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PEACE

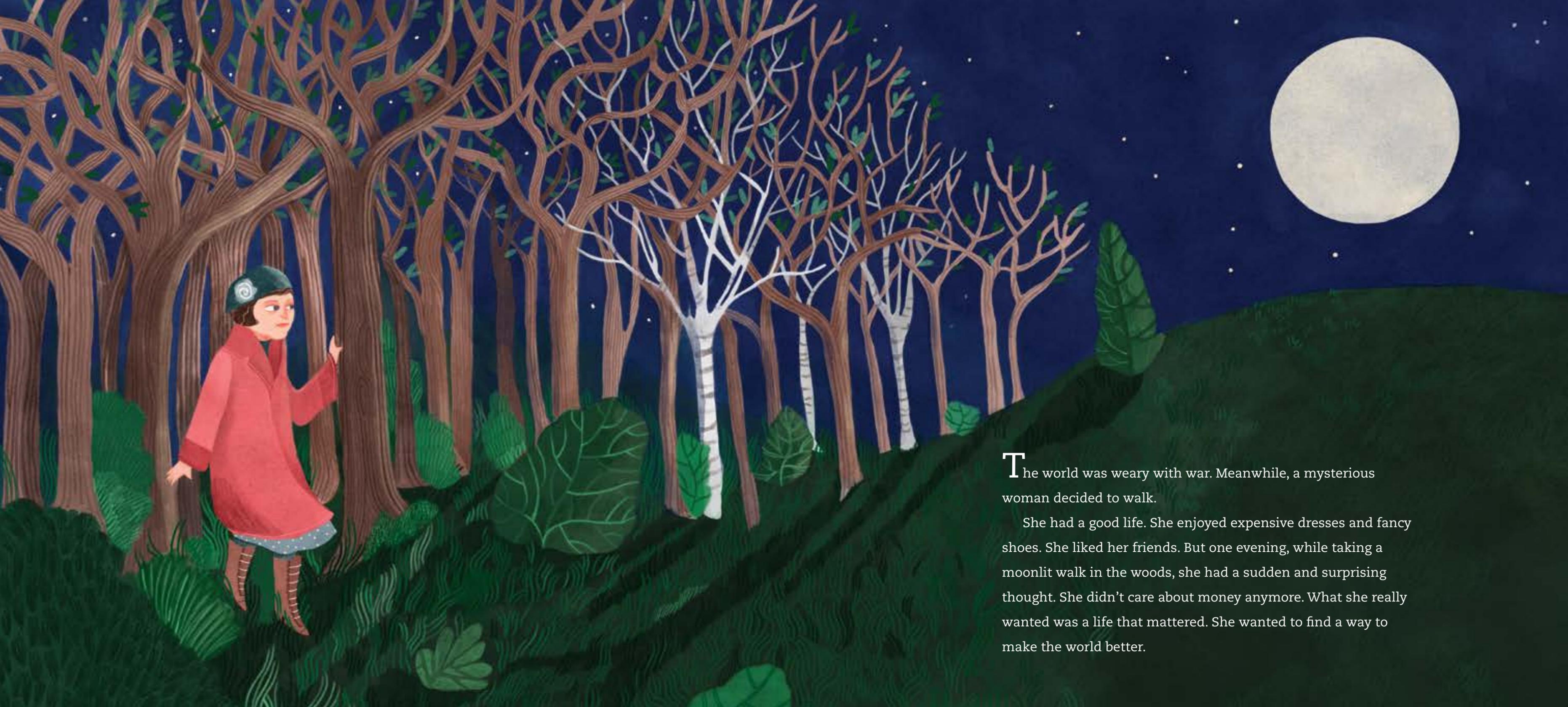
**The True Story of a Brave Woman
Called Peace Pilgrim**

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“Overcome evil with good,
falsehood with truth,
and hatred with love.”
—Peace Pilgrim

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The world was weary with war. Meanwhile, a mysterious woman decided to walk.

She had a good life. She enjoyed expensive dresses and fancy shoes. She liked her friends. But one evening, while taking a moonlit walk in the woods, she had a sudden and surprising thought. She didn't care about money anymore. What she really wanted was a life that mattered. She wanted to find a way to make the world better.

Her greatest fear was that the country would fall into wartime chaos. But what could one person do about that? Into her mind came a map of the United States. She imagined a crayon as it drew a line from coast to coast. It gave her the idea to walk—as a pilgrim for peace.





