



# Laguna Culebrillas

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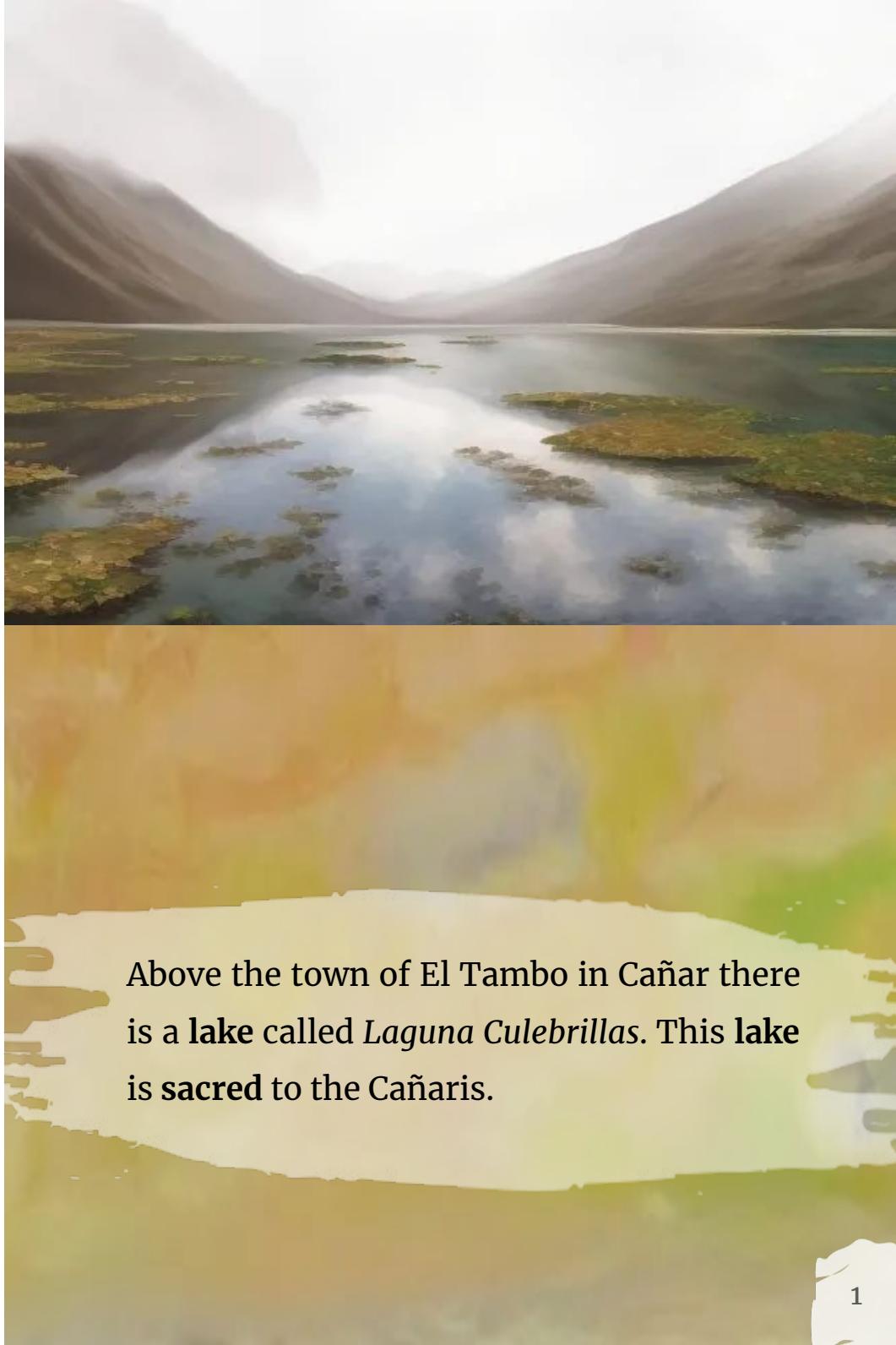


## About the Story

The *Laguna Culebrillas* was provided by Cañarejo Doctor Wilson González, PRIMOK students, and books in the library of Museo Pumapungo.

Dr. González is retired history teacher from Colegio San José de Calasanz de Cañar. He currently works as a lawyer.

Museo Pumapungo is dedicated to preserving the art and culture of the Indigenous peoples of Ecuador.



Above the town of El Tambo in Cañar there is a lake called *Laguna Culebrillas*. This lake is sacred to the Cañaris.



