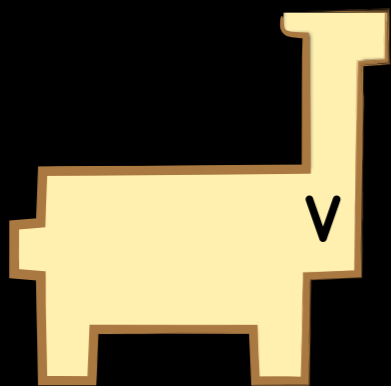


A
VEGAS



TALE

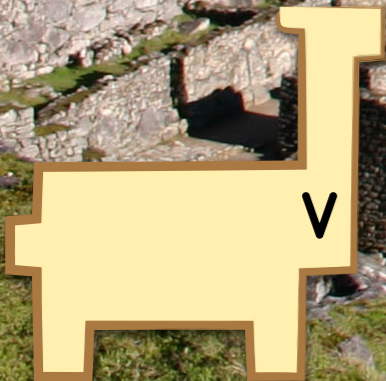
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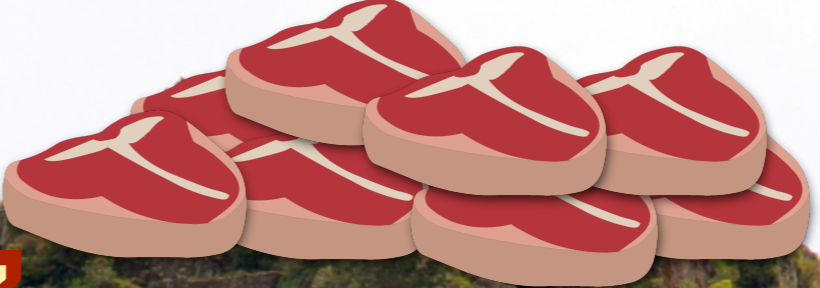
A TIME...

In the highest mountains
of Machu Picchu, there
lived a little alpaca
called **Vegas Cespèd**.

Hi, I'm
Vegas!



Although Vegas himself
grew up to be a **very special**
alpaca, his mom and dad
had met in **the usual way.**

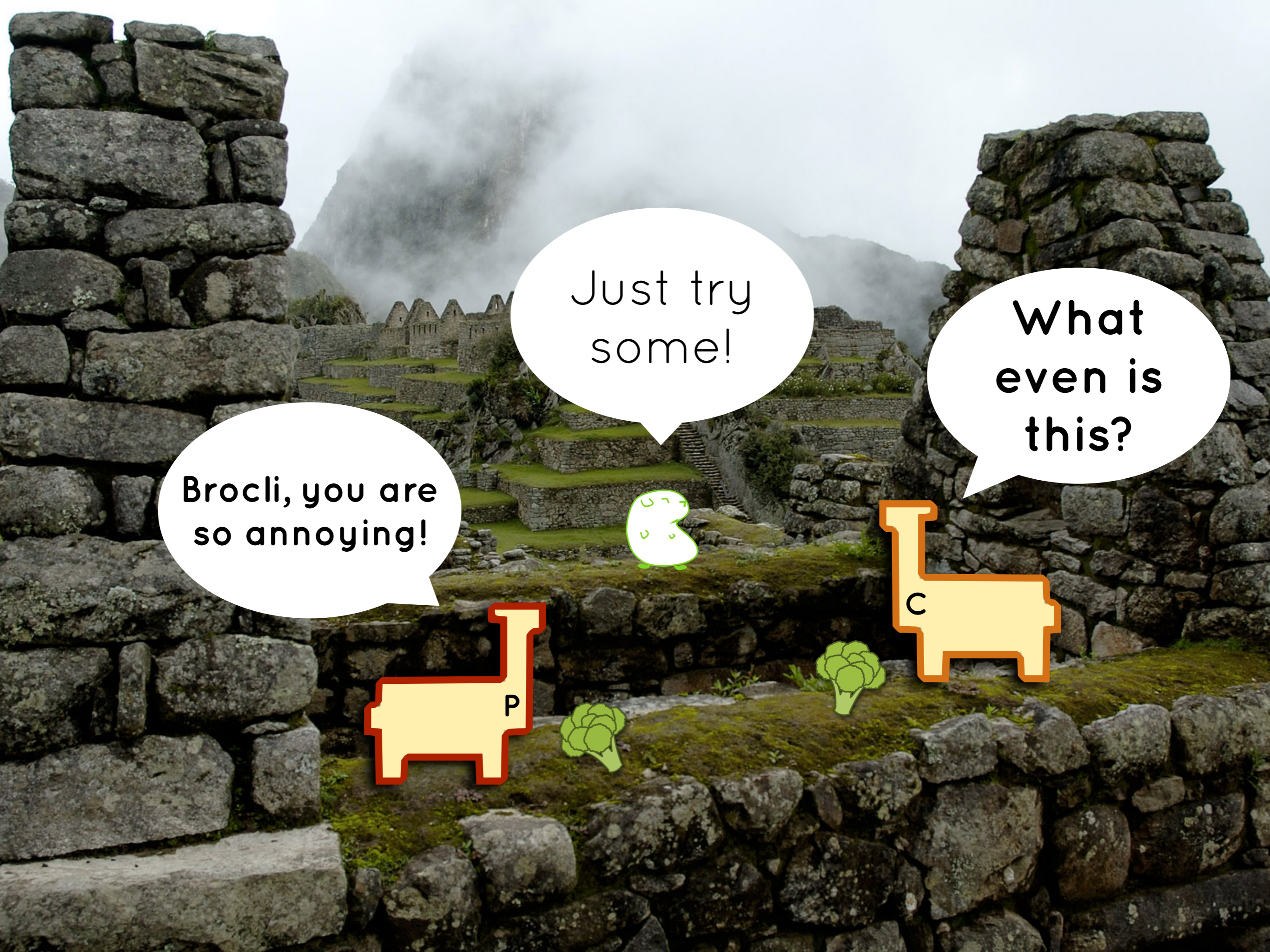


When they were much younger,
his parents **Pollon** and **Corderita**
had shared a special hatred for
one particularly annoying
guinea pig called **Brocli**.

Veggies are
yummy!



Brocli had tricked them both into eating a **vegetable**, which was against the **ancient Alpaca law** that stated that **no alpaca** was to eat any kind of vegetable, hay, or herbs lest **they wished death itself.**



Brocli, you are so annoying!

Just try some!

What even is this?



Surprisingly for them though,

they did not die after eating

the vegetables, but they still

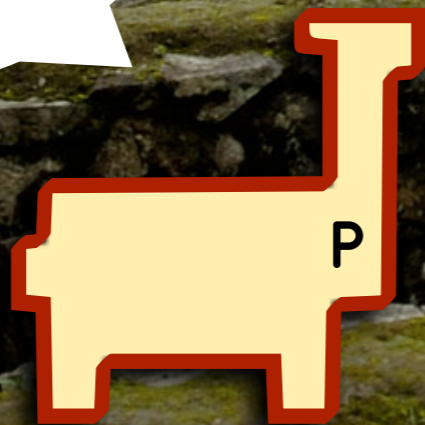
despised Brocli for having

made fools out of them.

**YOU ARE
DEAD TO ME,
BROCLI.**

So how
was it?

GRRRRR



Desperate for **revenge** and afraid they would get caught by the elder alpacas and be **banished forever** for having eaten vegetables, **Corderita** hatched a plan that would finally **eliminate Brocli** once and for all.



Okay.

It's
**STOMPIN
TIME.**

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And so **together**, they were
able to to **capture Brocli**
and they **stomped** all over
her and **ate her for dinner.**

This scene is not suitable for children under the age of 6.



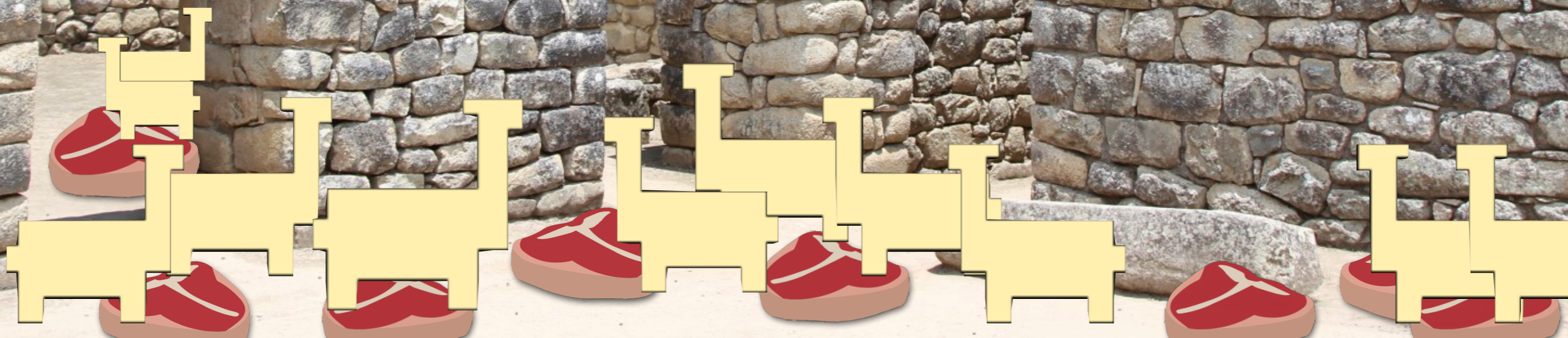
Poor Brocli.



