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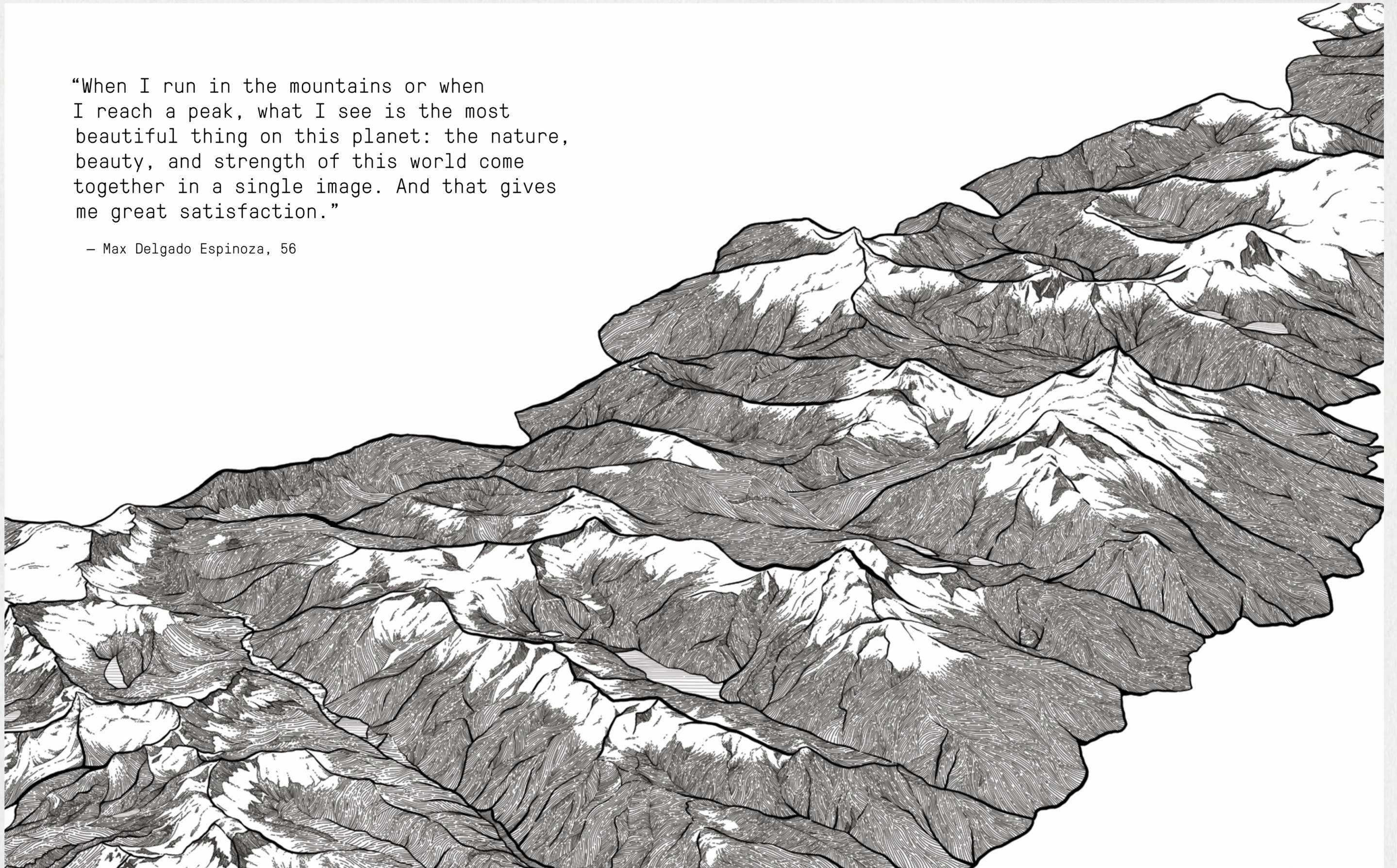


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“When I run in the mountains or when I reach a peak, what I see is the most beautiful thing on this planet: the nature, beauty, and strength of this world come together in a single image. And that gives me great satisfaction.”

— Max Delgado Espinoza, 56



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For the second issue of the Merrell Journal: Tales From the Trail, once again, we didn't bring along professional athletes or hold a casting call to create a story. We went in search of locals who work, train, and play in one of the most remote big mountain playgrounds in the world and told their story. We went to learn for ourselves, and to share with you.

We discovered people who keep the promise of adventure. People who meet each day with a smile. People who believe we have everything we need already.

They are our inspiration.

There's a lot going on down South. But don't take our word for it. Listen to the locals. Oh, and before you go: get a good pair of shoes and pack a fleece.

