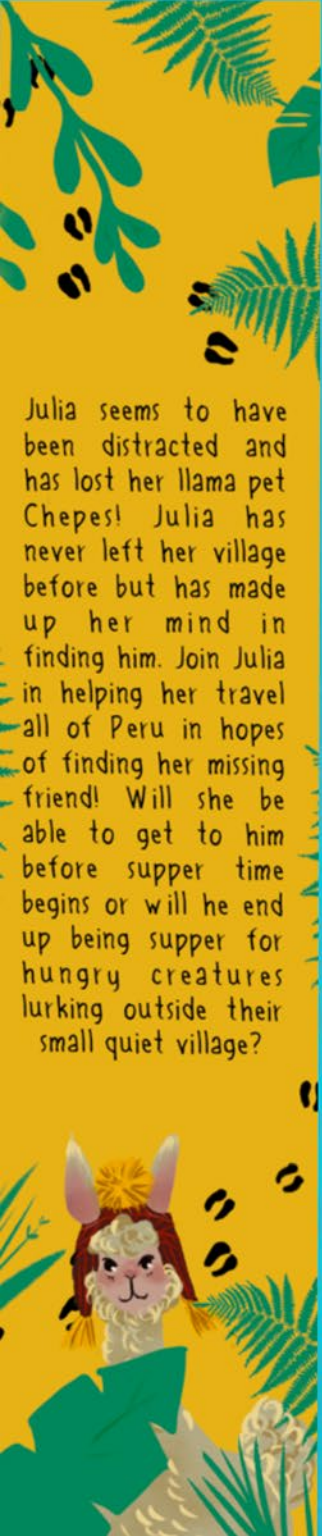


JULIA'S LLAMA RESCUE

BY MELISSA CASTILLO





Julia seems to have been distracted and has lost her llama pet Chepes! Julia has never left her village before but has made up her mind in finding him. Join Julia in helping her travel all of Peru in hopes of finding her missing friend! Will she be able to get to him before supper time begins or will he end up being supper for hungry creatures lurking outside their small quiet village?





