

# 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*.

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*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** was **sacred** to the Cañaris.



The Cañaris were respected by their neighbors because they were brave warriors and because of the beauty of their lands.

<b>Invade</b> (Invadir)	Entrar y ocupar a un territorio por fuerza
<b>Cruelty</b> (Crueldad)	Acción propia de una persona cruel
<b>Greed</b> (Codicia)	Deseo negativo de poseer muchas cosas
<b>Worried</b> (Preocupado)	Sentir inquietud por algo
<b>Bury</b> (Enterrar)	Poner bajo tierra
<b>Treasure</b> (Tesoro)	Dinero, joyas, oro, y otros cosas de valor
<b>Protect</b> (Proteger)	Hacer que una persona o cosa no reciba daño
<b>Descendents</b> (Descendientes)	Personas que descienden de otros personas
<b>Flooded</b> (Inundar Algo)	Inundar algo con mucha agua
<b>Powerful</b> (Poderoso)	Algo o alguien que tiene autoridad y es muy influyente
<b>Successful</b> (Exitoso)	Que tiene éxito
<b>Fishing</b> (Pescar)	Atrapar peces en aguas naturales
<b>Locals</b> (Lugareños)	Gente que ha nacido en un lugar o población pequeña
<b>Glows</b> (Brilla)	Emitir luz brillante

# Vocabulary

<b>Lake</b> (Lago)	Depósito natural de agua
<b>Sacred</b> (Sagrado)	Relacionado con la divinidad
<b>Neighbor</b> (Vecino)	Persona que vive cerca de su barrio
<b>Brave</b> (Valiente)	Una persona que no tiene miedo
<b>Warrior</b> (Luchador)	Persona que lucha
<b>Beauty</b> (Belleza)	La cualidad de una persona o cosa que uno puede admirar
<b>Alliance</b> (Alianza)	Unión entre personas o estados
<b>Build</b> (Construir)	Hacer una construcción de arquitectura
<b>Monuments</b> (Monumentos)	Construcción que tiene gran valor histórico
<b>Receive</b> (Recibir)	Tomar conocimiento de noticias
<b>Warning</b> (Advertencia)	Aviso con el que se previene a alguien de un peligro
<b>Spaniards</b> (Españoles)	Personas de España quien invadieron a las Américas



When the Incas arrived in Cañar, they saw how beautiful it was so they created an **alliance** with the Cañaris.

The Incas were excellent **builders** and they **built** many beautiful **monuments** with the Cañaris.



## Comprehension Questions

1. Where is *Laguna Culebrillas*?
2. Who made an **alliance** with the Cañaris?
3. Who was coming to **invade** Cañar?
4. What was **buried** under the lake?
5. What was 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?

One day, the Cañaris and Incas **received** a **warning** that the **Spaniards** were coming to **invade** their land. The Cañaris and Incas heard about the **cruelty** and **greed** of the **Spaniards** and grew worried.