She only wanted **Pollon**
and **Corderita** to find out
for themselves **how good**
a vegetable could taste.

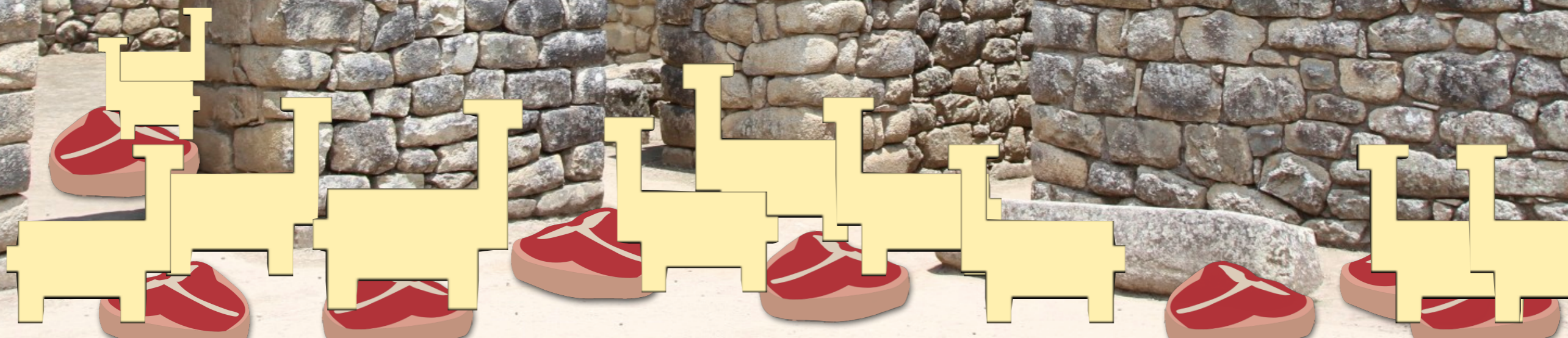
Now having tasted guinea pig, **Pollon** and **Corderita** spread the word of how yummy and juicy guinea pig **tasted** to the rest of the **alpaca colony**. With the support of their fellow **carnivorous** alpacas, they rallied and became the new rulers of their a revitalized colony called **Usonia**.

USONIA



They even decided to
hang **Brocli's head** on
their wall as a symbol of
their **victory and strength.**

USONIA



That shared hatred **Pollon** and

Corderita had lived through

metamorphosed and became

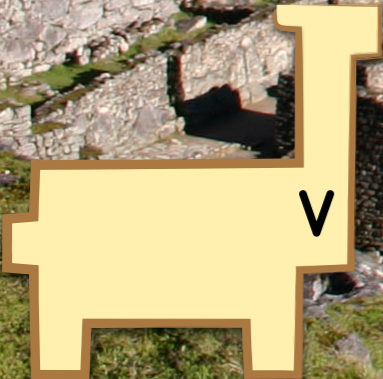
love and love became little

Vegas, their only alpaca son.



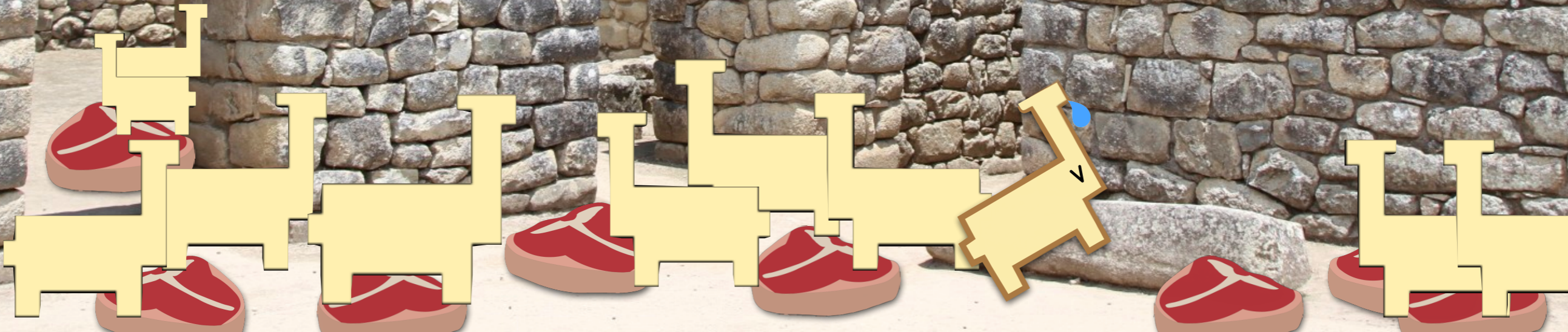
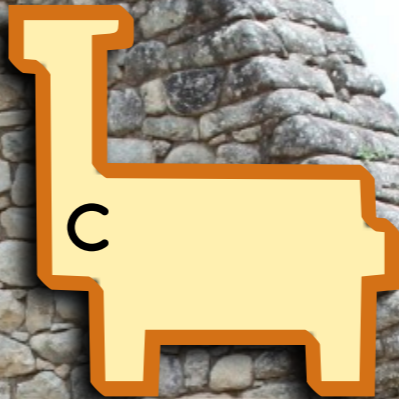
But Vegas was

different.



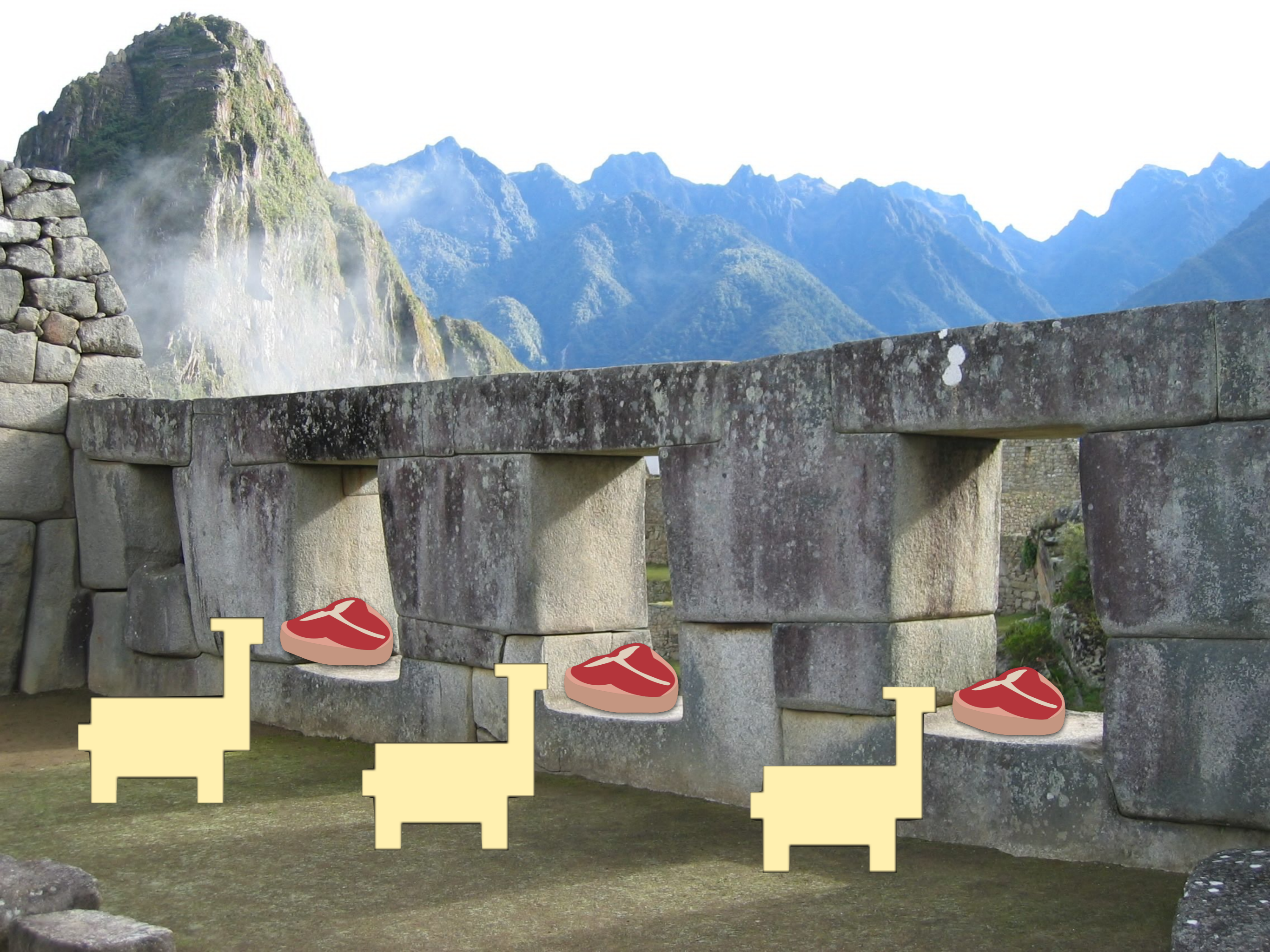
Vegas simply **refused** to eat
meat. Every time meat was
presented to him, he would start
spitting angrily, not even sure
why or how he was so **angry**.