DEDICATED TO MI ABUELA, JULIA POMA-AGUILAR

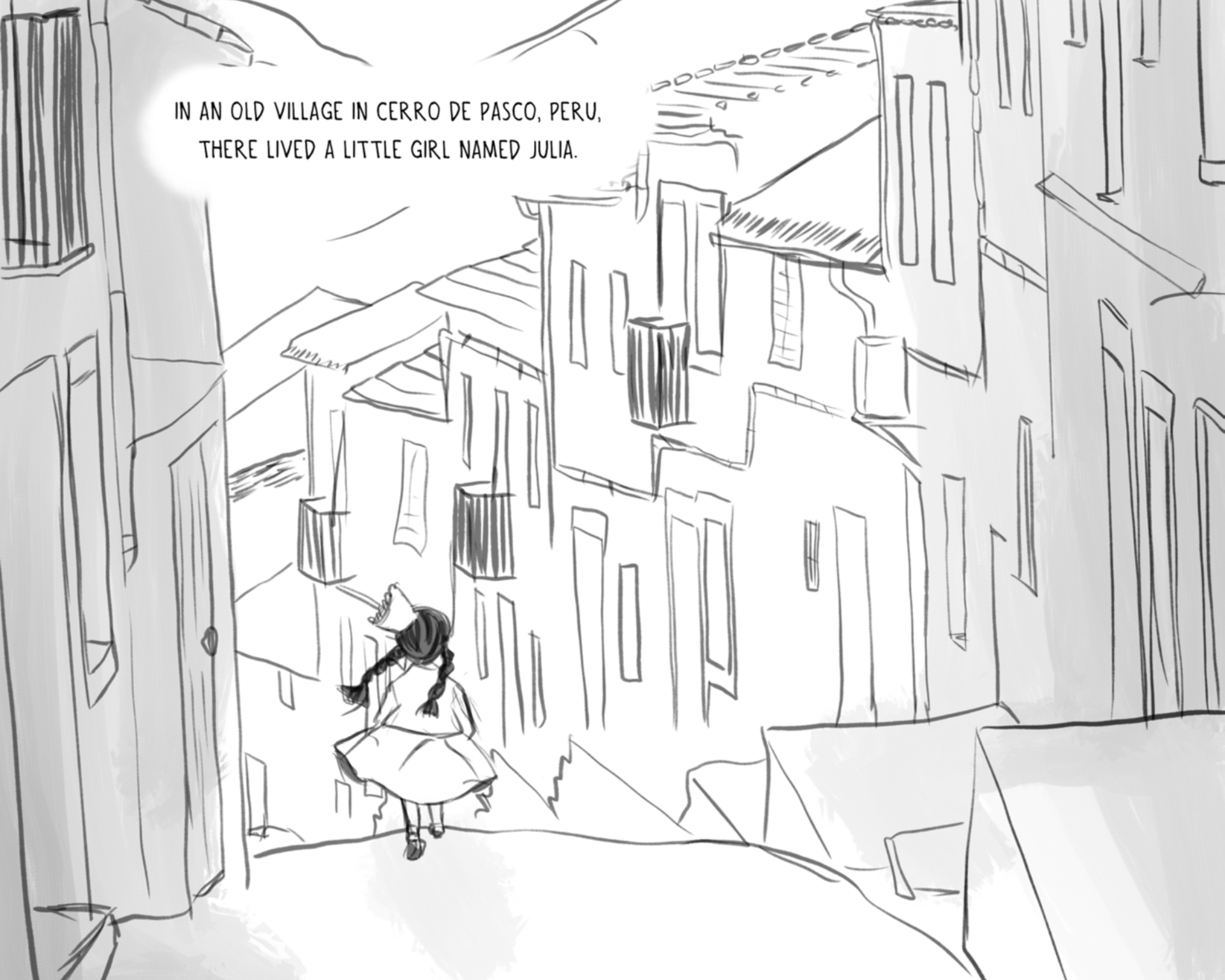




TULIA'S LLAMA RESCUE

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IN AN OLD VILLAGE IN CERRO DE PASCO, PERU,
THERE LIVED A LITTLE GIRL NAMED JULIA.





JULIA LOVED TO HELP OUT HER MAMA AND WOULD WATCH
OVER THEIR LLAMA FARM WHILE HER MAMA WORKED.

JULIA ALWAYS GOT DISTRACTED BY WATCHING HER MAMA WEAVE
COLORFUL AND INTRICATE QUILTS, THAT ONE DAY SHE FAILED TO
NOTICE THE BABY LLAMA, CHEPES, ESCAPING!







LOOKING HIGH AND LOW, CHEPES
WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.





WITH A DETERMINED LOOK ON HER FACE, JULIA PACKED UP HER SACHEL AND MAP AND BRAVELY LEFT HER SMALL VILLAGE IN THE HOPES OF FINDING HER LOST FRIEND CHEPES.

FROM HILL TO HILL, JULIA SEARCHED FOR
CHEPES BUT HE WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.

