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## Iron & Untitled

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The other one fiddles inside her crocheted purse and pulls out a stick of gum in a yellow wrapper and presses it into my hand.

"Which of your Momma's girls are you?" the older one asks, her hands folded in her lap.

"Becky," I answer.

"Ah, Becky," repeats the straight-back one. "You favor your Momma, child."

The older one complains, "My feet hurt. Weather's going to change."

"Yes, norther's coming. Tomorrow."

"How do you know?" I ask.

"We know. We Know."

"Look at her eyes," the older says to the other. They gaze into my eyes as if they are searching for something lost.

"She's special – her Momma's eyes."

"Mercy me, yes. Her Momma's eyes."

"Make a wish, child."

"A wish?"

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