

The Cañari Orígin Story

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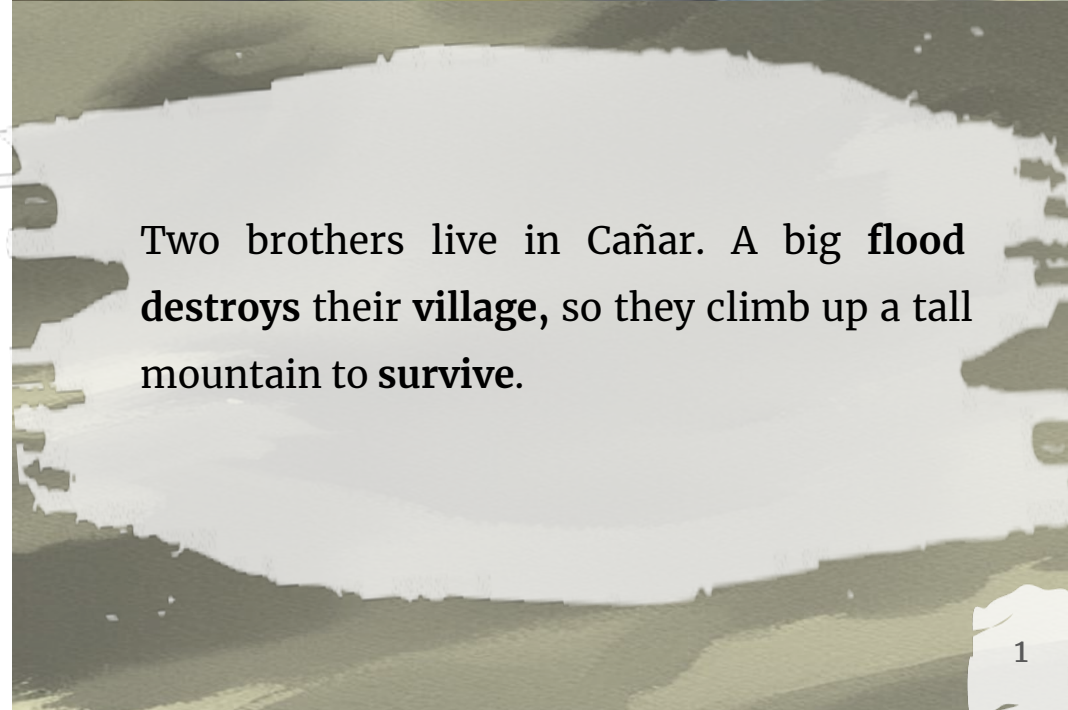


About the Story

The *Cañari Origin Story* was provided by Cañarejo Doctor Wilson Gonzáles, PRIMOK students, and books in the library of *Museo Pumapungo*.

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

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



Two brothers live in Cañar. A big **flood destroys** their **village**, so they climb up a tall mountain to **survive**.