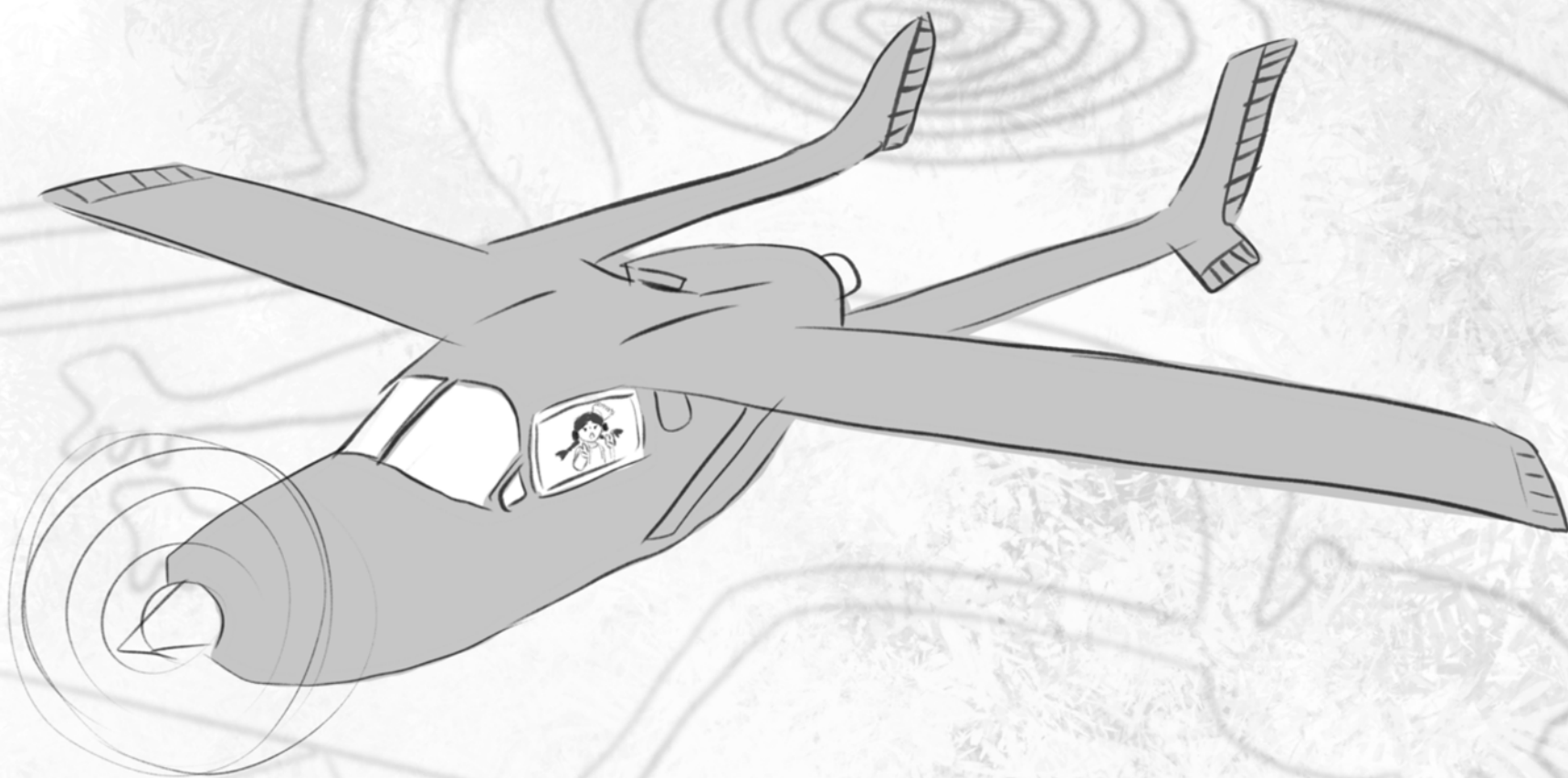




WHILE TRAVELING, JULIA STOPPED BY A CITY CALLED LIMA,
WHERE THE STREETS WERE COVERED IN BRIGHT
CLOTHING AND QUILTS BUT NO SIGN OF CHEPES.

JULIA TRAVELLED ALL THE WAY TO THE PARACAS BUT
COULD ONLY SEE THE BABY BLUE OCEAN, NO CHEPES.