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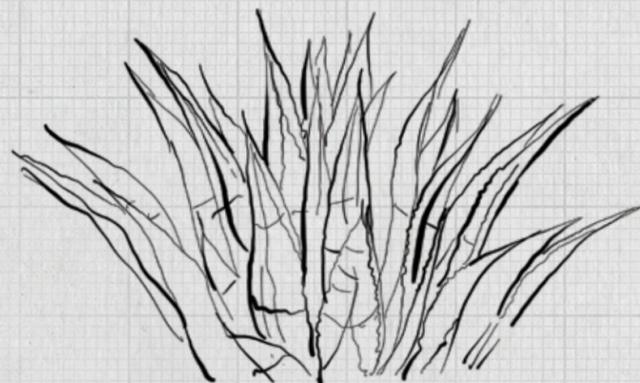
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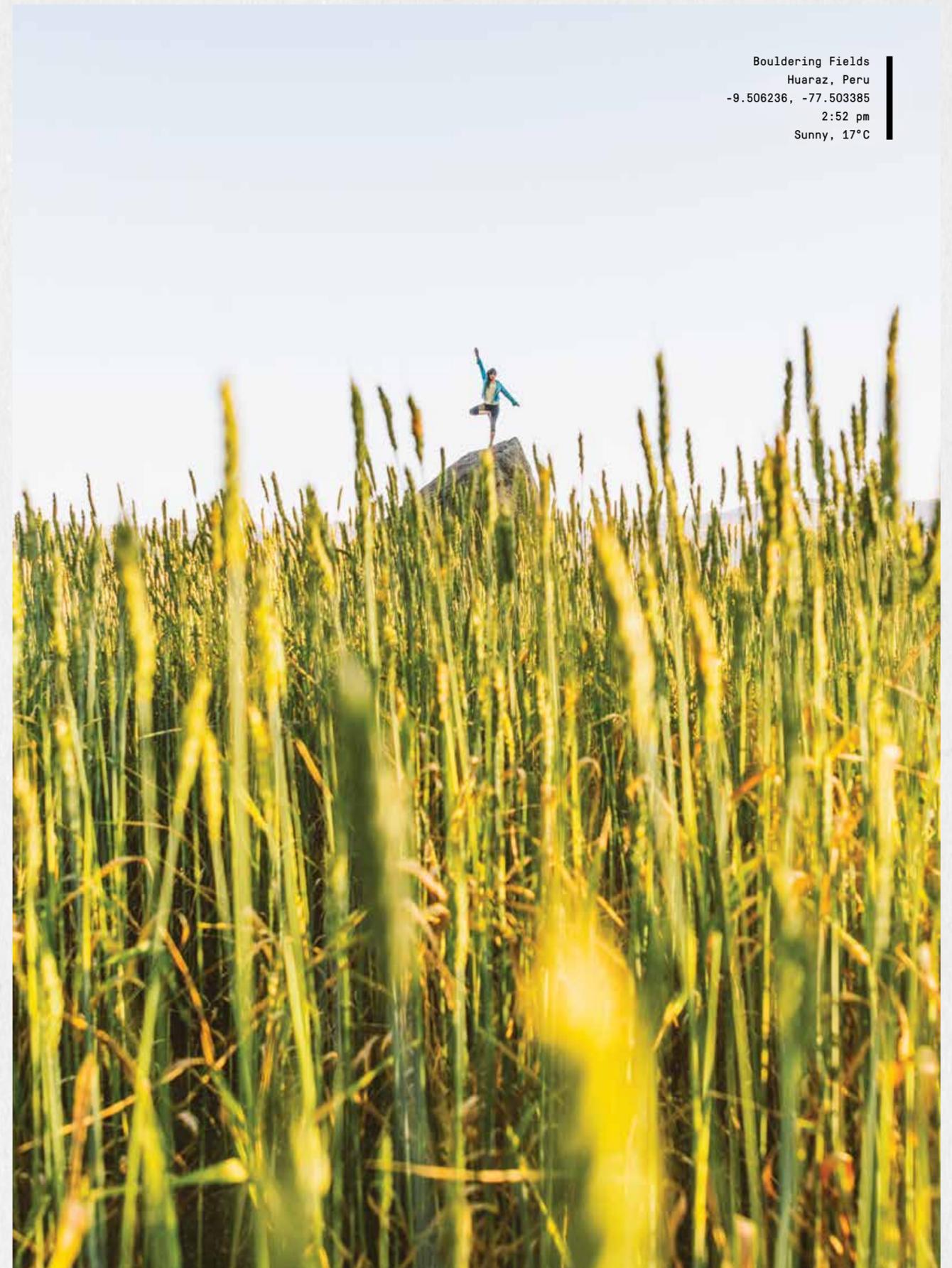
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# MOUNTAIN MOMMA

Creating a Life to Love



Luciana Juarez fiddles the blades of grass between her fingers and giggles, her eyes never meeting the camera. It's her first real "interview," and even though she's a 34-year-old woman who has garnered accomplishments such as climbing huge routes in the Andes, opening and running her own expedition agency and accompanying hostel-Andean Kingdom and Basecamp—and raising two children, she's nervous.

"Just repeat my question back to me when you answer—one more time," Tim Kemple, the Merrell film director on site, says. "And don't play with the grass," he adds with a laugh.

"Okay, sorry," she breathes deeply and begins again with a slight smile. "My name is Luciana, and I'm originally from Argentina. But I have been living here in Huaraz, Peru, for 14 years."

She closes her eyes, tilts her face up towards the afternoon sun, and answers her own question. "Yes, I'm really happy here."

She wakes up every day and has a mountain-sized kingdom to rule: organizing excursions into the Cordillera Blanca—whether it's mountaineering, climbing, bouldering, or trekking; booking clients; wrangling gear; preparing meals for her family; teaching her children to navigate the city as well as the mountains, and remembering to teach herself about the land that she creates her life in.

And she creates a lot of life to love.

"I love my kids, I love my work, I love my life," she says. "I'm really happy here. I love connecting to the people, I love helping people, I love going to the mountains every time I can—even though it's not much time when I'm working—but I love going. I feel really happy being here."

And when she does make it to the mountains, she savors every step. "I try to see one tree or one mountain or the river and I try to see their movements and imagine their lives," she says. "It's a way of meditation because

you're not thinking about anything—you're just focusing on what you are seeing."

But it hasn't always been this natural to live and love for Luciana.

Growing up in Buenos Aires, she described herself as an "earthquake" of a teenager. Sometimes her mother felt the tremors, and other times she would waver undetected. That turned into a full-blown storm in her early twenties, before she found shelter in the mountains of the Cordillera Blanca. "I never talked to my mother and I never let her know that I was a mess for her well-being," Luciana says. "But I was a mess 15 years ago. Then rock climbing and mountaineering changed my life radically."

Luciana broke up with her boyfriend, opened her business, and did the tough things that made loving her life a lot easier. "I broke up with him four years [ago], and I think that I've done okay in these four years—with the business that I have, and my kids, and finding time for myself as a woman, for climbing or painting or drawing, I



"I was a mess 15 years ago..."



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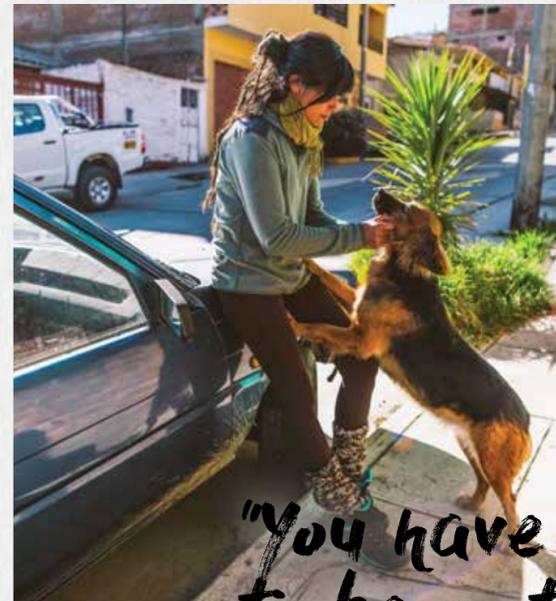




love doing that. Yes, it's hard, but my kids teach me how to be more loving, and then the rest comes with the day by day."

Luciana found that each of us has a choice to be motivated by the responsibility of what your life is or the inspiration of what your life can become—and she chose the latter.

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"You have a choice to be motivated by the responsibility of what your life is or the inspiration of what your life can become."

