Car summary:

In the dusty town of Axlewood, where cars are legendary, the townsfolk gather at the Proving Ground every Saturday to watch drivers and their vehicles compete. Mara, a determined mechanic, enters the race with her self-built, scrappy car, Rattleback, against Jace, the undefeated champion with his sleek, powerful Nightfang. The race is a simple test of skill: first to the far side of the quarry and back wins. Despite Nightfang's speed, Mara uses her knowledge of the terrain to take a risky shortcut, closing the gap. In a thrilling finish, Rattleback and Nightfang cross the line together, but Mara is declared the winner, proving that in Axlewood, a car's heart matters more than its shine.

Alien summary:

In the village of Tildren's Hollow, a mysterious violet sky and strange field markings spark curiosity in Kael, a bold teenager. Ignoring rumors, he investigates the hollow and encounters an alien craft—a hovering, colorful sphere. Liquid-glass aliens emerge, creating a flower from the ground as a gesture. Curious rather than afraid, Kael interacts with them, learning they are cosmic travelers drawn to worlds that "sing" with life. They invite him aboard, showing him visions of fantastical planets. The aliens reveal they mark places like Tildren’s Hollow for their vibrant energy, briefly lifting Kael above his village to see it from their perspective. Returning him to the ground, they depart, leaving Kael with a glowing flower and a newfound sense of his world’s place in the universe.