USONIA



You see, back then alpacas had the same life span as toads (**~15 years**).

They weren't herbivores like they are today, but rather full on **carnivores** and would have meat at least **3 times a day**.



They used to just enjoy various species of **bird**, but now with their new discovery of **guinea pig**, they could spend less energy trying to catch **their next meal**.



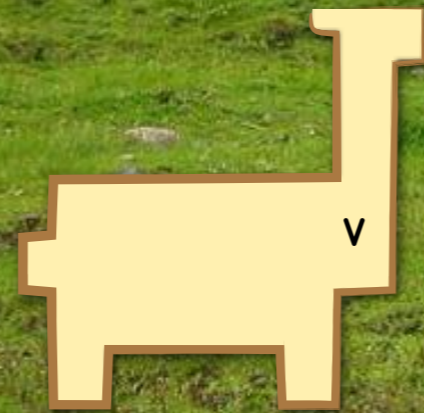
His parents unhappy with his behavior, Vegas felt ever so **isolated** from the rest of the tribe and every other week or so, he would climb up the tallest mountains and **cry** in the grass after **eating some first**.



One day, when Vegas was feeling **particularly** sad after finding out his parents had come close to **wiping out** the entire guinea pig population, a guinea pig named **Esperanza** came up to him and asked why he was so **gloomy**.

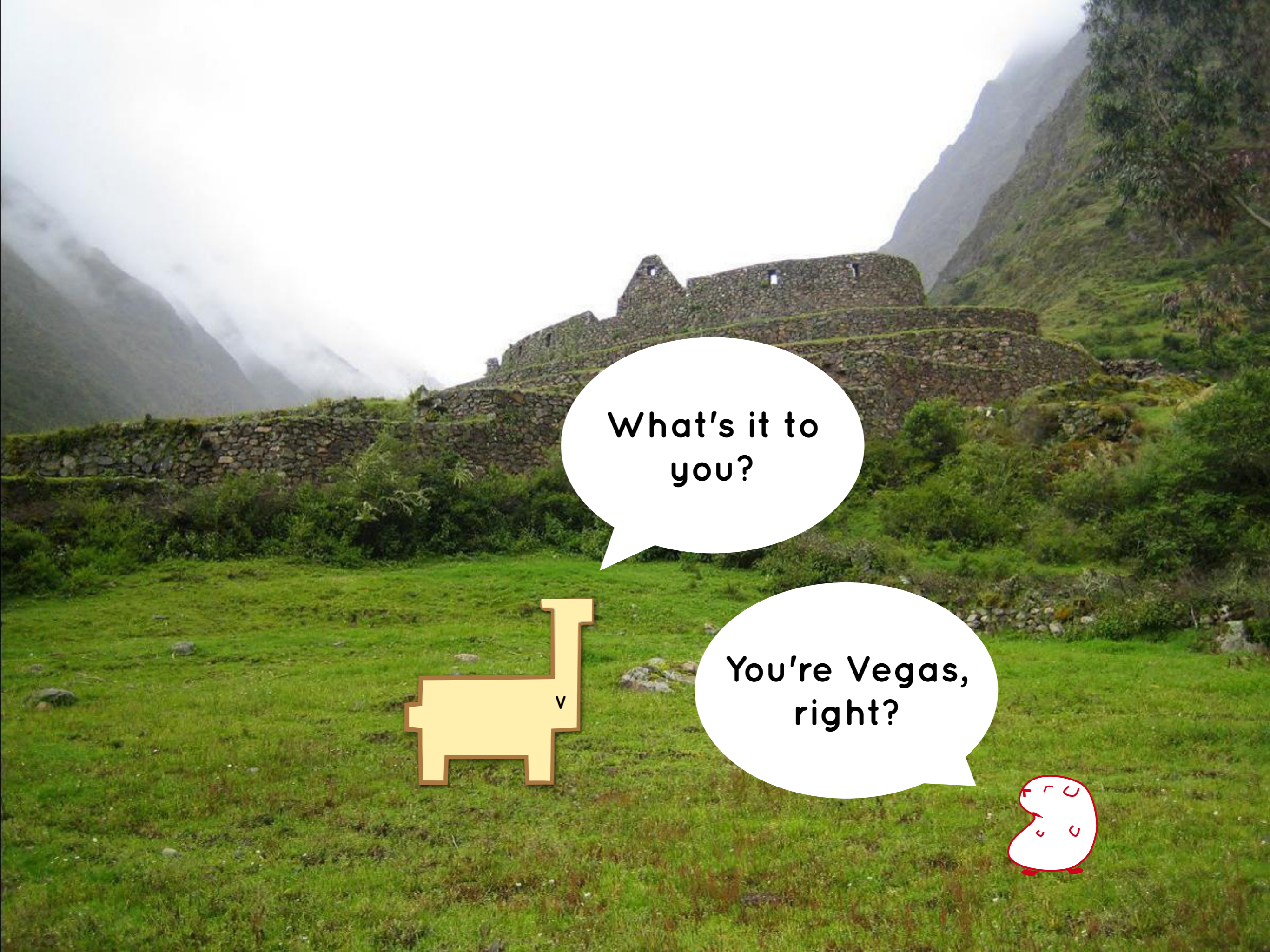


Umm, how
are you still
alive?



Why so
gloomy?



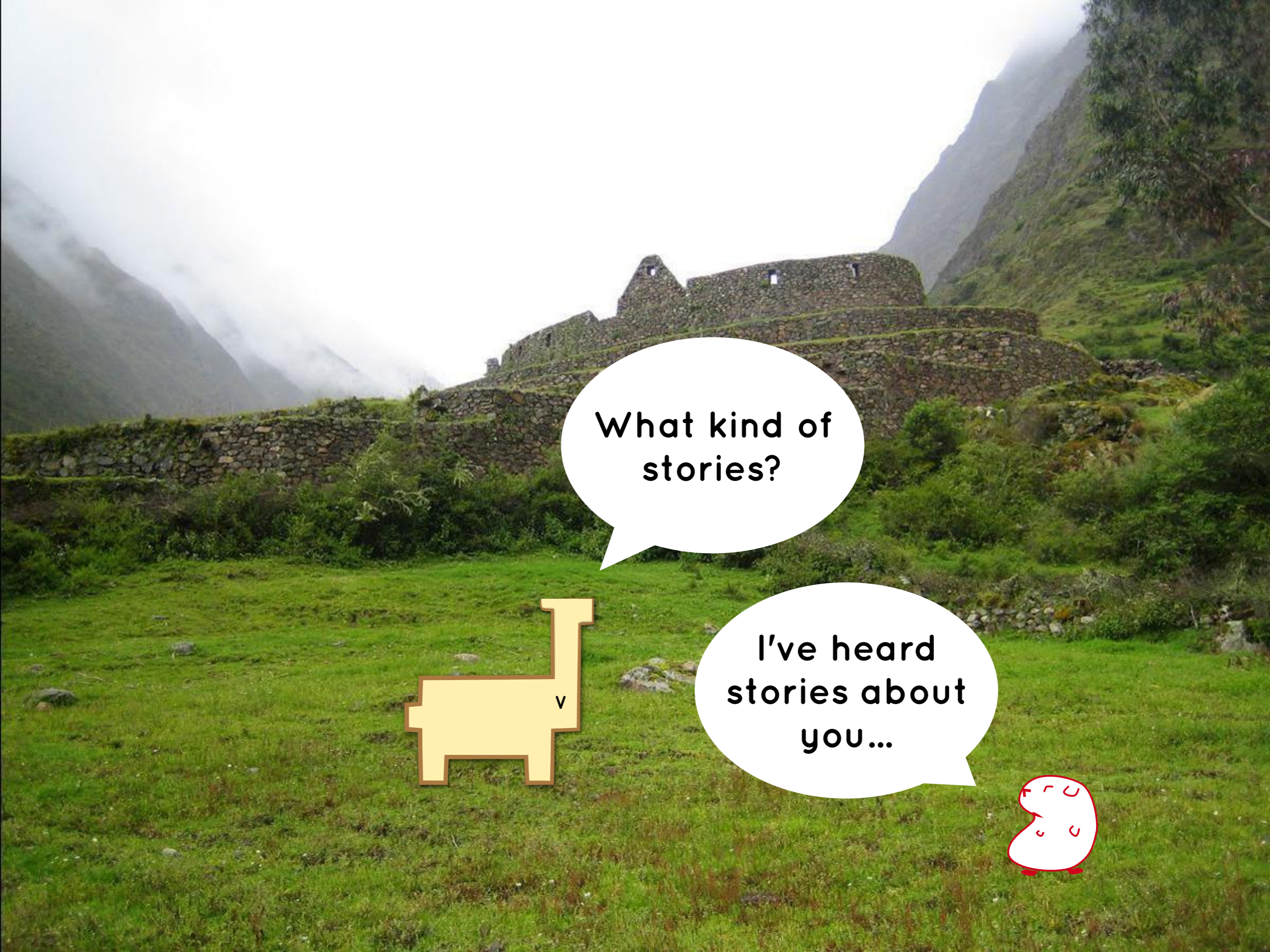


What's it to you?