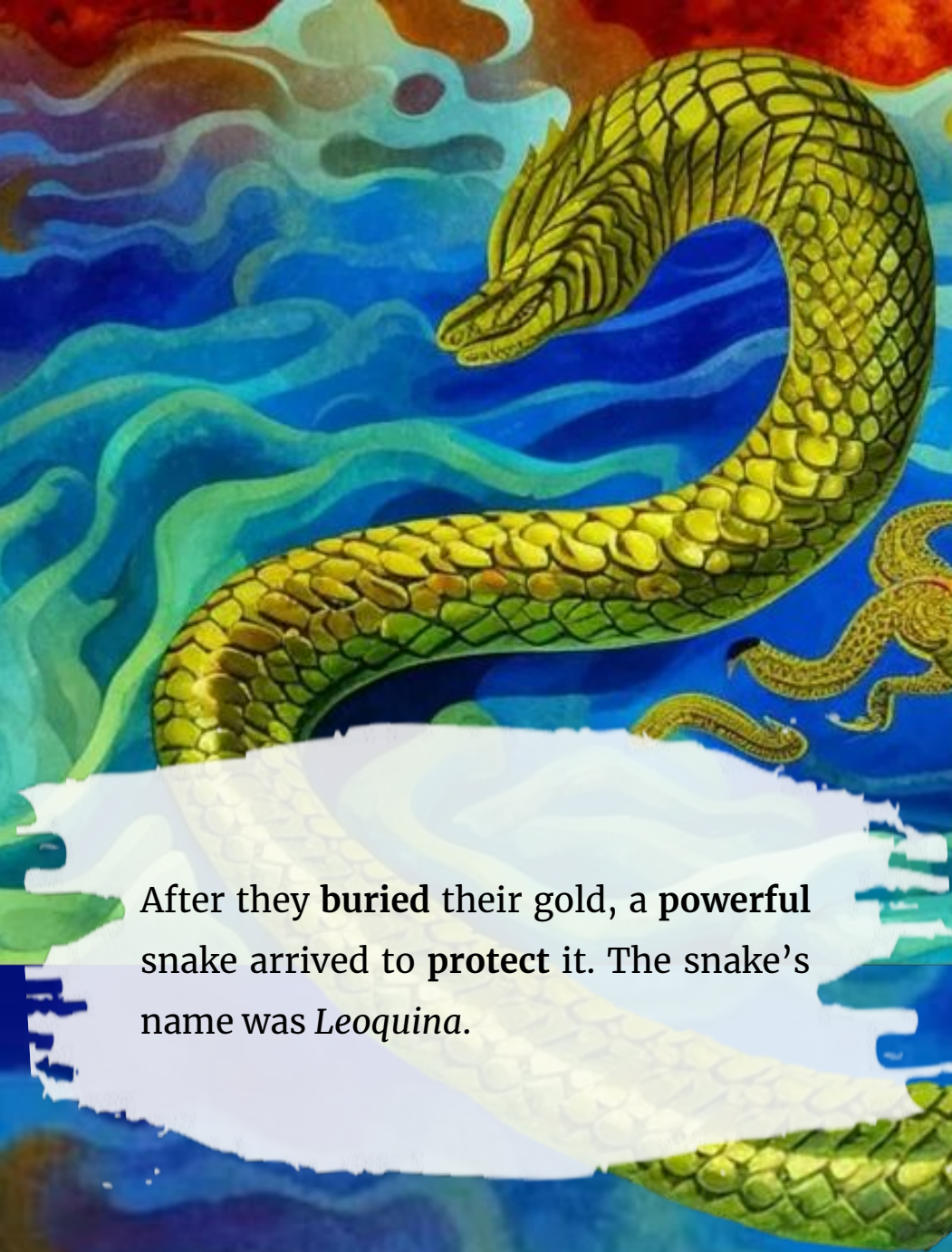
The Cañaris and Incas **buried** their **treasures** under the *Laguna Culebrillas* to **protect** their gold from the Spaniards.