She decided to give up her real name and everything she owned. Peace Pilgrim would be her new name, and her goal was to walk twenty-five thousand miles.

Step by step, she would make this pilgrimage happen. And somehow, in a country that could think only of war, she would spread peace.

She took years to get ready. To master the skills she would need to survive, she spent many hours in the forest, practicing how to find food and find her way.



Peace started within. As she prepared, she focused on good thoughts and good actions every day. She read to the elderly and helped tend their gardens.

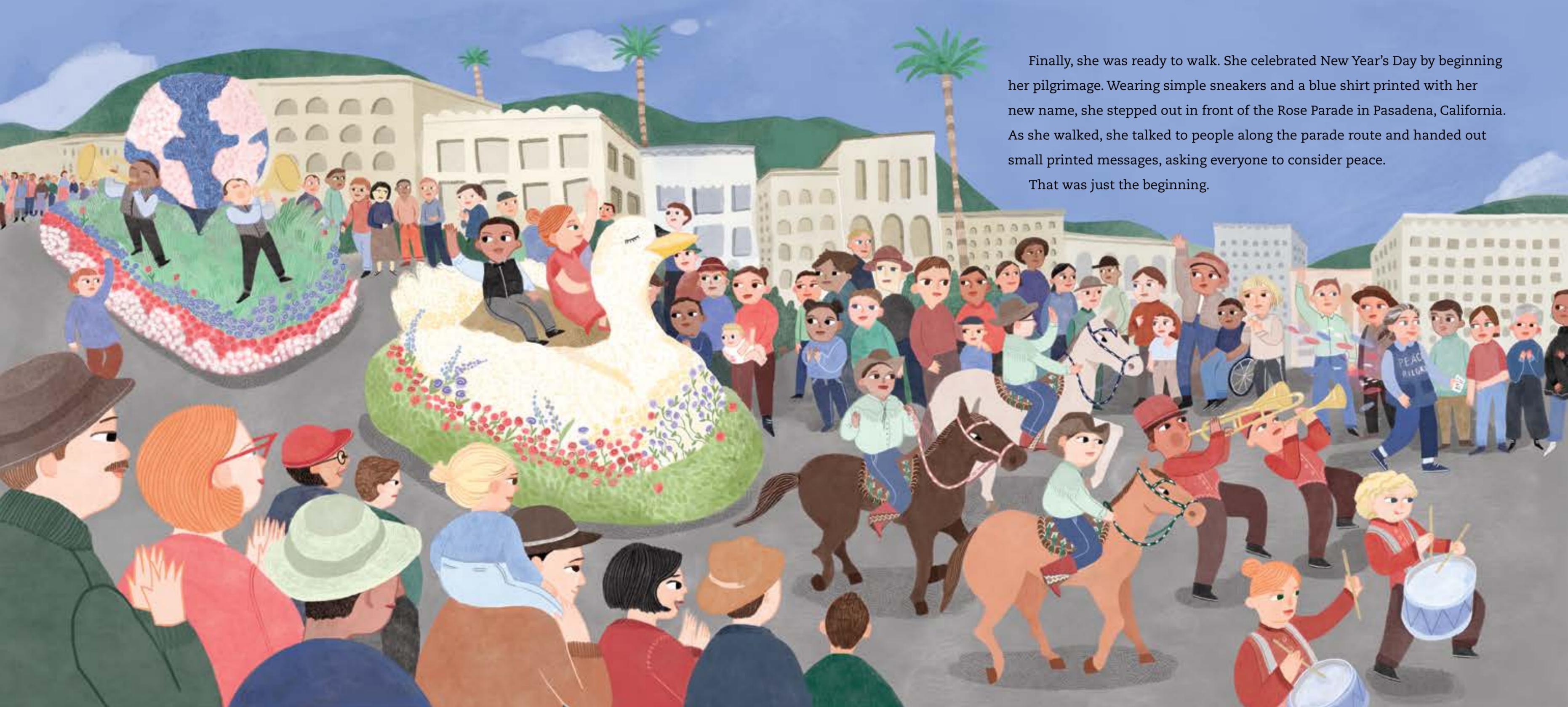


She worked with kids in trouble.



She volunteered with groups that promoted peace.





Finally, she was ready to walk. She celebrated New Year's Day by beginning her pilgrimage. Wearing simple sneakers and a blue shirt printed with her new name, she stepped out in front of the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. As she walked, she talked to people along the parade route and handed out small printed messages, asking everyone to consider peace.

That was just the beginning.