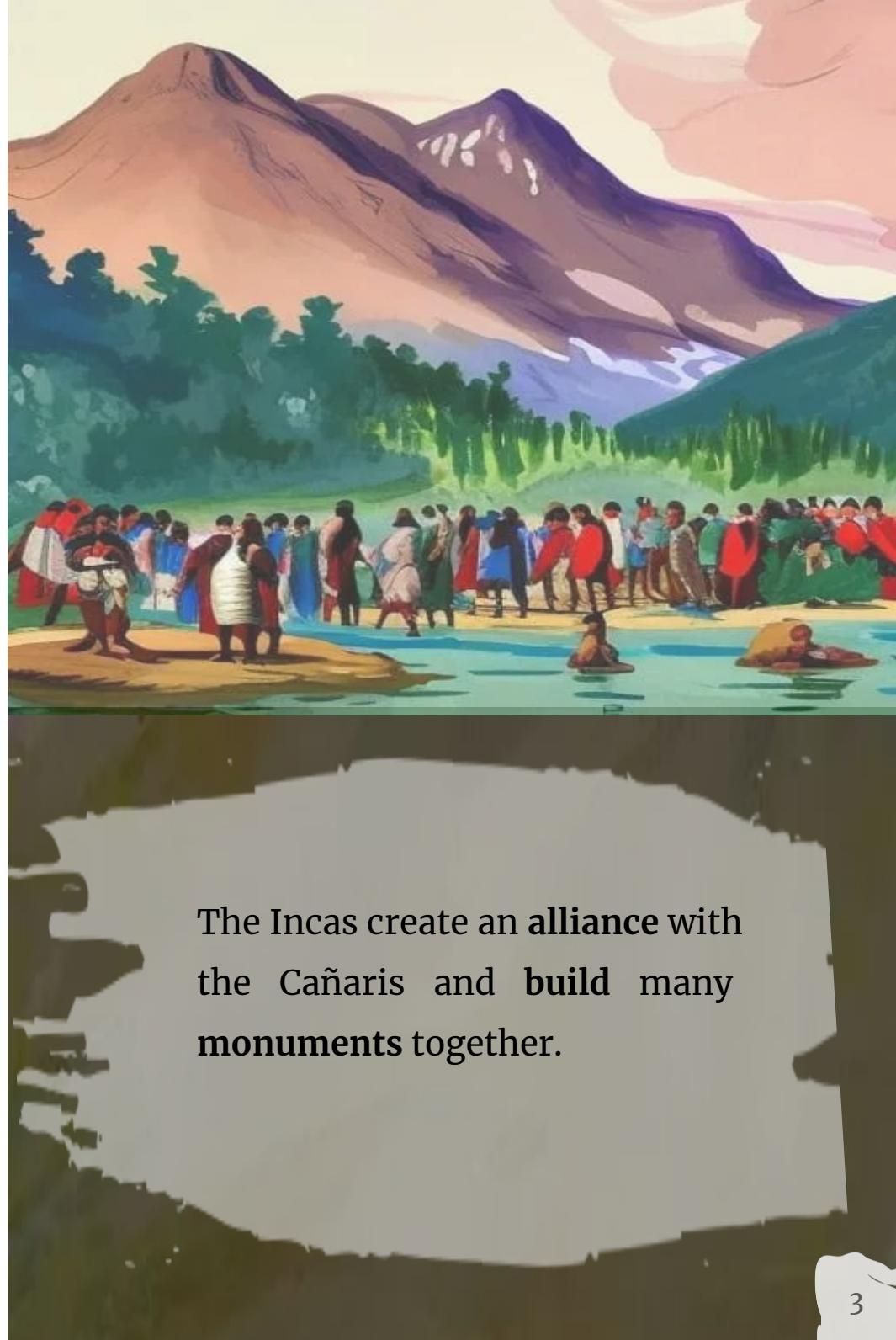
The Cañaris are **brave warriors**, so they are respected by their **neighbors**.

The Incas come to Cañar and see how beautiful it is.