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# GEAR CHECK

The necessities for getting out - and into - the Peruvian Mountains

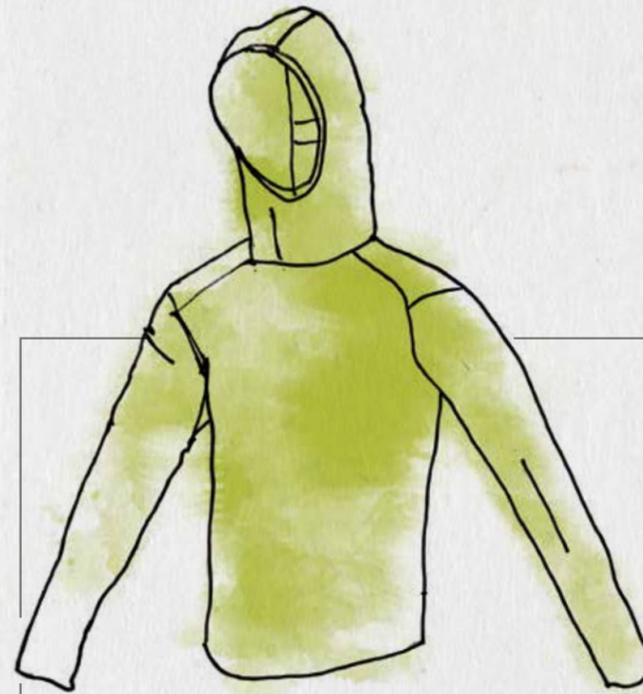
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# IRON MAX

MAX FRANCISCO DELGADO ESPINOZA  
PERUVIAN, 56



"ALWAYS GO."

NICOLÁS LAURENT VIALLET  
FRENCH, 38



# SKY RUNNING

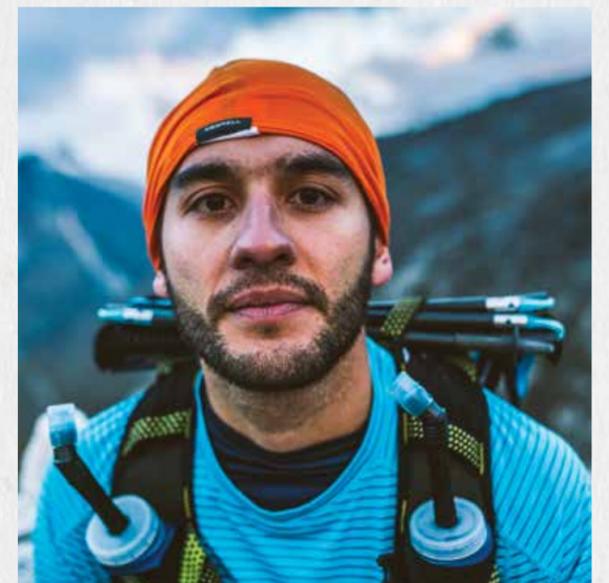
Three pairs of feet drum the ground beneath them as the stars slip back into the sky and the sun finds its way above the ridgeline. Max Francisco Delgado Espinoza, José Humberto González Millán, and Nicolás Laurent Viallet are making their way across the Cebollapampa trail high above the lakes and Quenual trees in Huascarán National Park, nestled in the Cordillera Blanca range of Peru.

Although it's famed for its snow-covered peaks and for being home to more than 400 glacial lakes, exploring Huascarán National Park is no Yosemite Valley Loop Road drive. The largest peaks in the country of Peru, such as Pisco Nevada, which towers above 18,000 feet, tuck themselves away from the road, only to be seen by those who are willing to explore.

That's why Max, José, and Nicolás are here.



JOSÉ HUMBERTO GONZÁLEZ MILLÁN  
COLOMBIAN, 32



Standing high above Laguna 69 at the Refugio Perú on the Cebollapampa trail, the three men look somewhat of an unlikely troupe: a 56-year-old Peruvian veterinarian, a Frenchman from Marseilles, and a young Colombian barely in his thirties. But they share a community only the mountains could create. And the trail running scene in Peru is kind of small, as it turns out.

"We met in a local training team in Lima, then we realized that we had more in common than the other members of the team," José explains. "We quickly established a friendship for our similar interest in running in nature always trying to travel ancestral Inca roads and little known routes. So we started to run trails together and plan others all across Perú."

That's what brought them to Cebollapampa, and that's how they found the Chaski trail—which ended up being the namesake of the running team they've formed: The UltraChaskis.

The Chaski is a trail in Peru that few people know about—let alone traverse. The trail starts in Apurimac—passing through Choquequirao—which is considered as the little sister of Machu Picchu—and travels all the way to Machu Picchu, following paths made by the Incas. The Chaski Trail is most often hiked over a period of days, and has a special history for runners. According to history, the outposts of the vast Inca Empire were connected by the work of fleet-footed messengers. The legend says the messengers were so fast that the Inca emperor could choose to dine nightly on his throne in Cusco on fresh fish caught in the Pacific Ocean, 300 mountain covered miles away. Today, the same paths those messengers took are followed by Max, José, and Nicolás—centuries later.

But they have a new message to carry.

"I have been able to appreciate the immense beauty and difficulty that Peruvian routes have through trail running," Max says. "Running allows me to travel constantly through my country experiencing or discovering it in a way others cannot."

And they want to share it. Not only to share the sport of trail running with others in Peru, but also to share the history and magic of the ancient Incan pathways that are so crucial to understanding the depth of Peru's



history. The group set up a website with basic information ([www.ultrachaskis.com](http://www.ultrachaskis.com)), and have appeared on several local radio shows to talk about trail running and what it means to them—and to Peru.

"Trail running connected me in a huge way to the place I live," José says. "Peru has many landscapes, towns and villages with beautiful and warm people. Since I came, I've done races and trails all across the country, helping me to discover archaeological ruins and the Incan trails. I trail run because it lets you escape from your reality."

His final thought: "Every trail is a personal challenge you have to accomplish."

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## THE RUNDOWN

We sat down for a rapid-fire Q&A with the UltraChaskis running team. Here's what we learned.

### Where in the world is your favorite trail?

**Nicolás:** The trails in Corsica, an island in France just south of where I'm from. That island is just a gem--so beautiful!

**Max:** My favorite route is the one we have developed with Jose H and Nicolás (UltraChaskis Team) running for 115 kilometers in the mountains of Peru, uniting the two most beautiful and important Inca citadels that exist: Choquequirao and Machu Picchu. It's a wonderful trail running expedition, which we have called "Ultra del Chaski."

**Jose:** The Ultra Chaski route from Choquequirao to Machu Picchu, of course.

### What's your dream race to complete?

**Nicolás:** I would love to go back to France and run the UTMB 170km.

**Max:** My dream race is also UTMB--running across Switzerland, Italy, and France. Actually, I will be competing in the 100km distance of that race this year.