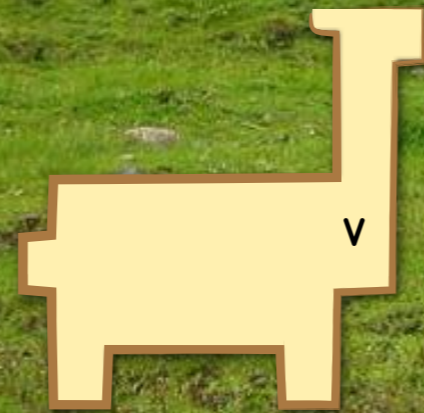
You're Vegas, right?





What kind of stories?

I've heard stories about you...



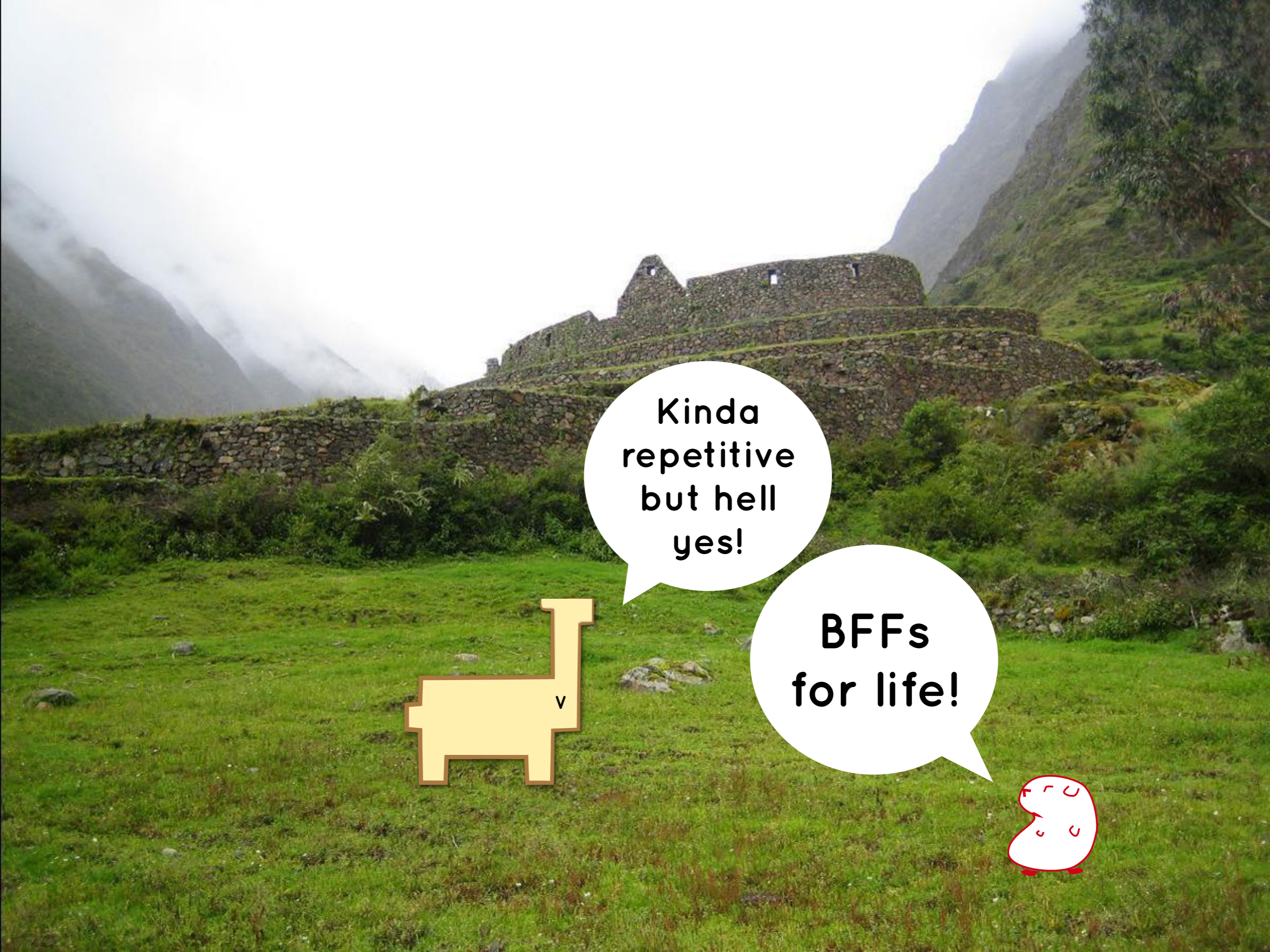


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That
you're the only
alpaca in Usonia
that doesn't like
meat...



After **MANY** long and awkward discussions atop Machu Picchu, Esperanza and Vegas became **close friends** as Esperanza provided the sympathy and comfort Vegas had **lacked** for so long.



Kinda
repetitive
but hell
yes!

BFFs
for life!

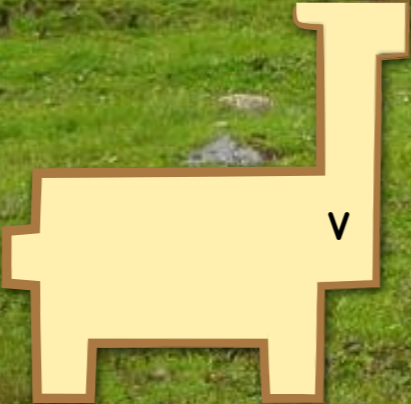


Vegas would even eat veggies
in **secret** with Esperanza and
would just always **pretend** he
was **full** while in Usonia.



Thank
broccoli!

My
mom's
name was
Brocli.

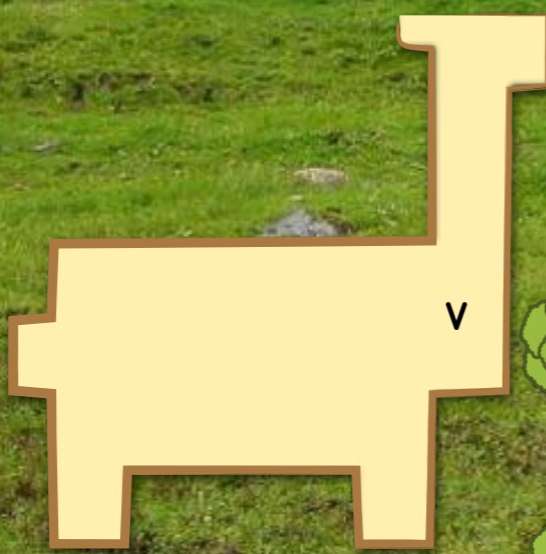


And as he continued eating
veggies in **secret** with
Esperanza, Vegas found that he
was **getting bigger**.