<b>Greedy</b> <i>(Codicioso)</i>	El deseo de poseer muchas riquezas
<b>Worry</b> <i>(Preocupado)</i>	Sentir inquietud por algo
<b>Descendents</b> <i>(Descendientes)</i>	Personas que descienden de otros personas
<b>Bury</b> <i>(Enterrar)</i>	Poner bajo tierra
<b>Treasure</b> <i>(Tesoro)</i>	Dinero, joyas, oro, y otros cosas de valor
<b>Protect</b> <i>(Proteger)</i>	Hacer que una persona o cosa no reciba daño
<b>Flood</b> <i>(Inundar Algo)</i>	Inundar algo con mucha agua
<b>Powerful</b> <i>(Poderoso)</i>	Algo o alguien que tiene autoridad y es muy influyente
<b>Fishing</b> <i>(Pescar)</i>	Atrapar peces en aguas naturales
<b>Locals</b> <i>(Lugareños)</i>	Gente que ha nacido en un lugar o población pequeña
<b>Glows</b> <i>(Brilla)</i>	Emitir luz brillante

# Vocabulary

<b>Lake</b> ( <i>Lago</i> )	Depósito natural de agua
<b>Sacred</b> ( <i>Sagrado</i> )	Relacionado con la divinidad
<b>Brave</b> ( <i>Valiente</i> )	Una persona que no tiene miedo
<b>Warrior</b> ( <i>Luchador</i> )	Persona que lucha
<b>Neighbor</b> ( <i>Vecino</i> )	Persona que vive cerca de su barrio
<b>Alliance</b> ( <i>Alianza</i> )	Unión entre personas o estados
<b>Build</b> ( <i>Construir</i> )	Hacer una construcción de arquitectura
<b>Monuments</b> ( <i>Monumentos</i> )	Construcción que tiene gran valor histórico
<b>Together</b> ( <i>Juntos</i> )	Estar con otros personas o en la proximidad de otros
<b>Spaniards</b> ( <i>Españoles</i> )	Personas de España quien invadieron a las Américas
<b>Cruel</b> ( <i>Cruel</i> )	Persona que no siente compasión



The Incas create an **alliance** with the Cañaris and **build** many **monuments** together.



One day, the Cañaris and Incas hear that the **Spaniards** are coming.

The Cañaris and Incas know that the Spaniards are **cruel** and **greedy**, so they are worried.

## Comprehension Questions

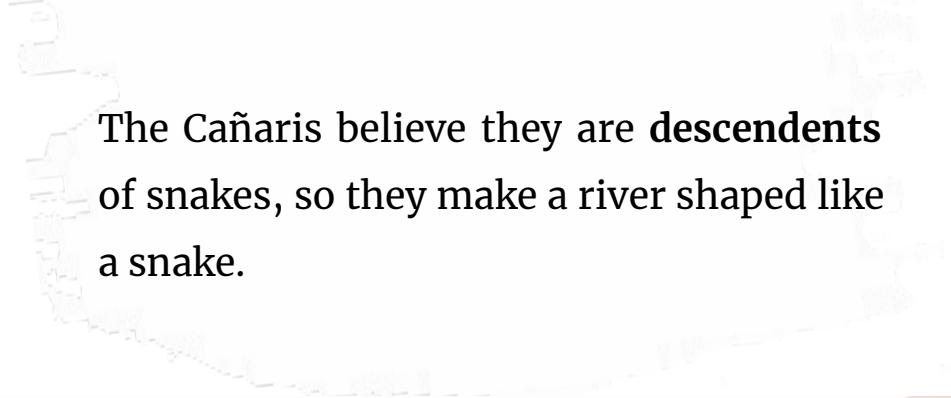
1. Where is *Laguna Culebrillas*?
2. Who makes an **alliance** with the Cañaris?
3. What did the Cañaris and Incas build **together**?
4. What do the Cañaris **bury** under the lake?
5. What is the snake's name?

## Discussion Questions

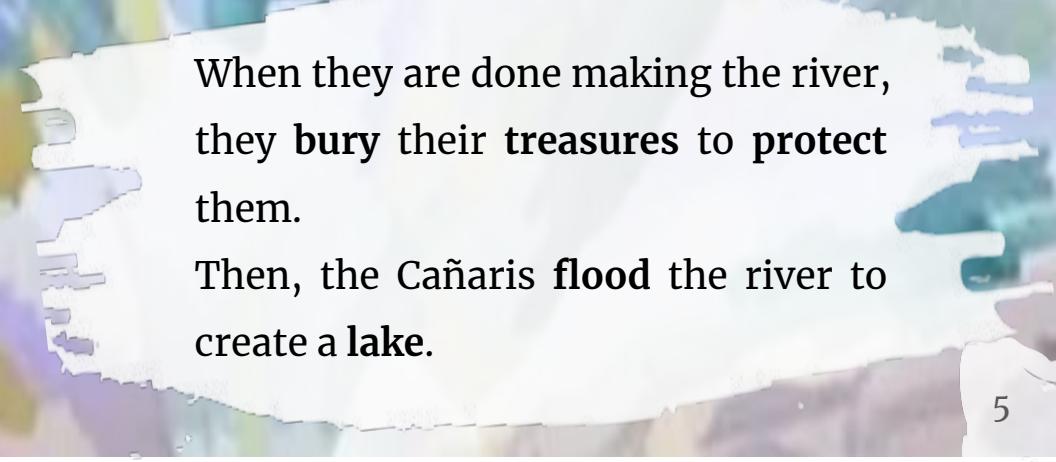
1. Did you learn something new today?
2. What was something interesting you learned in this story?
3. Have you heard a different version of this story?