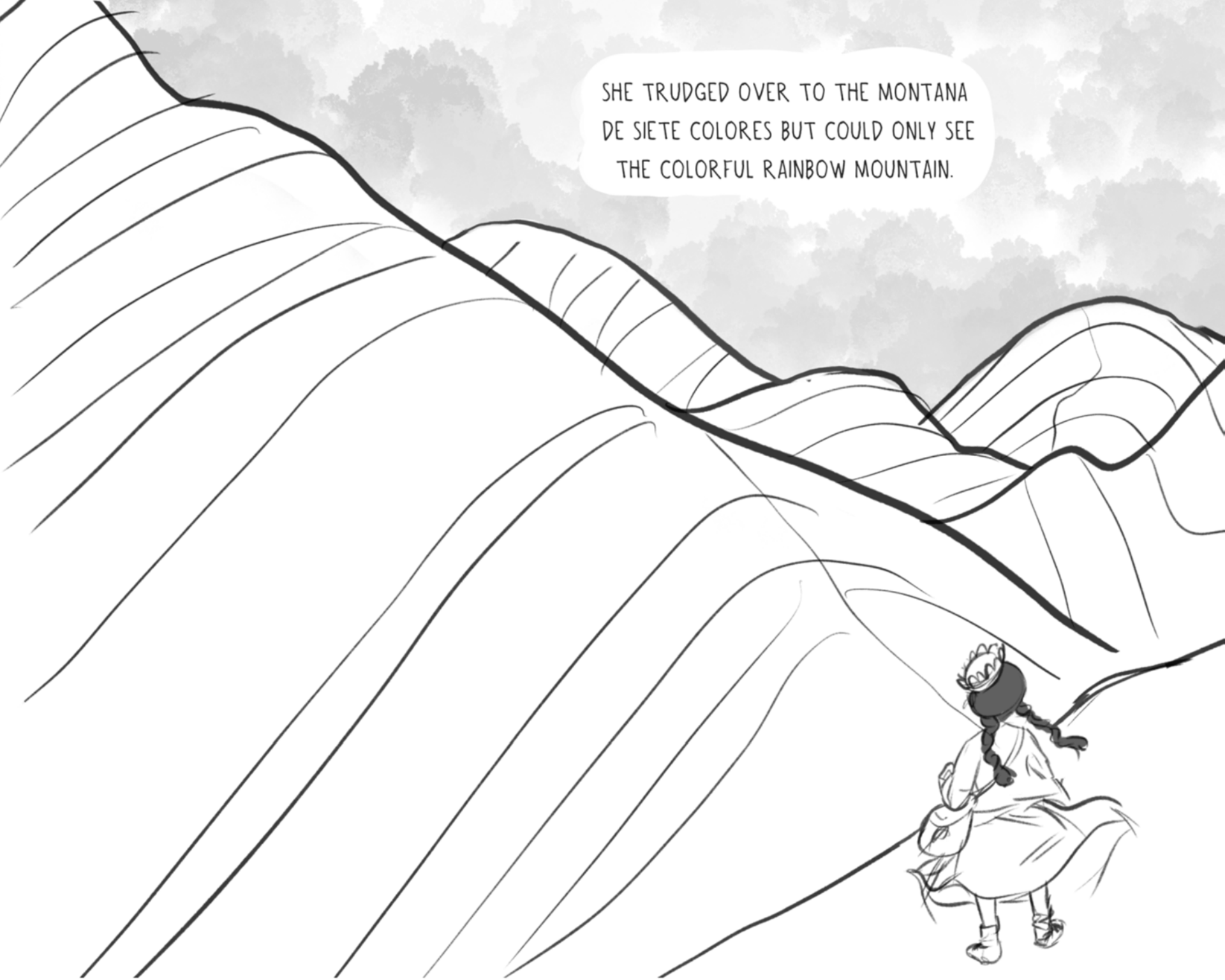


JULIA FLEW OVER THE WIDE NAZCA BUT WAS
MET WITH STRANGE LINES AND NO CHEPES.

JULIA TRAVELLED TO THE MISTI VOLCANO
BUT THROUGH THE SMOKE AND HOT AIR
CHEPES WAS NOWHERE IN SIGHT.