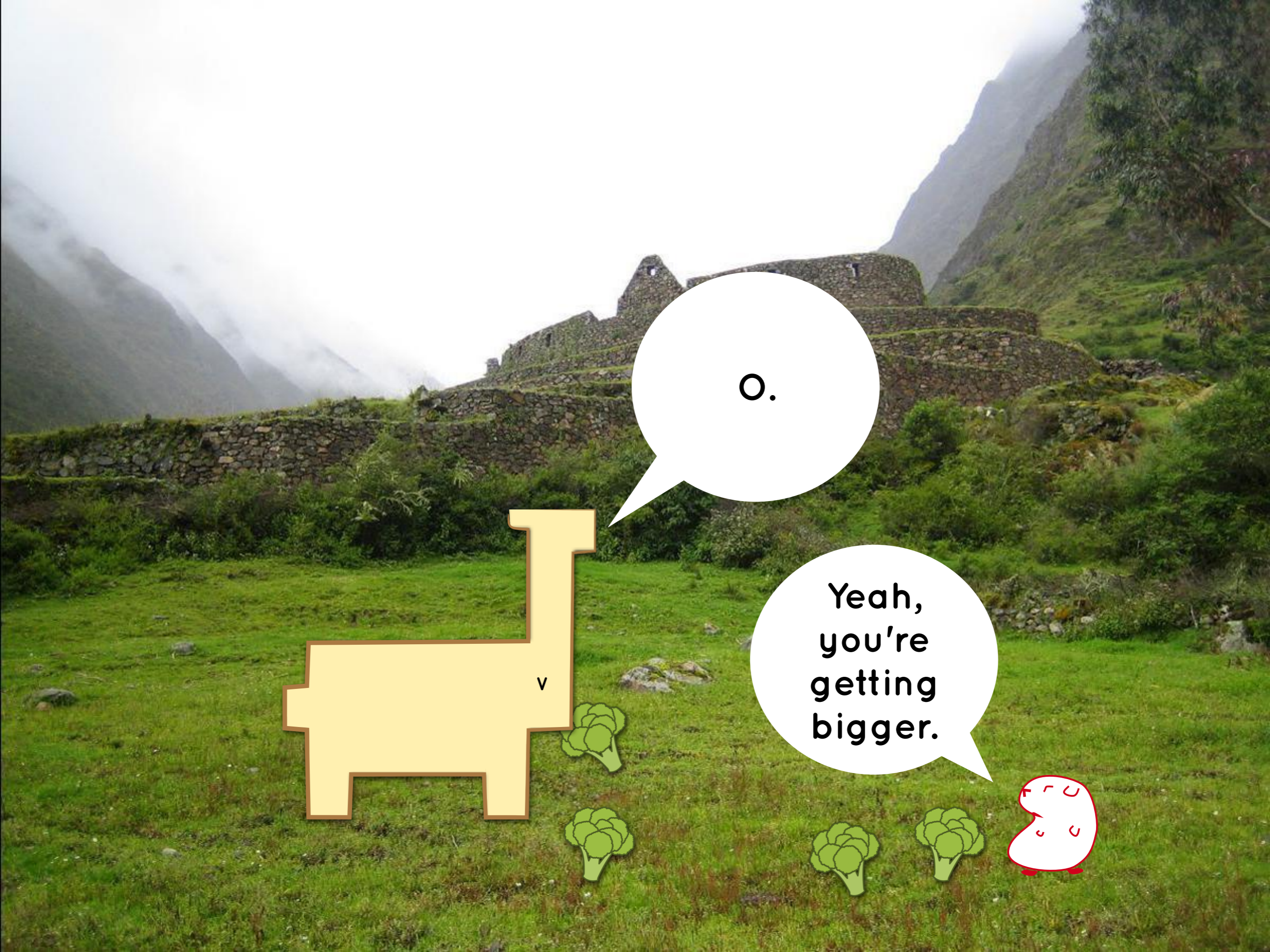


Huh,
wonder
why.

You
seem
different
today...

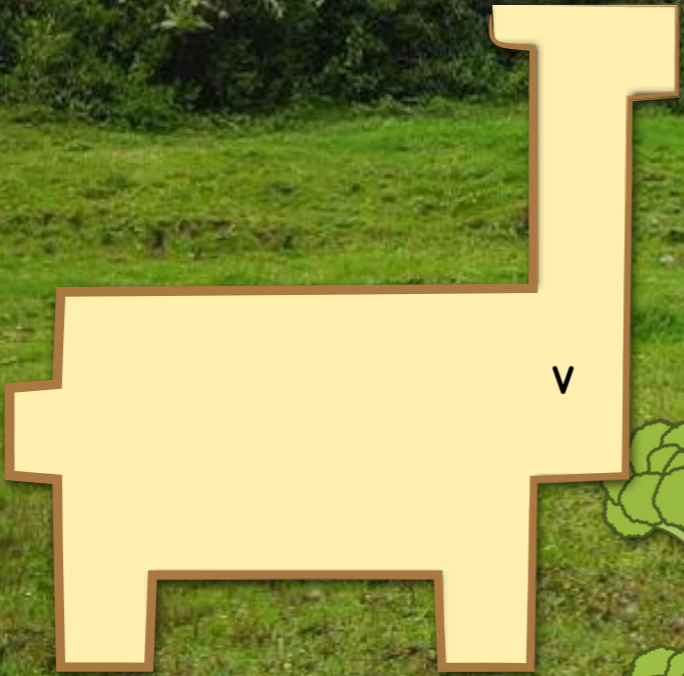


And bigger.



O.

Yeah,
you're
getting
bigger.



But **Esperanza's** tribe was
getting smaller every day with
the **Usonia** tribe getting
greedier for more guinea pig
meat **every day.**

So Esperanza **pleaded** with Vegas to help her tribe make a stand and **fight back**. She thought they would have **hope** since Vegas was **much bigger and more powerful** than any of the other alpacas.



LET US
STOP THIS
GENOCIDE!

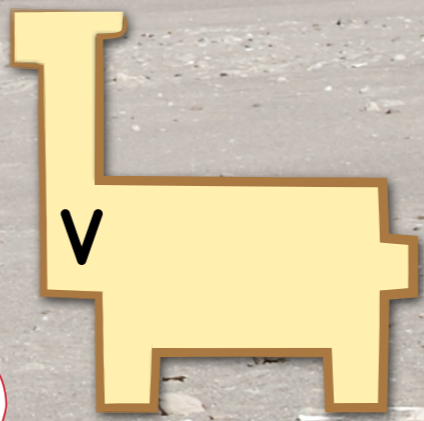
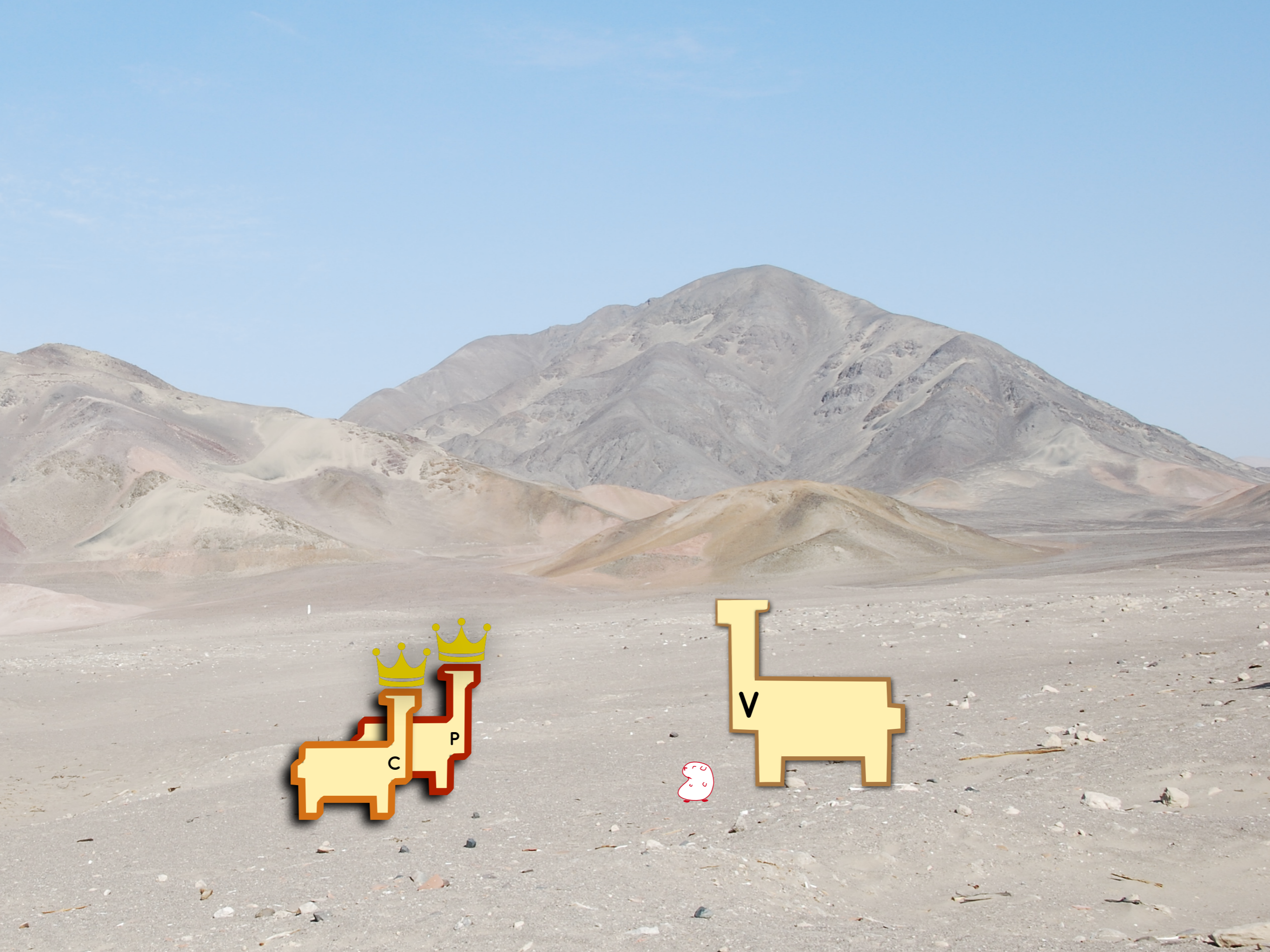
Vegas... I'm
losing everyone
around me.