**Jose:** The Marathon des Sables (a six-day, 251 km ultra-marathon, which

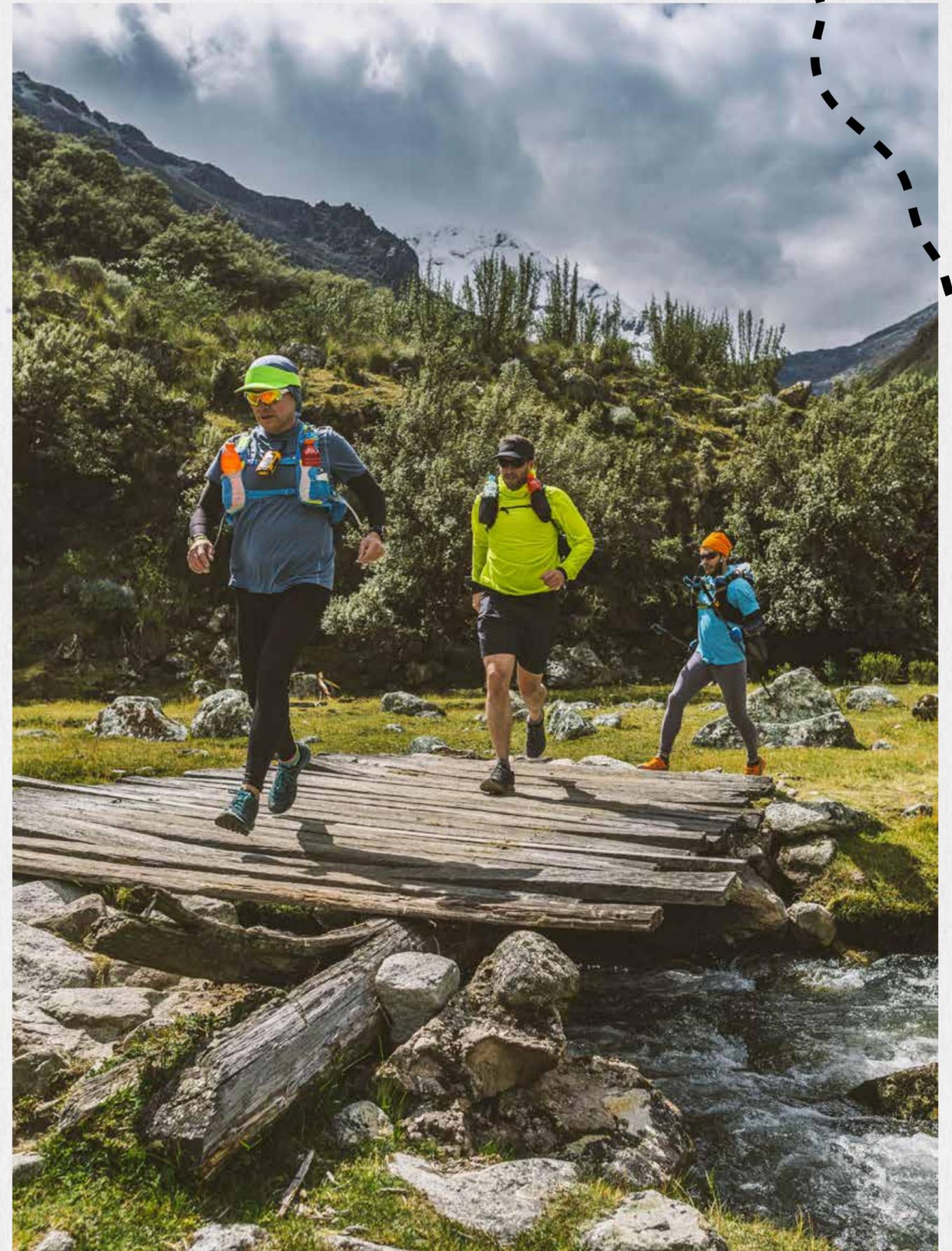
is approximately the distance of six regular marathons), or the Ultra-Trail Mount Fuji (a race at Mt. Fuji in Japan, with a total distance of 168 km and a time limit of 46 hours).

### What is your worst fueling experience? (Aka - eating while running)

**Nicolás:** Once, I got altitude sickness and was feeling so weak and I remember sitting forever trying to fill myself with plain white bread just to stop my stomach from cramping.

**Max:** My worst moment was during a training trail run at the base camp of the Huascarán mountain--the highest mountain in Peru. We planned to do the route in a maximum of 6 hours but the trails were not easily visible and the terrain was very rugged. We were on the trail for more than 11 hours and my water ran out and I got severely dehydrated.

**Jose:** During the MUT (Marcahuasi Ultra Trail) 90K in 2015, in the middle of the route I got lost and ended up running an extra 30km. I didn't eat anything during the race and naturally my body didn't answer very well. That was the 1st time that I quit a race.





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## CONCRETE ANGELS

Graciela Perez Caceres has a day job. A very good one, in fact. The 27-year-old Lima resident has worked for five years as a producer—partnering with big companies such as Maracuyeah Producciones and co-founding Casa Supaya, a Peruvian horror house (which is now in the process of being financed for a second opening).

But if you followed her after she calls it a day and begins her commute, you might be caught off guard when she picks up her longboard and sets off, weaving through traffic and surfing the streets—hair blowing as loose as her stance looks.

This woman flowing through her city is Graciela. Graciela is also known as Peke—a nickname referencing her small stature, given to her by her crew of fellow longboarders. But after meeting her, it wouldn't be a long

shot to assume this nickname is an ironic juxtaposition to her big presence and even bigger energy.

That energy is something all of these women have while they're rolling through the streets, carving shockingly technical curves, and creating new paths through Lima. There's bravado—a youth and confidence to their experimentation.

"Liberated," as director Tim Kemple put it while interviewing Graciela. "Freedom." "Do I feel that?" Graciela answers on her own. "I think so. Among the group of girls that created this, you feel that strength, that feminine power. Together we make a force."

She continues, unprompted. "Besides, we're doing something that for society is perceived as a manly thing, for men and taking it for



"There's no such thing as normal."

ourselves and making it our own. I believe that yes, in Peru they respect us, at least the downhill and skate community because they see us as strong girls—examples to follow. But I think that in general in society, not yet. I think that here in Lima people still have a little reluctance to that concept. Many people do not respect us. Many people in the streets will shout, 'that's a boy thing.'

But for Graciela and her crew, it's just a skater thing. She doesn't need anyone else's approval to feel empowered as a woman - as a skater, or as a Peruvian. She is all of these things already. And somehow, that makes her more tolerant, humble, and "normal" than the masses watching her skate by while shaking their heads.

