

One

All it takes is one that wants to dance with your confidence
one to believe the pictures in the clouds make sense
one to take your hand when you're unable to stand
one to whisper in the wind that you still have a chance
one to create the steps of love that make a pyramid
one to sing the songs of the same indifference
one to walk the same fine line so that you both arrive at the same time
just as it only takes one to remind you of the obstacles that you have overcome

Excerpt from "Telling Times"

“What Kaya just said to you is what members of the D.P.A.M. had been pondering and discussing over the past several months. How can we utilize what we have in this great melting pot of a nation to be able to see the whole puzzle? What would we be able to create? What would putting together all the pieces of the puzzle look like? What are the stories we want to leave in this world as a representative of what America looked like and what it became? I know I don't want to be a part of the puzzle that doesn't get included in making the puzzle complete. But you know what we and the members of the D.P.A.M. in addition with those we represent have been those pieces of the largest puzzle that sometimes get lost by accident or the pieces that got tossed to the side because someone didn't think they were a part of the puzzle they were working on. The beauty of putting the puzzle together is seeing what you created when you finished. You know there are always those pieces of the puzzle that no one seems to know where they go but then suddenly. BAM!! You find out exactly where those pieces fit but some other pieces had to be put together first to see that. We at the D.P.A.M. have come to the understanding that although we all have differences in various aspects of life we are all part of the same puzzle. And what that puzzle is my friends is making America the very melting pot it claims to be by giving everyone in it a level playing field. Why a level playing field you ask? Simply put we now know and understand that the game has been rigged the whole time. Within this puzzle we call America there are pieces of the puzzle that have been destroyed and damaged beyond repair for decades if not centuries. There are also some pieces to the puzzle that don't want the puzzle to reveal what else is there. So as we deem ourselves a nation that prides itself on the idea that everyone pulls themselves up by the bootstraps and has the ability to achieve greatness. We figured why America doesn't just put their money where their mouth is! Let's create the equality we claim to have built this nation on to the ultimate test. We propose that we simply level the playing field from here on out”.

Then the floating screen went dark followed by silence from the crowd. My grandmother turned around just as I could see the natural color return to her eyes. They tend to look like gold and black circles when she is projecting memories. Everything appeared to be okay. My grandmother began to address the audience stating that before “The Common Ground Amendment” was created America was on a slippery, downward spiral towards a dystopian society divided in every way possible. Divided by color, class, religion, sex, sexual orientation and so on and so on. If you were different from the next then basically there was a category for you and you somehow you didn't fit into the “American Dream”. It got so bad that everyone was fighting over everything even what they thought defined an “American”. This led to the dumbing down of our society based on simple disagreements of ideas and who had control. During those times we were the laughing stock of the World. I think one day people woke up to the realization that all the people that were disenfranchised in our society were everyone that didn't fit the visual perception set forth of what the “American Dream” was and who could obtain it. This finally led to all the disenfranchised and disappointed to come together to find a solution that would benefit America as a whole instead of only benefitting some with the “Proud to be an American” attitude as it was previously defined.