World on the Turtle’s Back

Setting- Sky world, There is a tree that is not supposed to be touched. (Like the Bible)

-Pregnant lady craving strange food. Asks her husband for bark from The Great Tree. He goes to get the root, digs a hole, and she falls through the Sky World floor.

-She falls through, grabbing some root from the tree.

-Birds carry her to safety, and place her on a turtle’s back in the ocean.

-Muskrat (Earth-Diver) dove to the bottom of the ocean and retrieved soil for plants to grow.

-The woman walked in the direction of the sun while the earth grew (which is why the Iriquois dance in this same direction)

-Woman has a daughter.

-Daughter is out walking, random guy shows up, which surprises her, and she faints.

-He lays two arrows across her (this makes her pregnant)

-The girl’s twins fight in the womb. Right Handed twin wants to be born normally, left-handed twin wants to through his mom’s armpit. That kills her.

-The author explains that plants (corn and tobacco) came from the mother’s grave and that’s why they dance.

-Right-Good, Left-Evil

-Right would create an animal, Left would create an animal to kill it, thus creating a balance of nature.

-They grew up, and began to duel. (Gambling first, which explains the New Year’s Ritual)

-They finally came to pass, and The Right twin killed the left with an antler, threw his body down and he reigns below (like the Devil).

-Granny was mad because righty killed lefty. So that made righty mad and he killed granny. He threw her head into the sky and it keeps watch over lefty’s realm. (Moon)