Naiche, a mixed-race girl, dreams of one day making spaceships like her parents who work for NASA. While her mother teaches her the ways of the Apache and Chickasaw, she imagines her own encounter with aliens. Will she one day be able to fly to meet them?

"I think it's wonderful! Definitely made me reminisce about my childhood and how I spent countless hours dreaming of space. I didn't have anyone in my family who was a scientist or an engineer to tell me what the journey to a career in STEM would be like. It's books like *The Martian Chronicles* and films like 'Apollo 13' that helped to inspire me and keep me motivated through college to chase my dream. I would love to be able to share my passion with a new generation of young Natives, and a book like this, would be the perfect way to do it."

— Shayna Begay, Diné aerospace engineer

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My family lives in the woods,
where I pick wild strawberries for Mom's tarts.

Me and Mom are three tribes.

Apache and Chickasaw and Cherokee.
Some of those people came from Mexico
and some of those people are from here.

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But Mom, she's just Mom.

She holds me after the girls at school
pull my long, dark hair and call me Pocahontas.
She wipes the tears off of my face,
tells me stories about the real Pocahontas,
who was strong and brave.

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