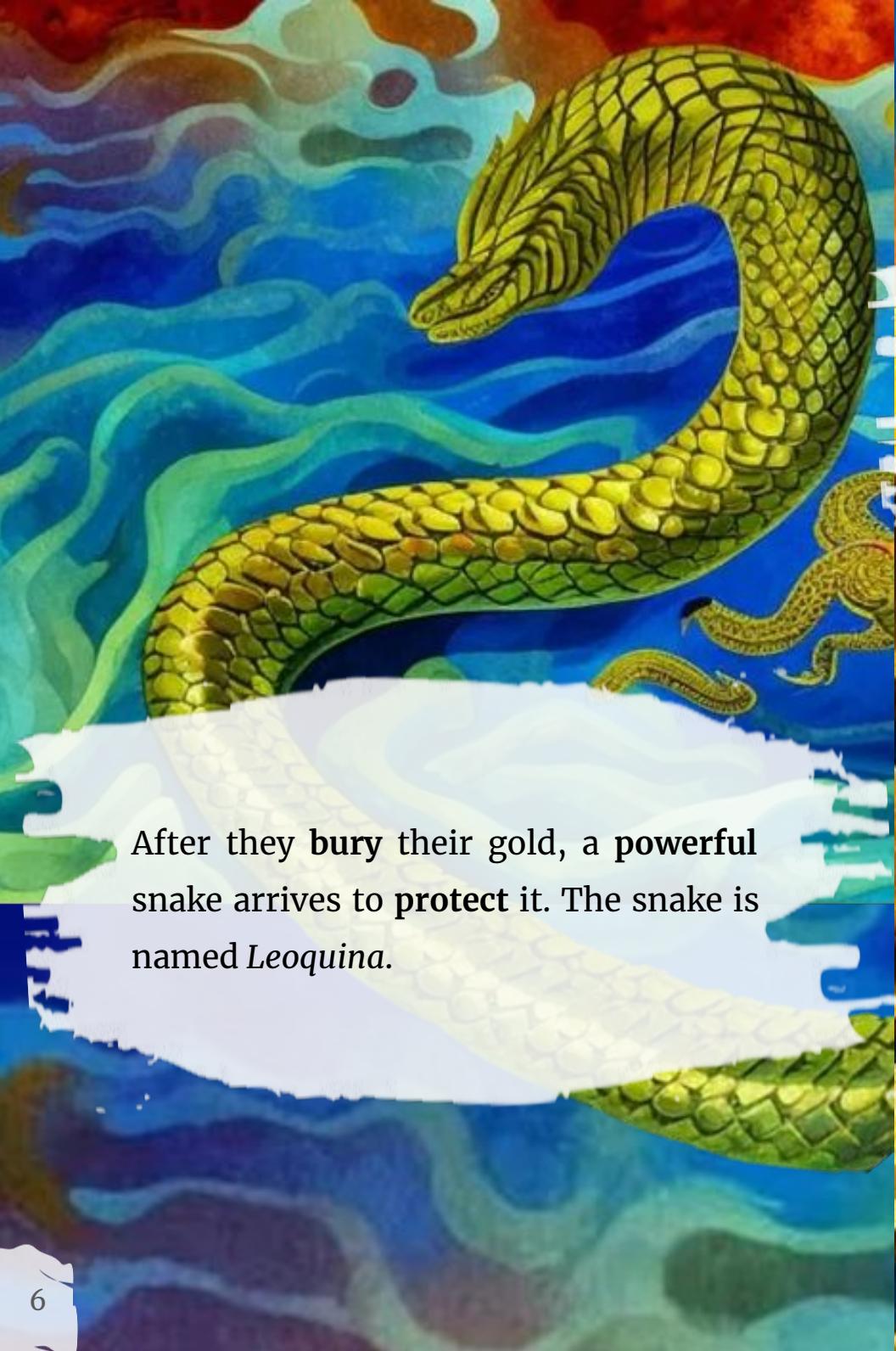
You can visit *Laguna Culebrillas* today. Many people go **fishing** at the **lake**. But, the locals say that at night the gold under the **lake glows**.