"I feel empowered when I go around town skateboarding, but I don't think that it is some kind of empowerment superior to others," she says. "I think we all somehow have a variety of empowerment that we have to allow for everyone. I find it while winding through cars, but perhaps the guy who's driving next to me in his car has a charitable non-profit. We cannot judge others."

That tolerant perspective is something we can all learn from—whether we are living out of a van or content with being a weekend warrior.

"It's not about throwing flowers at me, but I hope so, that some people see me as a role model," Graciela concludes. "I just want to make at least a small change of good for the next generations of girls who want to skate—and for people in general."



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# A Local's Guide to Lima

Hot spots where the badass Lima Longboarders call themselves regulars



### Best Brewery: Barbarian

Av. Pedro de Osma 144, Interior 102  
Lima, Peru

Sure, this cervecería brewery has more than 20 beers on tap at any given moment and always has bottomless bottles on their menu to pour after a long day of grinding pavement. But more than anything, Barbarian has the right vibes. It has an industrial and hip design, plus there's plenty of chalkboard art, graffiti, and locals to distract you from the brewpub TV.



### Best Bar: Hensely RnR Bar

Av. Grau 982 Barranco  
Lima, Peru

Strong drinks and good music can make for bizarrely awesome nights. Henseley puts local rock, ska, and punk bands up on the stage and welcomes anyone and their wheels in for a weird time. RnR definitely does not mean "rest and relaxation."



### Best Peruvian Food: Isolina

Av. Prolongacion San Martín 101, Barranco  
Lima, Peru

Braised short rib. Ceviche. Chicharrón de chanco pork cracklings. Pisco fruit punch. We need say no more.



### Best Place to Skate in the City: Valle Hermoso neighborhood

Lima District 15112, Peru

"Valle Hermoso" directly translates to "beautiful valley," and what else could you ask for in the middle of a booming metropolis? This neighborhood is defined by luxury apartments, clean lines, and plenty of smooth concrete that was made for cruising. Okay, it wasn't. But it feels like it was. Beautiful, indeed.

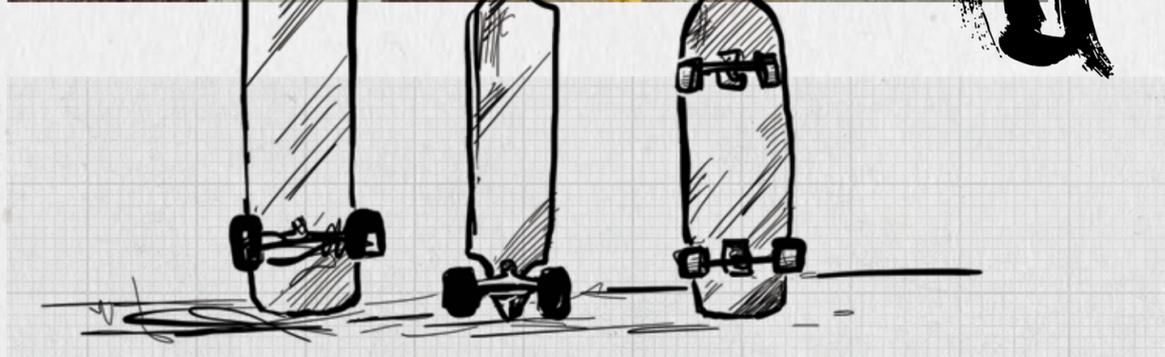


### Best Longboard Shop: Chaman

Av. Perez Aranibar 554, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Getting your hands on the gear you want isn't always easy in Lima, but luckily there is a longboard shop that offers all kind of accessories for longboarders to be able to get out and carve—as well as different brands of boards for beginners to buy.





# URBAN DICTIONARY

Peruvian Slang for Your Informal Education

COOL : CHÉVERE

HOMIE : PATA

GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND/LOVER : FLACA/FLACO

THE MONEY TO PAY FOR BEER : CHANCHA PA LA CHELA

YOUNG PEOPLE : CHIBOLO

MISSED OPPORTUNITY : YA FUISTE

LUCKY PERSON : LECHERO/SERTUDO. IF AN INSTANCE IS CONSIDERED TOO LUCKY IT WILL BE CALLED LECHERAZO, OR SUERTUDAZ.

"I'M BROKE" : ESTOY MISIO, OR ESTOY AGUJA

GOING TO A PARTY : JUERGUEAR

PARTY : JUERGA



TO EAT : JAMEAR

SHOES : TABAS MERRELL. "EVERYONE TALKS LIKE THAT—SPECIFYING WHAT TYPE OF SHOES," CLARIFIES LORENA ZAPATA, WHOSE LAST NAME ACTUALLY MEANS SHOE IN ENGLISH. "WE NEVER JUST SAY 'SHOES.'"

I SWEAR : POR LA SARITA

TO UNDERSTAND : MANYAR. "WE FINISH EVERY PHRASE WITH, 'MANYAS?'" ZAPATA CLARIFIES. "IT'S LIKE THE SAME AS SAYING, 'YOU GOT IT?' IN ENGLISH."

