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This book is dedicated to Melora.  
You always believed even when I doubted.  
I cannot thank you enough.  
- X. Aratare

To my family and friends,  
By believing, one indeed sees  
- T. Wolv
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TO GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE WE GO
AIDEY?
WHAT SARAH?

WHY'S MOMMA TAKING SO LONG?
SHE'S ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS TO GRANDFATHER PATRICK'S.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET LOST.

WHY CAN'T WE AFFORD TO GET LOST?

DOES IT COST A LOT?

HOW CAN I TELL HER THAT WE'RE BROKE?

THAT THE MONEY WE USED FOR GAS WAS THE LAST OF OUR CASH?
HOW CAN I TELL HER...

LIVING WITH GRANDFATHER PATRICK IS OUR ONLY CHOICE.

IT'S THAT, OR WE'RE HOMELESS.

SHE'S ONLY EIGHT... I CAN'T...

BECAUSE MOM WANTS US TO GET THERE AS QUICK AS WE CAN.

AREN'T YOU SICK OF BEING IN THE CAR, BED BUG?

YEAH! IT'S SO HOT IN HERE

HEE HEE HEE
SO HOT...

WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE...

FOR A SWIM RIGHT NOW...
AIDEY

AIDEY

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

YOU KNOW YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE HEAT IF THE THOUGHT OF SWIMMING IN COLD WATER,

AH HA HA HA

UH, NOTHING. I'M JUST HOT.

...GETS YOU HARD
MOMMA'S COMING!

... Spit

WHY IS HE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

I THOUGHT SMALL TOWNS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FRIENDLY....
...BUT THEN AGAIN. THIS PLACE IS CALLED DEVIL'S RIDGE.

I DON'T THINK THAT MAN LIKES AIDEN.

HE LIKES AIDEN AND US JUST FINE,

SWEET PEA.

REALLY?

THEN WHY DOES HE LOOK LIKE HE CAN'T WAIT FOR US TO BE OUT OF HERE?
A bit suspicious of strangers, but you just watch...

Once people get to know us, it'll be great!

It's not us, he dislikes Sarah, it's just...

Devil's Ridge is a little small-minded.