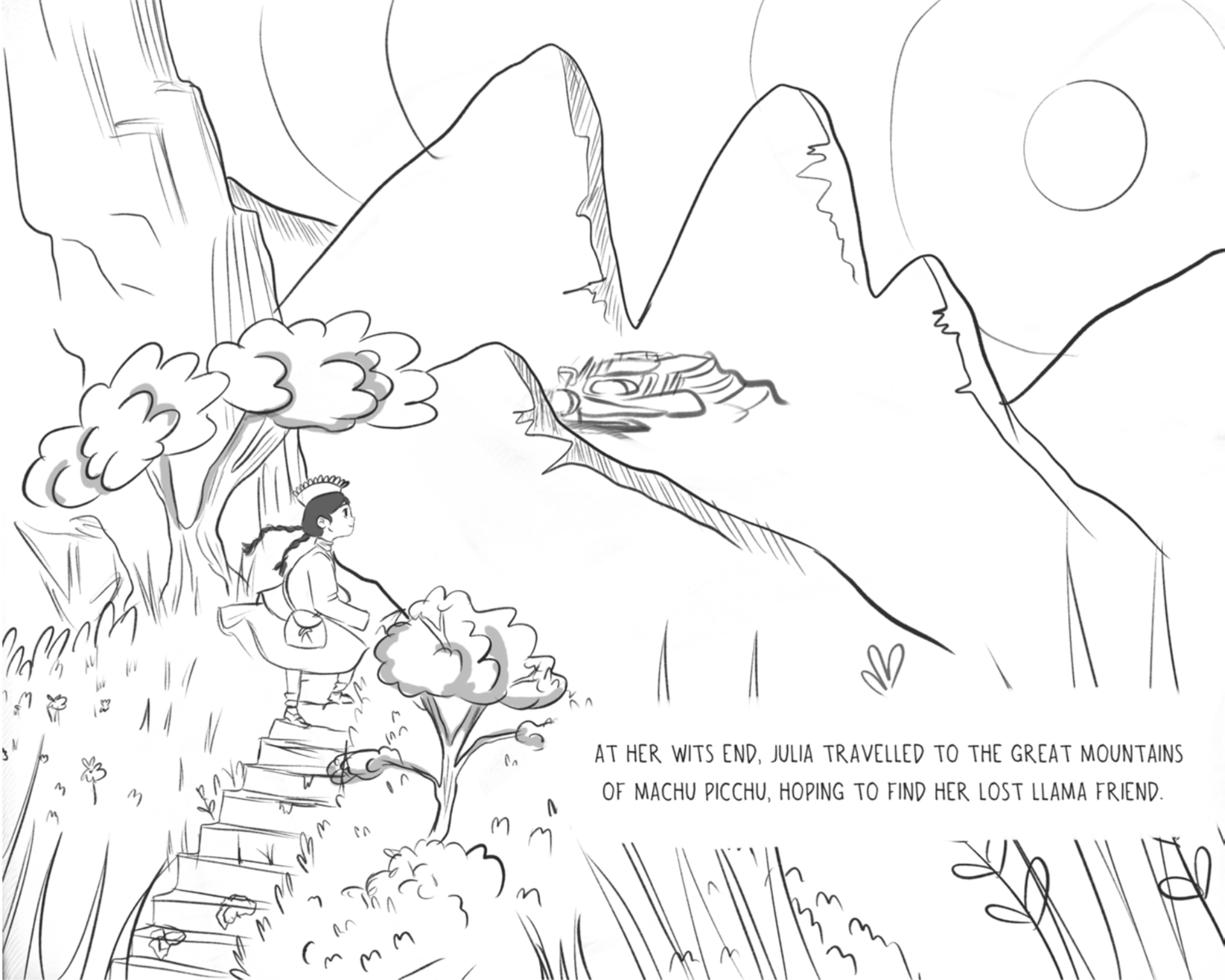
SHE TRUDGED OVER TO THE MONTANA
DE SIETE COLORES BUT COULD ONLY SEE
THE COLORFUL RAINBOW MOUNTAIN.







WHILE CANOEING DOWN PERU'S AMAZON RIVER, JULIA FACED MANY DANGEROUS CREATURES, INCLUDING THE GREAT ANACONDA AND A SNEAKY CROCODILE FAMILY!



AT HER WITS END, JULIA TRAVELLED TO THE GREAT MOUNTAINS
OF MACHU PICCHU, HOPING TO FIND HER LOST LLAMA FRIEND.

THROUGH HER SEARCH, SHE STUMBLED UPON SMALL
HOOF PRINTS LEADING TO SOME TALL GRASS.





“CHEPES!” JULIA SQUEALED HAPPILY WITH HER HANDS IN THE AIR. “I FOUND YOU!” SHE SAID WHILE SMILING BRIGHTLY.

JULIA SIGHED AND HUGGED HER FRIEND WHILE
SAYING “ LETS GO HOME YOU SILLY LLAMA”.



STOPPING ON TOP OF THE HILL OVERLOOKING MACHU PICCHU
JULIA AND CHEPES WERE CERTAIN THIS WAS THE START OF
MANY ADVENTURES TO COME.











Philadelphia based artist, Melissa Castillo's work is inspired by cats, nature, and her Peruvian culture. During her college years, Melissa's artworks have been published in a book dedicated to artists from her school, The University of the Arts, called Underground Pool. Her work has also been in galleries in Pittsburgh and in her hometown Allentown.





JULIA'S LLAMA RESCUE

The story “Julia’s Llama Rescue” is based off of one of mi abuelas stories she told while I was growing up in my Peruvian household. Julia is an adventurous little girl whose positive outlook in dire situations help her overcome dangerous situations! With her best friend Chepes missing, what is a girl to do?! Follow along on one adventure you don’t want to miss out on!

