

# The Mountain



One of Many Walrus Tales  
by The Paseman Family

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Once upon a time, there were two little girls who lived on a mountain.



Even before they could talk, the mountain understood what they needed and gave it to them.



When they cried, they would lie on the mountain and its soft rumblings would comfort them and put them to sleep.



It gave them food and water and shelter and hugs every night.



And when scary animals came to play,



the mountain would tell the animals to be nice, otherwise they could not stay.

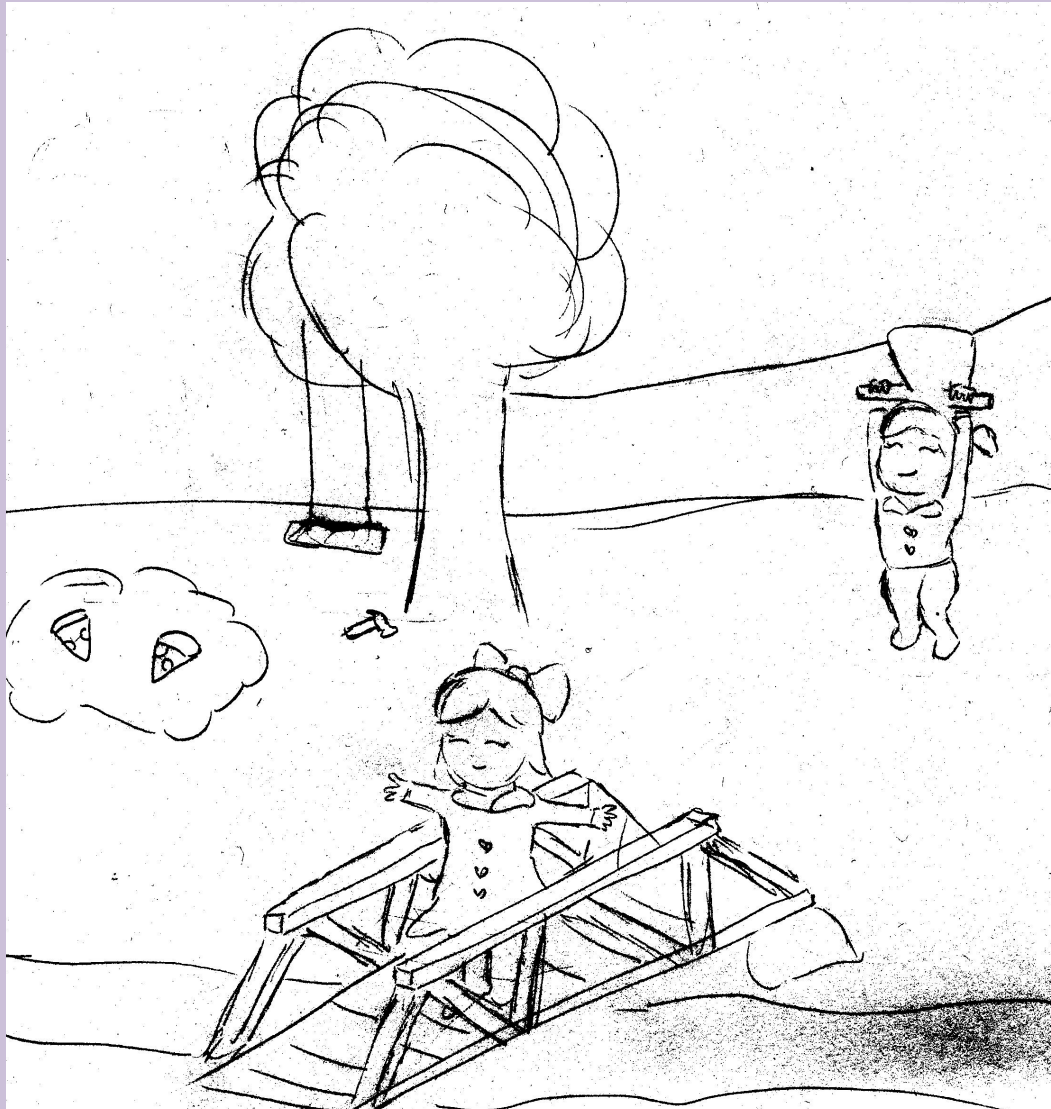




The mountain taught the girls many secrets.  
How to find and prepare their own food.



How to make swings and bridges and zip lines.  
What earth, air, light and water were made of.



But what the girls liked the most were the mountain's stories.

Stories about when the mountain was a young and unpredictable volcano.

Stories about heros and history; success and failure; Gods and men .... and women.

The girls thought that the mountain was magical and they loved it very very much.

But as they grew older, they went to a school in the valley and they visited the mountain less and less.

However the mountain knew the ways of little girls and would patiently wait for an occasional visit.

As the girls grew, they would visit and tell the mountain of their adventures.

Sometimes about victories; sometimes about heartbreaks; but mostly about hope.

Hope that they could create a life where they too could each have a family with children.

And the mountain smiled, for it knew that the little girls' children would look at their fathers and see mountains too. And he hoped that the little girls would choose well, so that their children's mountains would love their children as much as he had loved his.

## The page of extra information:

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In our family, we have both. 😊

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