V



Together, Esperanza and Vegas went to the rulers of Usonia - **Vegas's parents**.

With Esperanza in front of him, Vegas begged his parents to **stop the hunting of guinea pigs** and to consider switching to a healthier lifestyle which had allowed him to grow **strong and powerful**.



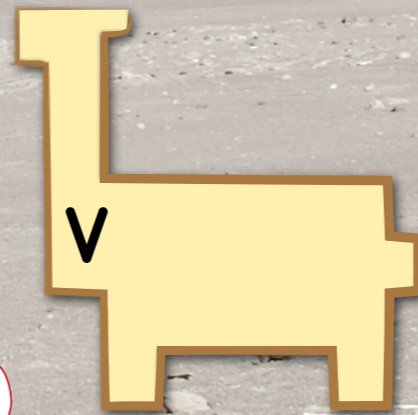
At first, his parents were **FURIOUS**.

But after **a long period of silence**,

Cordita and Pollito simply said

they would think about it.

Give us until
tomorrow to
deliberate...



In reality, they planned on **retiring** and leaving the tribe **for Vegas** to rule.

Seeing how strong Vegas had gotten and **tired** of having to take care of **all the alpacas**, they simply didn't have the energy to **stomp** anymore.

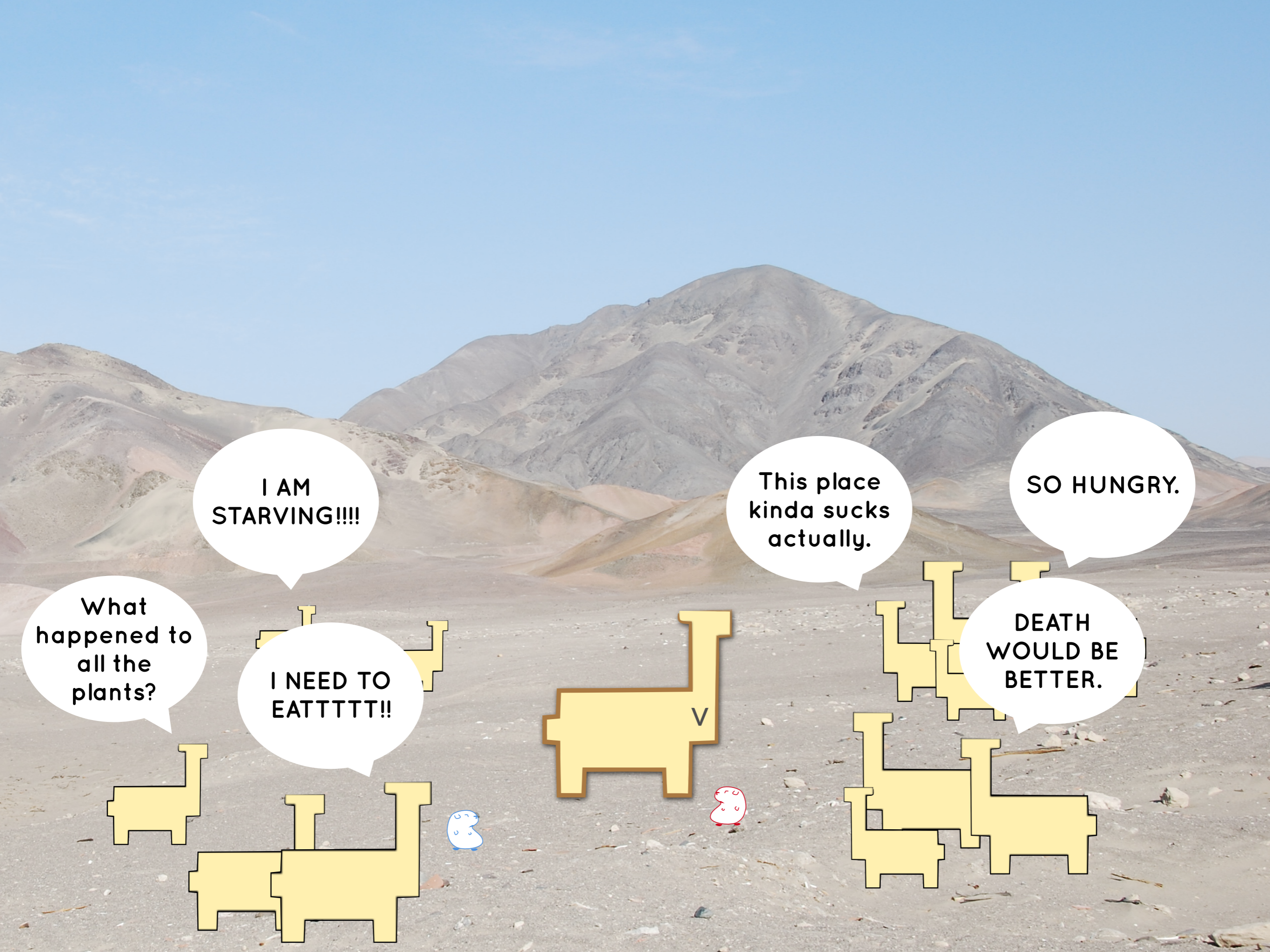
**Ain't nobody
got time for this
crap.**



And so the next morning, they
fled **Usonia** and were **never**
heard from again.



Vegas was left to lead a tribe
full of alpacas who were **hungry**
and frustrated over the
wasteland that had been left
behind.



What happened to all the plants?

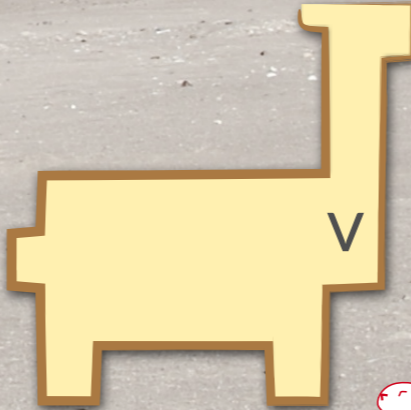
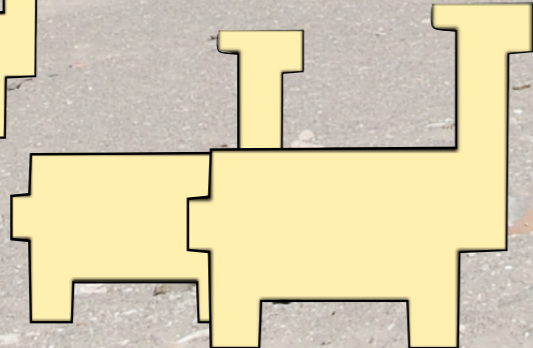
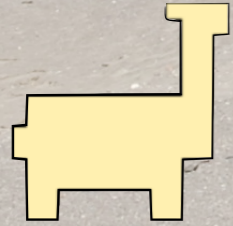
I AM STARVING!!!!

I NEED TO EATTTTT!!

This place kinda sucks actually.

SO HUNGRY.

DEATH WOULD BE BETTER.

