



★ **Only a Trenza Away: A Tale of Trust and Strength**

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Every night, Xiomara's father braids her hair before bed. They imagine themselves on fantastic adventures: swinging through jungles; diving in underwater caves; flying to the moon. When Xiomara's father has to work late, she worries she will not be able to handle her adventures—like starting a new school that year—without him. But in this cozy, comforting tale, her father assures her that the strength and love woven into her braids will always be there—even when he isn't.

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