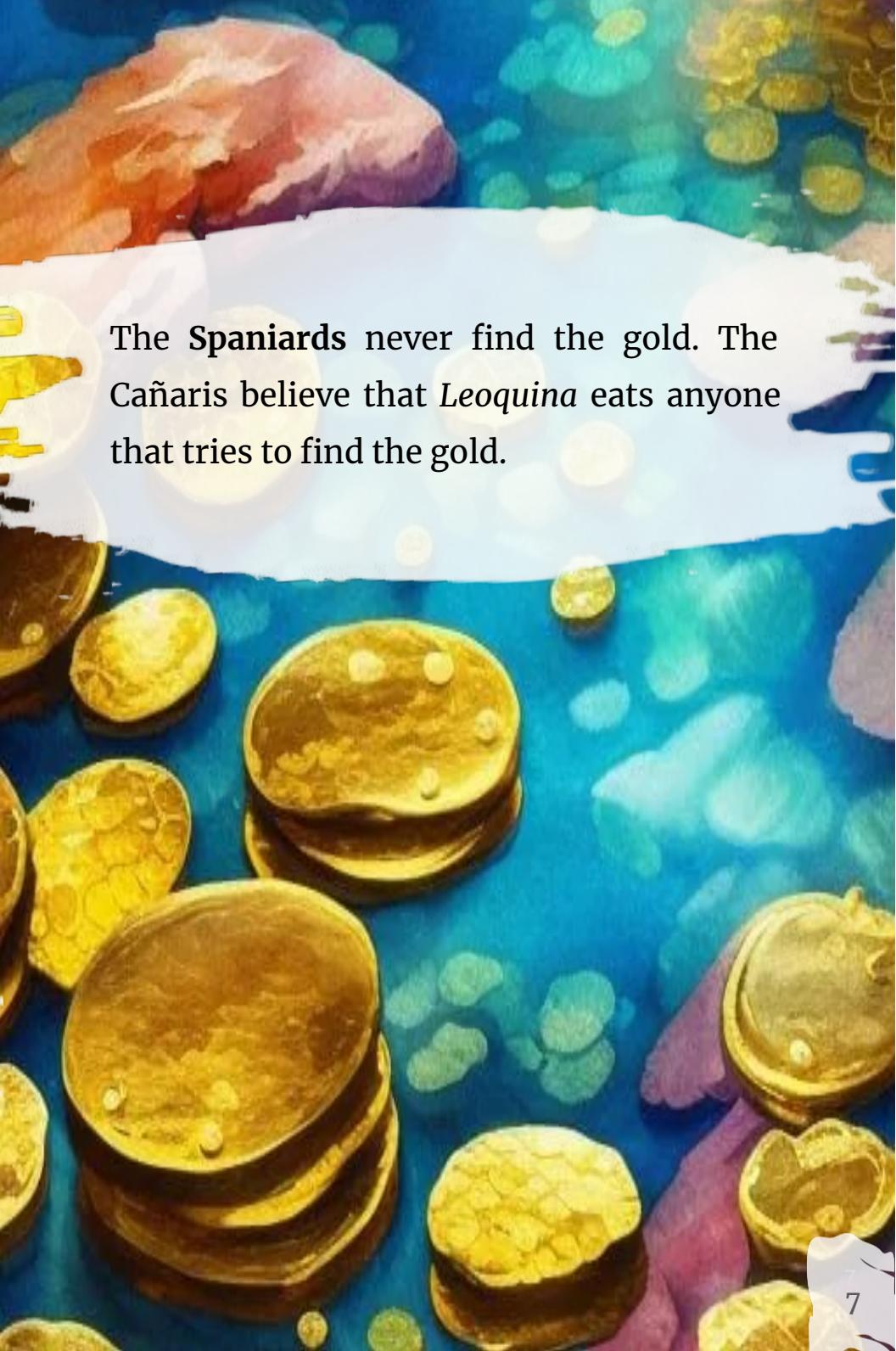
The Cañaris believe they are **descendents** of snakes, so they make a river shaped like a snake.



When they are done making the river, they **bury** their **treasures** to protect them. Then, the Cañaris **flood** the river to create a **lake**.



After they bury their gold, a powerful snake arrives to protect it. The snake is named *Leoquina*.



The Spaniards never find the gold. The Cañaris believe that *Leoquina* eats anyone that tries to find the gold.