



READ THE STORY.

Chapter 1: El Encano

This is a story that happened a long time ago in the middle of the mountains of Nariño, southwest Colombia, in a place far away from the big cities known as El Encano, Refugio del sol.

The last inhabitants of this place were the wise man Aurelio and his grandson Inti, a Guaguaquilla, also known as "child of the moon". They lived in a pacha wasi clay house built in the middle of a grey arid field. The green landscape surrounding the water had disappeared. The great lagoon of la Cocha was reduced to a small muddy pond.

One evening while sitting next to the fire, Aurelio told Inti how, many years before, the clouds had covered the Tabano, the holy mount. It happened when Inti's parents, along with the other members of the community, abandoned the territory, taking with them all the sounds and songs of their people.

Since that moment, la Cocha, the great lagoon, started to dry and the color of the landscape slowly faded. El Encano became a silent dry village.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What's the story about?

2. Where does the story happen? When?

3. Does el Encano mean "Refugio del sol"?

4. Is el Encano in the southwest of Colombia?

5. What's the name of Inti's grandfather?

6. Where and when does the grandfather tell Inti the story?

7. Do you like the beginning of the story?