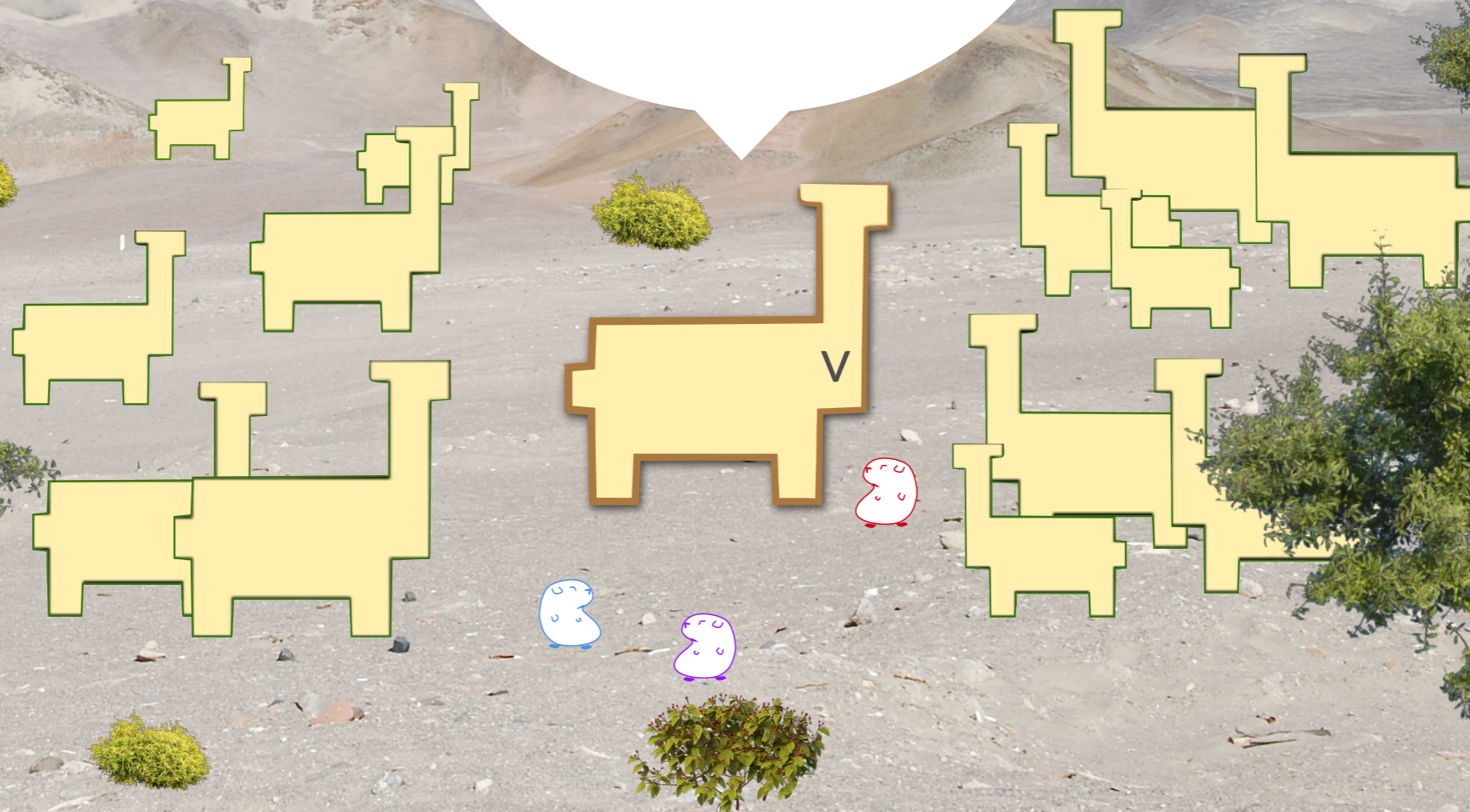


But Vegas wasn't scared.

With **Esperanza** by his side, he felt ready to
tackle **anything**.

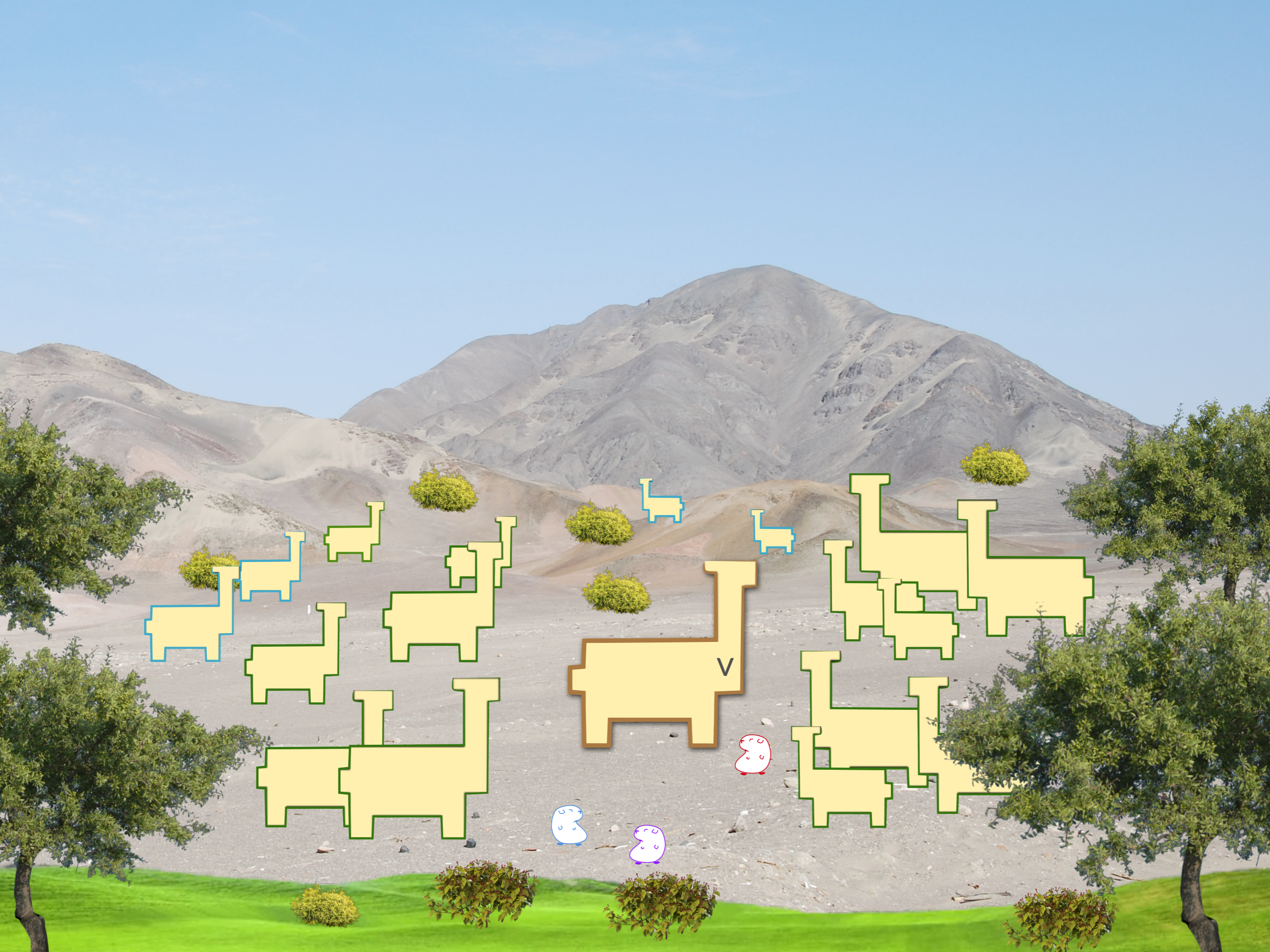
Together, they helped convince the tribe that
eating guinea pigs **just wasn't a viable option**
anymore.

**Together, we
will forge a
better future!**

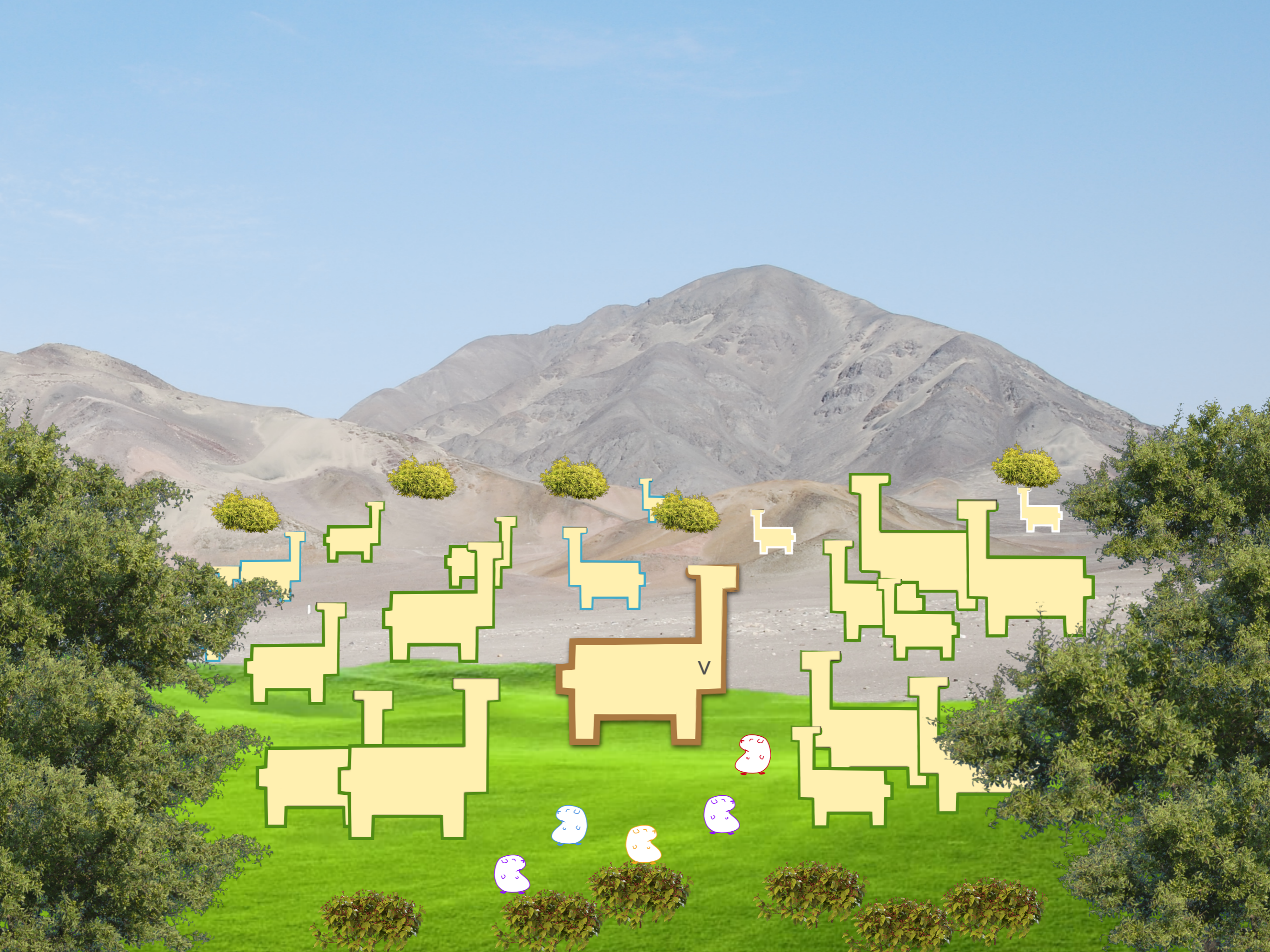


The tribe, recognizing the **error of their ways** and how **desperate** they had become, listened and **followed** their advice.

