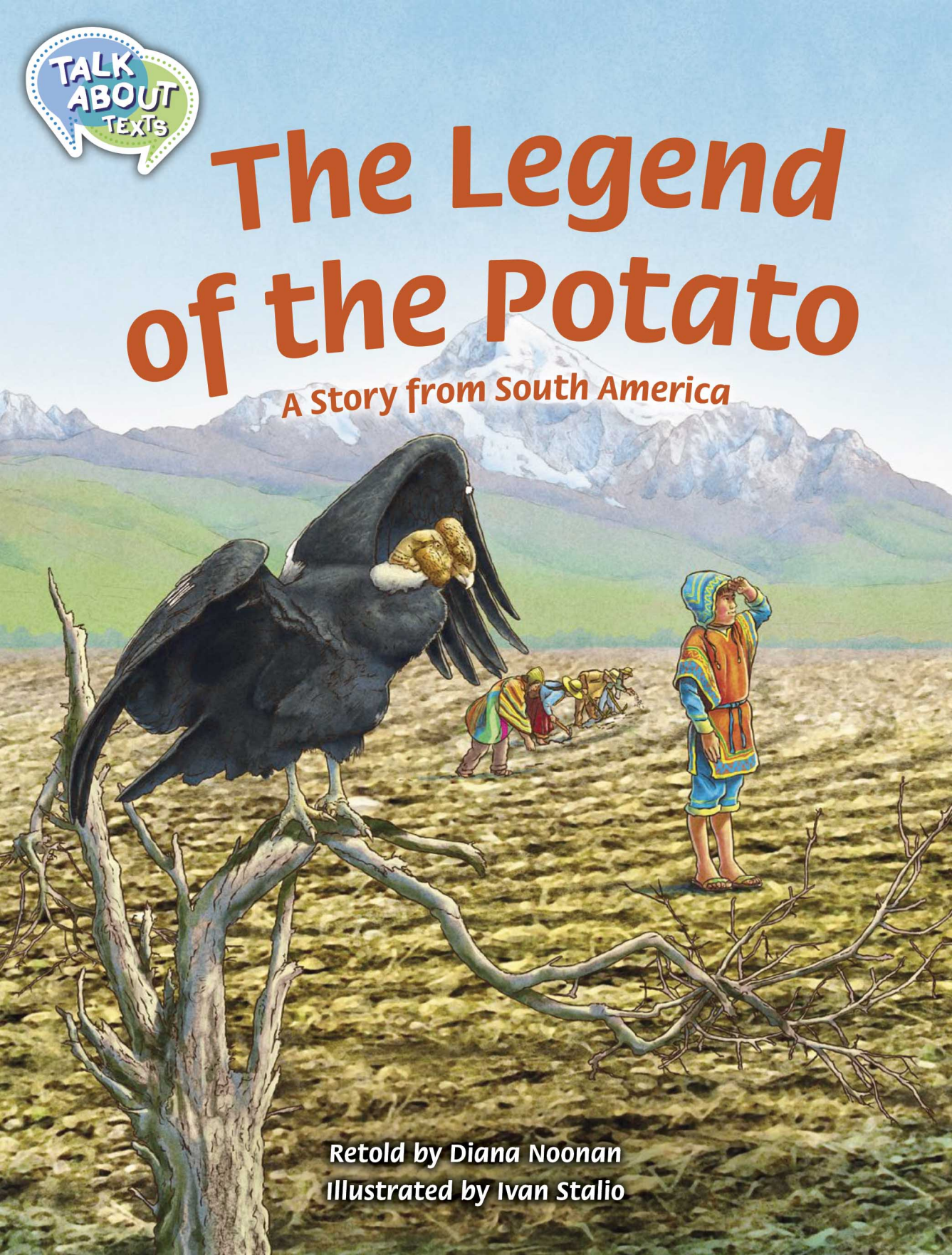
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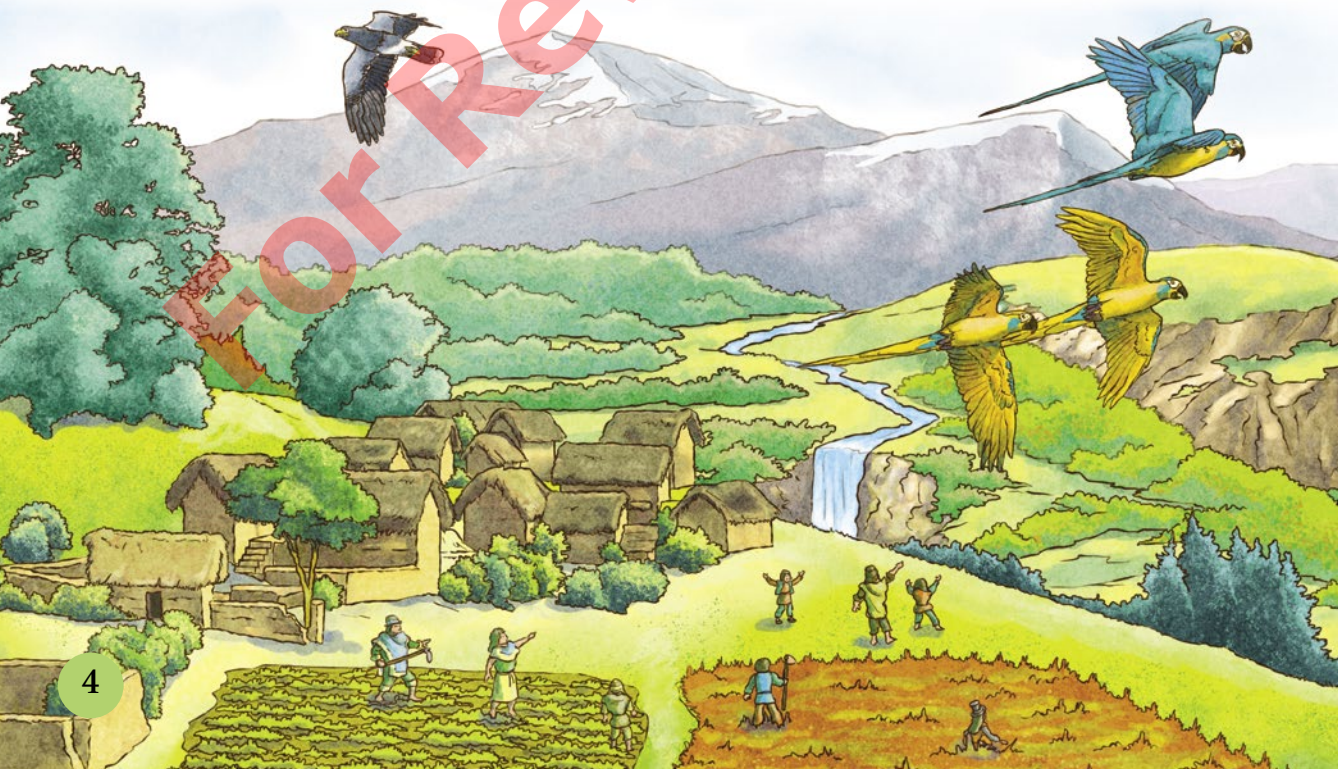


Long ago, there lived in the tall mountains and deep valleys of Bolivia two groups of people. They were called the Karis and the Sapallas. The Karis lived at the foot of a huge volcano. The Sapallas could see the volcano. However, they lived further away from it.

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The Sapallas and the Karis lived easy, happy lives. Their lands were overflowing with everything they could want. They had tall trees for building homes, and crops of quinoa and beans to eat. They enjoyed swimming in their clean rivers, and picking beautiful flowers. And, for a long time, the volcano caused no problems.

During the night, the volcano rumbled, but only quietly. During the day, it sent smoke into the air, but only little puffs. This was why everyone was so surprised when the volcano erupted suddenly without warning.



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The Sapallas suddenly heard roaring louder than a waterfall. They saw huge clouds of smoke and ash filling the air. Boulders larger than trees erupted from the volcano's fiery mouth. But the Sapallas were far enough away to be safe.

The Karis heard the eruption, too, and watched in terror. Boulders fell like giant hailstones around them. Boiling lava slid down the slopes of the volcano towards them.



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