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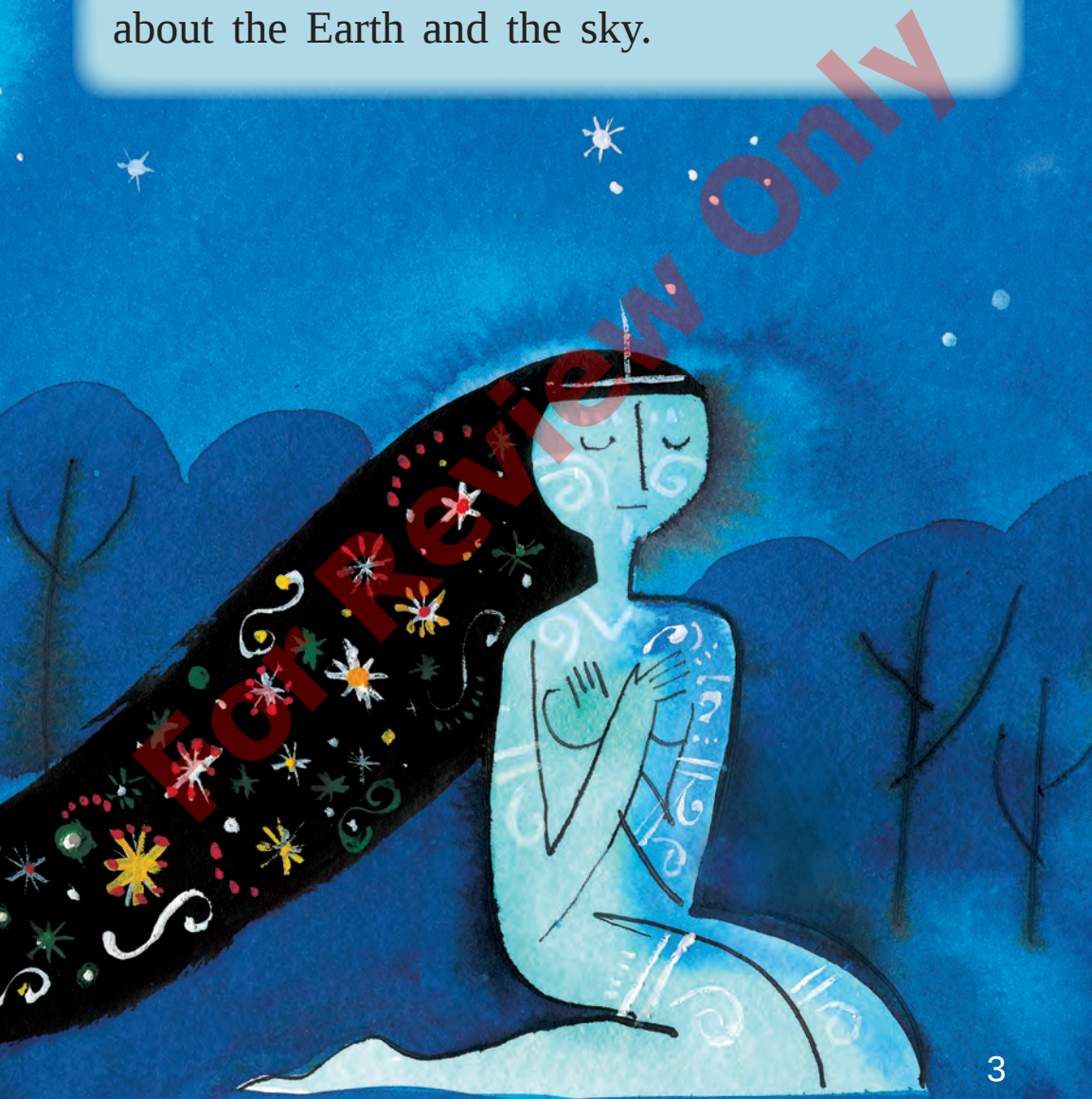
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Long, long ago lived Naiá, the daughter of the tribal healer who lived in the Amazon forests. Her father was wise and taught her about the Earth and the sky.



Everyone in the tribe knew that Jaci, the Moon, was a handsome and brave warrior. At night he filled the sky with light. The stars were always beside him and then, in the morning, they hid themselves to rest.

Sometimes, Jaci fell in love with a beautiful, young Indian girl. Most young girls wanted to be with Jaci as bright stars alongside him. But that meant they no longer had a body and could not run among the forest. For some, this did not matter. They would rather be one of Jaci's stars.



Naiá loved Jaci and gazed at him every night. With all her heart she longed to be his wife and his brightest star.



Naiá was very beautiful. Many handsome, brave Indian men cared about her. They told her how beautiful she was, how sweet, with the scent of the most wonderful flowers. But she didn't really care about them.

Naiá waited only for Jaci, who was far away, high in the night sky! Although, he shone down on her, he never seemed to notice her like the young Indian men.