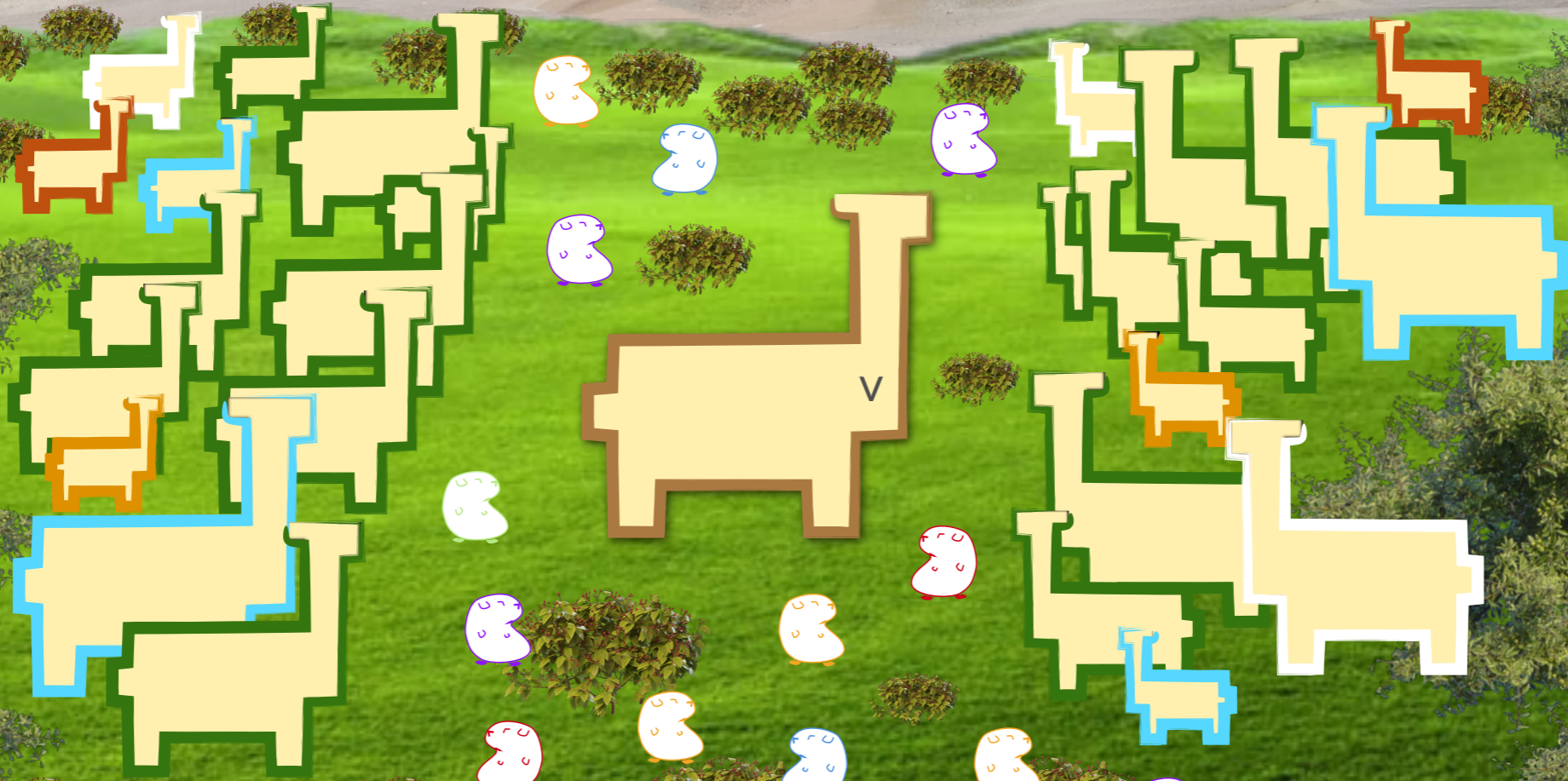
And slowly the wasteland started to become a little **green** again.



And greener.



And greener.



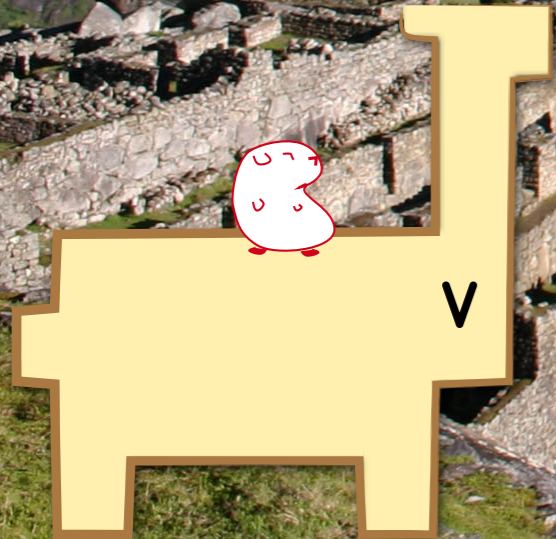
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Until finally, the land was
restored to it's former **beauty**.



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The story of **Vegas and Esperanza** was passed on to the next **generations** with the **true Vegas way** of life being continued for **years** to come.



v

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Time passed and around the **early 1900s**, an English alpaca by the name of **Donald Watson** was making his way through the **Amazons** and stumbled upon a direct descendant of Vegas called **Venidero**.

Venidero told him all about **Vegas** and how his tribe had come to maintain this healthy and **herbivorous** way of life.



Mr. Watson

Inspired, Watson
went back to England
and founded

The Vegan Society.



Thanks to **Vegas**, alpacas
have evolved into **intelligent**
and **stubborn** creatures
able to live up to **30 years**.

They even take

selfies.



THE END

Credits.

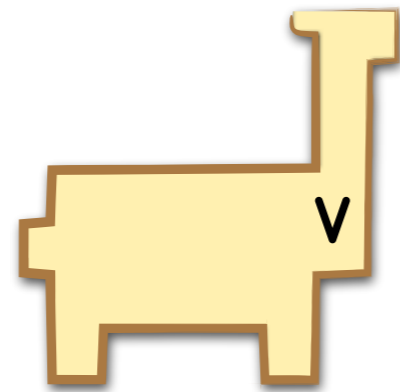
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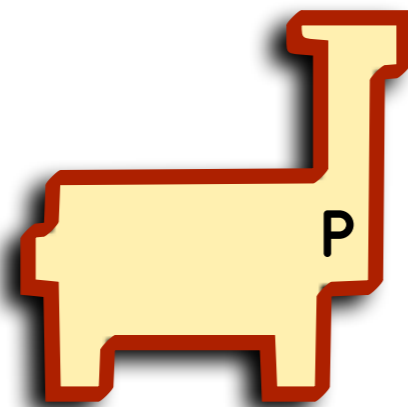
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Appendix 1. La Familia Cesped



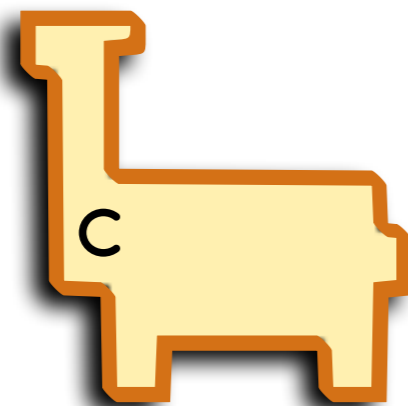
Vegas Cesped

cesped means lawn



Pollon Cesped

pollo means chicken



Corderita Cesped

cordero means lamb

Appendix 2. Other Key Characters



Brocli

just a play on words



Esperanza

a Spanish name that means hope

Venidero

los venideros means future generations