are superior in
wisdom and hunting.

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Mohawk- You are the people
who live in the open country.
You understand better the art
of raising corn and beans.
You will feed all people.

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You five great and powerful
nations must unite and no foe
shall disturb you.
We desire the alliance and
friendship of all.
And if we unite in one band,
the Great Spirit will smile on us.

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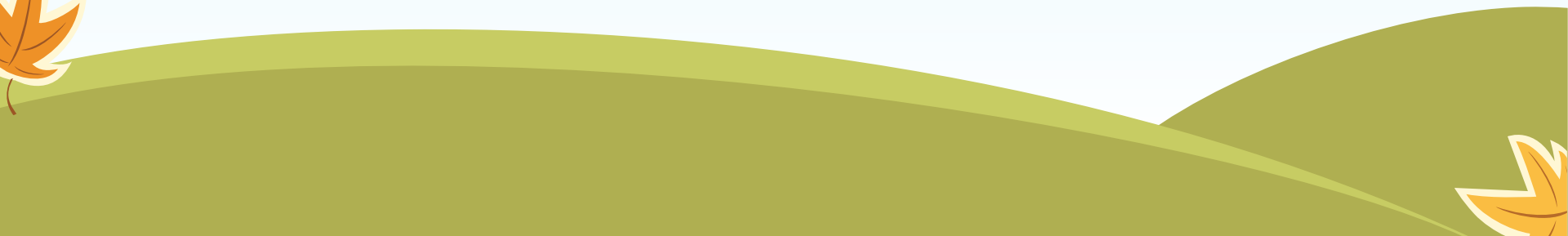


Hiawatha's speech convinced the tribes to put aside their differences. Leaders of the Five Nations formed a new government and called it the Iroquois League.

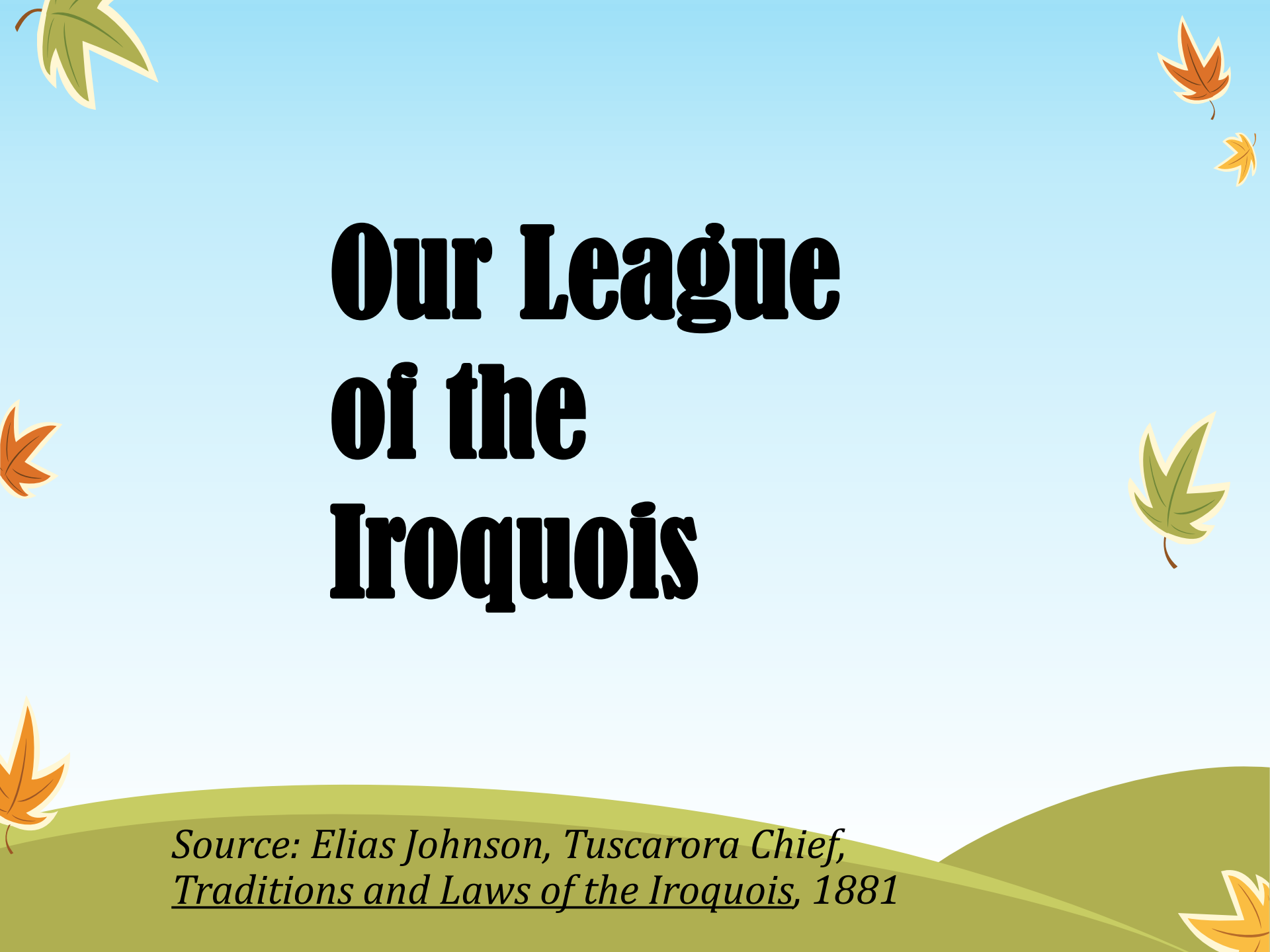


*Later, a sixth nation joined them-
the Tuscarora.*



*And the League became one of
the most powerful groups in
North America.*



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*Source: Elias Johnson, Tuscarora Chief,
Traditions and Laws of the Iroquois, 1881*