

## Cast of Characters

**Tony Loneman:** twenty-one years old, born and raised in Oakland, of Cheyenne descent. Born with fetal alcohol syndrome, which he calls “the Drome.” Lives with his grandmother, Maxine, and deals drugs with **Octavio**.

**Dene Oxendene:** young documentary filmmaker enrolled in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Born and raised in Oakland. Is carrying on a project in memory of his uncle, collecting the stories of Native people in the Oakland area.

**Opal Viola Victoria Bear Shield:** woman in her fifties, of Cheyenne descent. At age eleven in 1970, her mother took her and her half-sister, **Jacquie Red Feather**, to Alcatraz to participate in the Native American occupation of the island.

**Edwin Black:** biracial young man: his mother, Karen, is white, and his father, Harvey, whom he has never known, is Native. Once dreamed of becoming a writer; earned a master's degree in comparative literature with a focus on Native American literature. Loves the internet. Recently started an internship assisting with the Big Oakland Powwow.

**Bill Davis:** boyfriend of Edwin's mother, Karen Lakota. Longtime maintenance worker at Oakland Coliseum. Vietnam veteran who spent five years in San Quentin prison for stabbing a man. Read almost the whole time he was in: Raymond Carver, William Faulkner, Hunter S. Thompson, Oscar Zeta Acosta, Ken Kesey.

**Calvin Johnson:** young man. Native. Down on his luck and staying with his sister, Maggie. Owes drug money to his brother, Charles (who works with Octavio).

**Jacquie Red Feather:** half-sister of **Opal**. A substance abuse counselor who is herself newly sober. Gave a child up for adoption in her youth; raised another daughter, Jamie, who passed away. Now has three grandsons for whom **Opal** is caring.

**Orvil Red Feather:** fourteen years old. One of **Jacquie's** grandsons. Cheyenne. Is deeply interested in his heritage and plans to dance at the powwow.

**Octavio Gomez:** the drug dealer for whom **Tony** and Charles (**Calvin's** brother) work.

**Daniel Gonzales:** cousin of **Octavio**.

**Blue:** head of the powwow committee at the Indian Center.

**Thomas Frank:** Cheyenne. Drummer who formerly worked as a custodian at the Indian Center. Was invited to perform at the powwow with a group called Southern Moon.