It has been more than five hundred years. What shall happen?
That is the question, not the only one but one of the first ones. And after more than five hundred years of loss of land and life, what shall be done?
Those are questions Indian people of the Americas are asking.
That is how they live history.
“The Story of Questions” is about Zapata. But it is also not about Zapata. It is about what shall happen. It is about what shall be done.

Indian people know history is lived in the time and moment it is taking place. History is in the moment. History is not the past. Nor is it the future. And you ask questions so you will know history is taking place. You live history therefore.

And with our questions, that is the history we are living.

Five hundred years and more ago, European people came to our Native homeland. And change, change, change happened. Much of the change has been destructive. And there has been loss, loss, loss. And more loss.

We have not known what to do with the loss. Since our knowledge of history is to live history, we have lived the loss. And when we live the loss, we live more loss.

We have to walk then. To move. To not be still. To not stay in the loss. And to not live in the loss. And to face the questions. What shall happen now? What shall be done?

Haah-ah, mah-eemah
Yes, it’s the very truth

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