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A very clever young Cheyenne girl was named Asha. Her name meant “Hope”. She lived in the sacred black hills, where one can find amazing mica rocks, the light yellow rocky terrain called the white earth river, and forests of ponderosa pines that looked black against the mountain sides. One day, Asha carved a most remarkable shape into a piece of wood. When this object was placed near the smoke flap of her tipi, it helped to cool them in summer and warm them in winter. This extraordinary object was very simple. It had no moving parts - just a beautiful shape - yet it could direct the flow of warm or cold air.

Stories started to spread about the wonderful thing the girl named “Hope” had done. People from far away came to see her. One day, as Asha was sitting in a glen of ponderosa pines, some visitors came up to her. Curious about her great idea, they asked, “Where did you get the inspiration for such a miraculous shape?” Asha simply answered, “It is on the ground in front of you. See there - the ponderosa pine cone is the marvel you seek.”

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HAVE BEEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF US ALL ALONG*