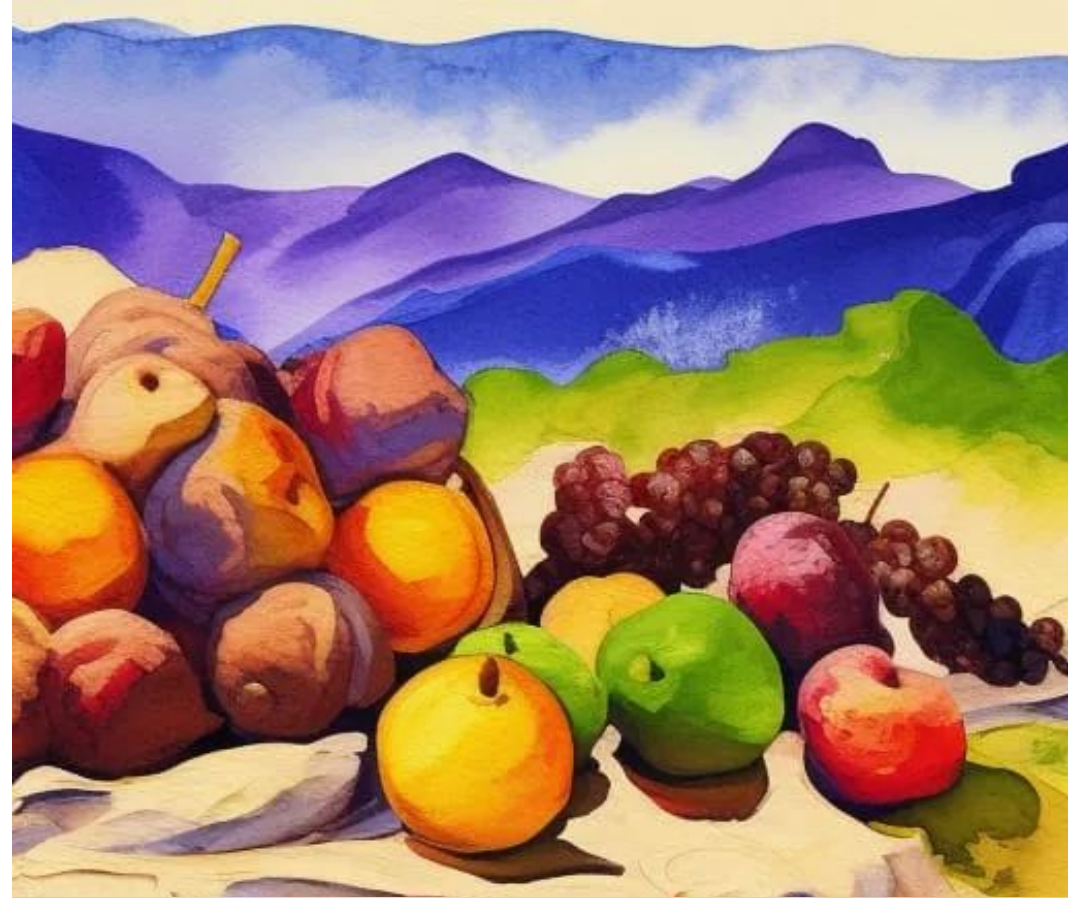


The brothers **build** a house on the mountain and **search** for food. One day, they find food and drinks in a **cave**.

Notice (<i>Notar</i>)	Darse cuenta
Bright (<i>Brillante</i>)	Que refleja luz
Feathers (<i>Plumas</i>)	Plumas que cubren el cuerpo de un ave
Marry (<i>Casar</i>)	Estar casado con alguien
Sacred (<i>Sagrado</i>)	Relacionado con la divinidad
Ceremony (<i>Ceremonia</i>)	Acción que se lleva a cabo de acuerdo a una costumbre
Honor (<i>Honrar</i>)	Respetar o un gesto que le honra

Vocabulary

Flood (<i>Diluvio</i>)	Lluvia violenta que provoca inundaciones
Destroy (<i>Destruir</i>)	Hacer daño a algo
Village (<i>Pueblo</i>)	Población con habitantes en una ciudad
Survive (<i>Sobrevivir</i>)	Seguir vivo después de un momento peligroso
Build (<i>Construir</i>)	Hacer una construcción de arquitectura
Search (<i>Buscar</i>)	Encontrar a una persona o una cosa
Cave (<i>Cueva</i>)	Cavidad abierta de forma natural
Hide (<i>Esconder</i>)	Poner una cosa en un lugar en que no pueda ser vista
Macaw (<i>Guacamaya</i>)	Ave que tiene cola muy larga y plumas de muchas colores
Fly (<i>Volar</i>)	Moverse por el aire usando alas



The brothers do not know who lives in the cave, but they still eat all of the food. They look around the **cave** but do not see anyone.



Comprehension Questions

1. Who **survives** the flood?
2. What is in the **cave**?
3. How many **macaws** do the brothers see?
4. How do women in Cañar **honor macaws** today?

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?

The brothers **hide** behind a tree and see two **macaws flying** in the sky.

When the macaws stop **flying**, the brothers **notice** that the two macaws are women.



The macaws are beautiful and have colorful feathers. The macaws bring more food and drinks for the brothers.

The macaw is a sacred animal to the Cañaris. They use their feathers in traditional ceremonies.





The brothers want to say “Thank you” to the two macaws, but they fly away.



The macaws return and **fall in love** with the two brothers.

The brothers *marry* the macaws and have many children.