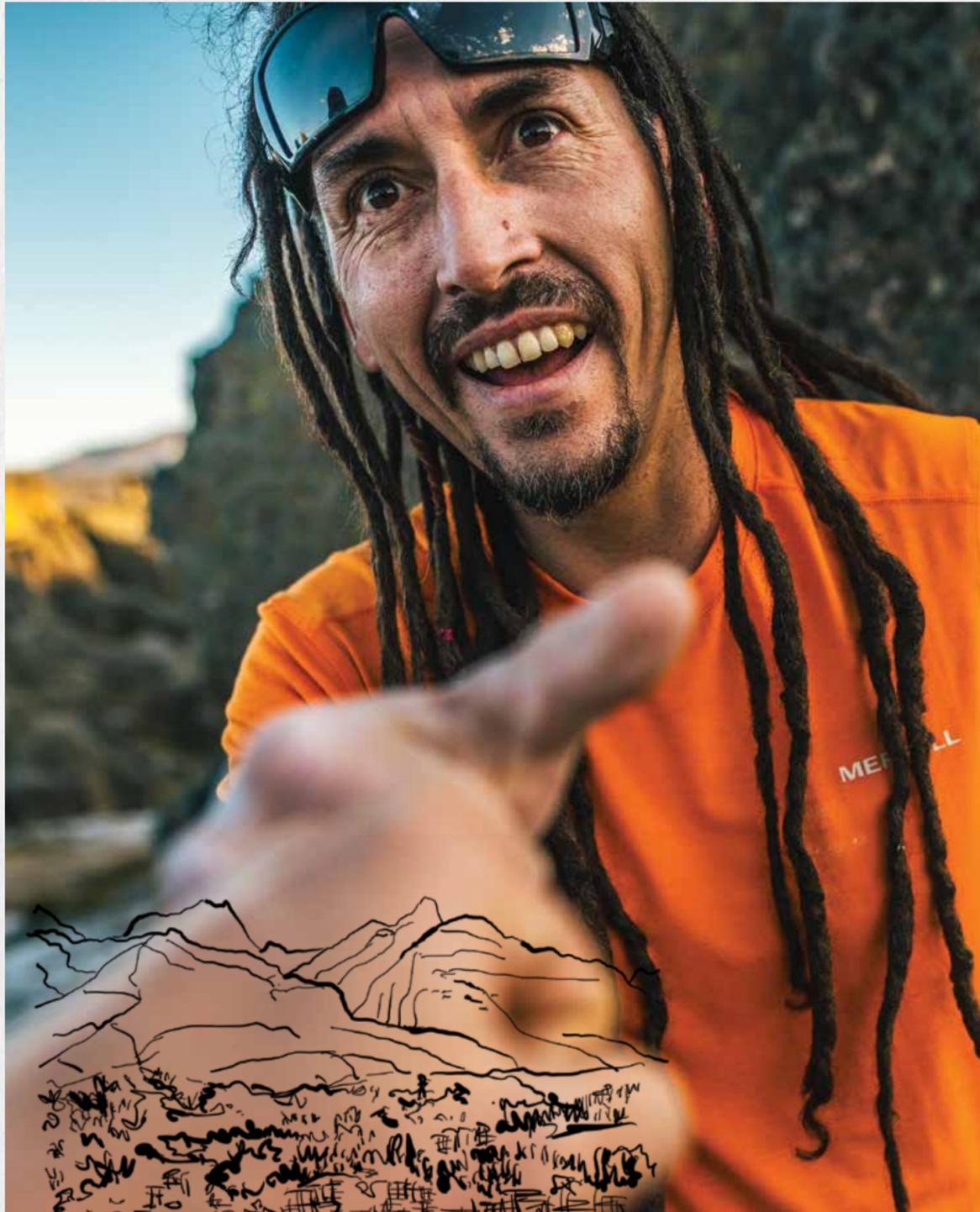
IN OTHER WORDS : OSEA. "OSEA IS A CONNECTOR WE USE TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING IN DIFFERENT WORDS," ZAPATA SAYS. "IT'S LIKE: OK (OSEA) SO BLAH, BLAH, BLAH."

A JOKE : UN CHONGO

SOMEONE WHO JOKES A LOT : CHONGUERO

TO GO HAVE FUN : PASARLA BRAVAZO






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## MONKEY WASI

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### "A SENSE OF STABILITY DOES NOT EQUAL STAGNATION."

Things really can be simple. Or at least, they are for Gustavo Llanos Vasquez, owner of local Huaraz hostel Monkey Wasi, nestled in the foothills of the Cordillera Blanca.

But just because things are simple for Gustavo does not mean they're easy.

He didn't just find himself in Huaraz one day, spending his days smiling at the sun and climbing rocks with his fellow dreadlocked friends. He worked his way to get here.

"A lot of people don't believe you can do it, but I think you can do it little by little and follow your dreams to live in the wild," he says.

What Gustavo has created at Monkey Wasi is not only his dream realized, but also an opportunity for climbers, trekkers, and boulderers from around the world to realize their dreams, too. Sitting for an hour with this Bob Marley-loving soul is a chance to listen to his decades-long journey to find "the good life."

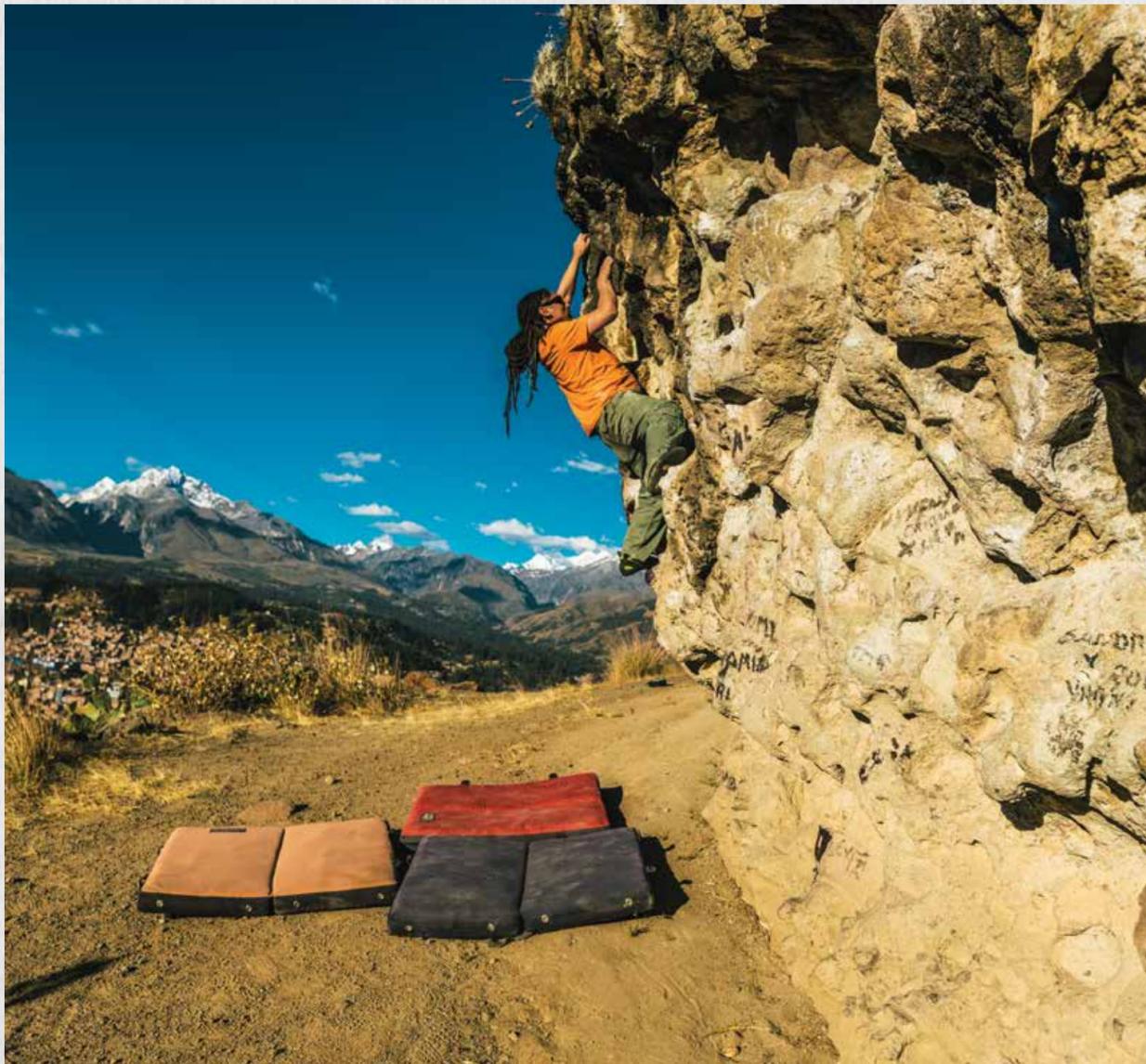
Before there was an indoor bouldering wall in Monkey Wasi or La Rotonda Pizzeria attached to the hostel, there was a much younger Gustavo traveling and climbing all around the world. But then, as it often does, love happened. Gustavo fell for a woman and moved back to Peru. And as things often do, things got complicated. He tried to open a pizzeria.