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

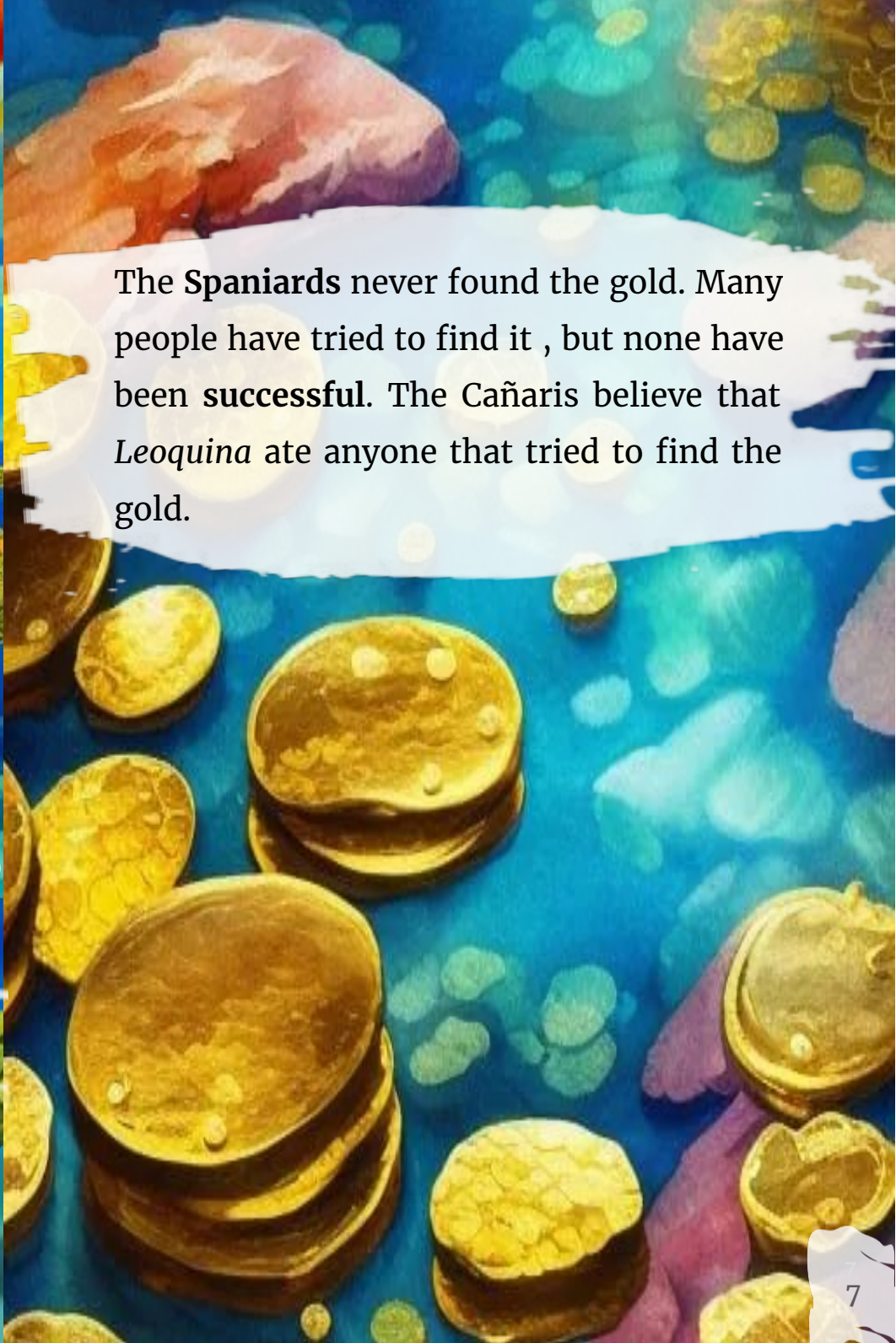


The Cañaris believe they are **descendents** of snakes, so they made a river into the shape of a snake to **protect** their **sacred** land. The Cañaris **flooded** the river to create a **lake** above the **treasure**.



A vibrant illustration of a green snake with a blue mouth, swimming in blue water. The snake's body is covered in detailed scales, and its head is turned towards the left. The background consists of swirling blue and green waves.

After they buried their gold, a powerful snake arrived to protect it. The snake's name was *Leoquina*.

A collection of gold coins and stacks of gold bars on a blue background. The coins are scattered around, some showing signs of wear. The stacks of gold bars are prominent, with one stack in the foreground being particularly large. The background is a deep blue with lighter blue and green circular patterns, suggesting an underwater or treasure-filled environment.

The Spaniards never found the gold. Many people have tried to find it, but none have been successful. The Cañaris believe that *Leoquina* ate anyone that tried to find the gold.