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Two red-tailed hawks, a sister and brother, flew out over a valley high above the walls of the town. Looking down the sister lamented the plight of humankind. She bemoaned the fact that so often the humans divided up the land. “Even when they do not argue and fight over property disputes, they insist on putting up walls and fences to mark off the land as if they own it,” she insisted. “Yes sister,” retorted her brother, “but they think they DO own the land. They consider animals, plants, and rocks to be subservient to them in such a way that none of those kingdoms deserve rights to the Earth.” “Do they consider themselves

entitled to all four elements?” asked his sister, “If they think they own the Earth, what about the Water, Air, and Fire?” “Ah, there’s the rub,” began her brother, “the humans are born into physical flesh and bone, which are Earth elements. They start life on Earth as separated bodies without the awareness that the animals, plants, and rocks have - the awareness of being connected to all. Most humans never break free of their Earth-bound roots to realize that they are also made of Water, Air, and Fire. But, it’s not their fault. They never experience the sky or Air the way that we do, with no fences or borders. They do not relate to the Water the way the fish do. And the farthest thing from their minds is the ability to imagine an experience of living in the Fire!” “I see,” mourned his sister. It’s too bad. They think they are trapped in the only element where you can build walls on imagined borders.

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