But, in his own words: "After a little while the pizza place didn't work that well, the economy failed, my relationship got affected, and eventually she left." So he decided to continue by himself.

Well, not by himself. He's always in the company of Negrita, his black female labrador retriever. They go together everywhere, and she's always down for the ride. Any time Gustavo needs to go cater to some climbers or is just going into town to check on the new pizza place, Negrita jumps into the pickup truck.

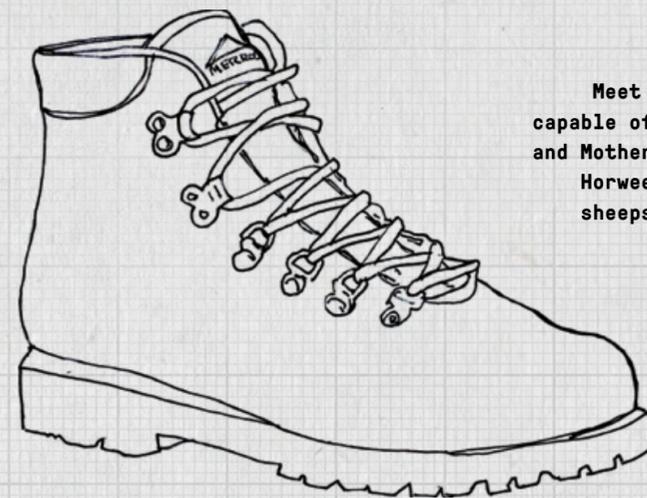
And together, they made it work.



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“It’s always been clear to me that Huaraz and the mountains is my place in the world,” he says. “I can’t erase the Cordillera Blanca from my mind. And I always hosted people in my place, until my friends encouraged me to open a hostel, so I did. That worked, and then La Rotunda worked.”

Today looking around Monkey Wasi, with the vibrant orange and red walls leading you to quaint bunkrooms, small kitchenettes, and cozy patios with hammocks swinging in the breeze, everything seems like it was created by a person whose dream was grounded in Huaraz, with the Andes watching over it. But the truth is, it was Gustavo’s traveling that landed him here.

“Even when I was on a plane traveling, I always knew I would return here,” he says. “Being here is like filling that space in my soul. It could’ve been a hostel or a travel agency, or any business that allowed me to stay, but the most important thing to me here is the nature that surrounds me.”

The possibilities were always greater than the plans for Gustavo. It was just a matter of taking the blinders off of what he wanted from the world and instead seeing what the world could offer him.

“I think that people, now, are a little more plastic,” he explains. “They are always with the system: fancy cars, make-up, and social networks. But we need to learn to live simply, not accumulating, because when you die, you won’t take anything to the next life. Your stuff stays here. It doesn’t matter if you have a million dollars and you travel in first class. If the plane goes down, you’ll die anyway. That is why I think it is not very important to have things as long as you have what is good for your soul. You need to have a balance between the high life and simple life.”

“I like to share time and meet new people who are simple like me,” he continues. “simple like nature.”

With that, he smiles. And everyone who sees him knows he means it.

# 3 TOP-SECRET CRAGS IN HUARAZ

Sometimes, the best bouldering areas have recognizable names...like Yosemite Valley, for instance. Other times, the best place to find a tough problem is known as "the cow field." It's all about knowing where you're going so you can find the most challenging climbs. That's why we got the beta on little-known, but legendary, crags in Gustavo's backyard of Huaraz.

## 1. HATUN MACHAY

Hatun Machay is a forest of rock defined by spires and boulders as far as the eye can see. With bolted routes from 5.Easy to 5.14, this hilltop maze of boulders draws comparison to Moon Hill in New Zealand or Adrspach in the Czech Republic... but bigger and more vast.

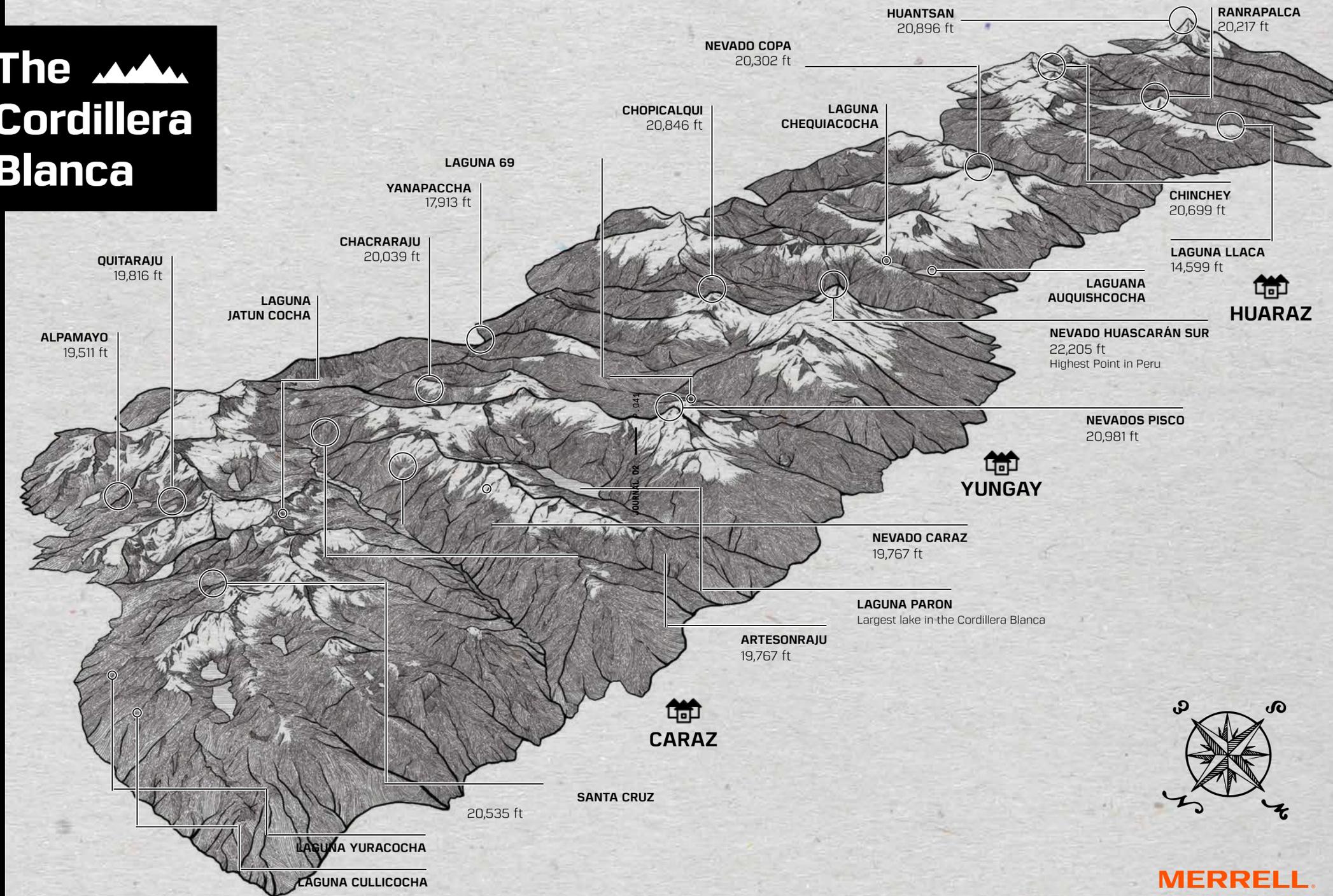
## 2. LOS OLIVOS

The in-town climbing area of Huaraz. Like, you can walk here from downtown. Perched up on the hillside with amazing views of the greater Cordillera Blanca this volcanic sport and bouldering zone is the perfect place to stay fit for the bigger objectives in the range, or just get a few pitches in between adventures.

## 3. HUANCHAC

On the Cordillera side of the valley, Huanchac is stacked with the most impeccable granite, and it's the local favorite when it comes to technical yet powerful boulders. Located in a mix of fields and forest, make sure you find the local landowner, pay a couple soles for access to the land and get ready for some of the highest quality stone you'll find anywhere.

# The Cordillera Blanca





# TIM KEMPLE

CLIMBER. DIRECTOR. PHOTOGRAPHER.  
DAD. FRISBEE-THROWER.

He wears many hats—but while on location in Peru he wore only one pair of shoes: Our Range AC+. There was dust, there was rain, there were early-morning starts and late-night stops. Over the course of 20 days, Tim, his team, and his Ranges traipsed all over Peru—from the Cebollapampa trail in the heart of the Cordillera Blanca mountains to the alleyways of Lima’s streets, capturing the stories you’ve read about in this journal, step by step and shot by shot.

## RANGE AC+

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# WE KNOW WHERE YOU'RE MEANT TO GO, BASED ON RANDOM QUESTIONS

Gustavo ended up in Huaraz, Peru—the land of his ancestors—but not without a few deviations, passport stamps, and changes of address along the way.

EVER WONDER IF WHERE YOU LIVE IS WHERE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE? TAKE OUR QUIZ TO FIND OUT.

**What type of salsa do you buy most often?**

- a. Mild
- b. Medium
- c. Hot
- d. Fruity—something with peach, mango, or even raspberries in it
- e. Does guac count?

**When was the last time you cried?**

- a. Today
- b. I don't know, I don't keep track of tears
- c. I would never admit it to you
- d. A month ago
- e. This week

**Pick a type of bread:**

- a. Naan
- b. Sourdough
- c. Rye
- d. Organic sprouted
- e. Cottage white

**At what time of the day do you feel your best?**

- a. Late morning, after my second cup of coffee has kicked in and lunch is around the corner
- b. Late evening, after I've forgotten about work
- c. First thing when I wake up and finish my morning routine
- d. At sunset
- e. At all hours of the night

**Who do you call the most often?**

- a. My grandma
- b. My best friend
- c. My sibling
- d. My mom/dad
- e. I don't use a telephone for what it's made for.

**Ah, happy hour. What are you ordering?**

- a. Something with whiskey in it
- b. Beer
- c. Gin and tonic
- d. Wine
- e. Water. Or something tasty that won't poison my liver, like a milkshake.

**What bothers you the most?**

- a. Feeling out of the loop with your social group
- b. Bumper to bumper traffic
- c. When the shower water won't settle to the right temperature
- d. Dirty fingernails
- e. Having to put away your laundry

**If you could only do one activity every weekend for a year, which would you choose?**

- a. Camping
- b. Going to a concert
- c. Dinner with friends
- d. Traveling
- e. Sleeping, reading, and not leaving your house





### Results! Drumroll please...

#### If you picked mostly A's...

You're going to end up in Vancouver, Canada. You like to have fun. You're easy going, you've got a big heart, and you don't let things bother you too much. Somehow, you've got that whole life-balance thing figured out. Enjoy that sweet Canadian western coast, with its perfect balance of rugged outdoor adventures and young urban energy.

#### If you picked mostly B's...

You're going to end up in Melbourne, Australia. You're hip, you're always on the go and in the know, and you prefer socializing more than quiet solo time. You've got spare energy to burn and you're always the first call your closest peeps make when they need a listening ear. You belong in the burgeoning cool-town of Melbourne, Australia: where culture, sport, and community thrive,

#### If you picked mostly C's...

You're going to end up in Peru. You have a strong sense of family and it doesn't take much to make you happy. Your outlook on life is something your friends admire you for, and you're always down for an adventure. Whether it's painting the town red or getting an alpine start on a hike with a friend. Basically, you're the human version of Peru.

#### If you picked mostly D's...

You're going to end up in California. Fight the urge to either cringe or jump for joy. There's something there for everyone, whether it's camping in the Redwoods, surfing in Ventura, finding the best rooftop bar in Los Angeles, or climbing legendary walls in Yosemite. You're extreme, in the best way. You know what you like, you're honest, you care for your friends like they're family, and you're one of the happiest people your loved ones know.

#### If you picked mostly E's...

You're going to end up in Switzerland. Your friends might describe you as "chill," but really, you just know what's important to you and you don't let other stuff get in the way. You're dedicated and always get your work done. You pay attention to small details and let your judgment guide you just as much as your heart. You probably read your first chapter book before second grade and have always been impressive, but drawing attention to that isn't your style. You belong in even-keeled, simple, but jaw-droppingly gorgeous Switzerland.



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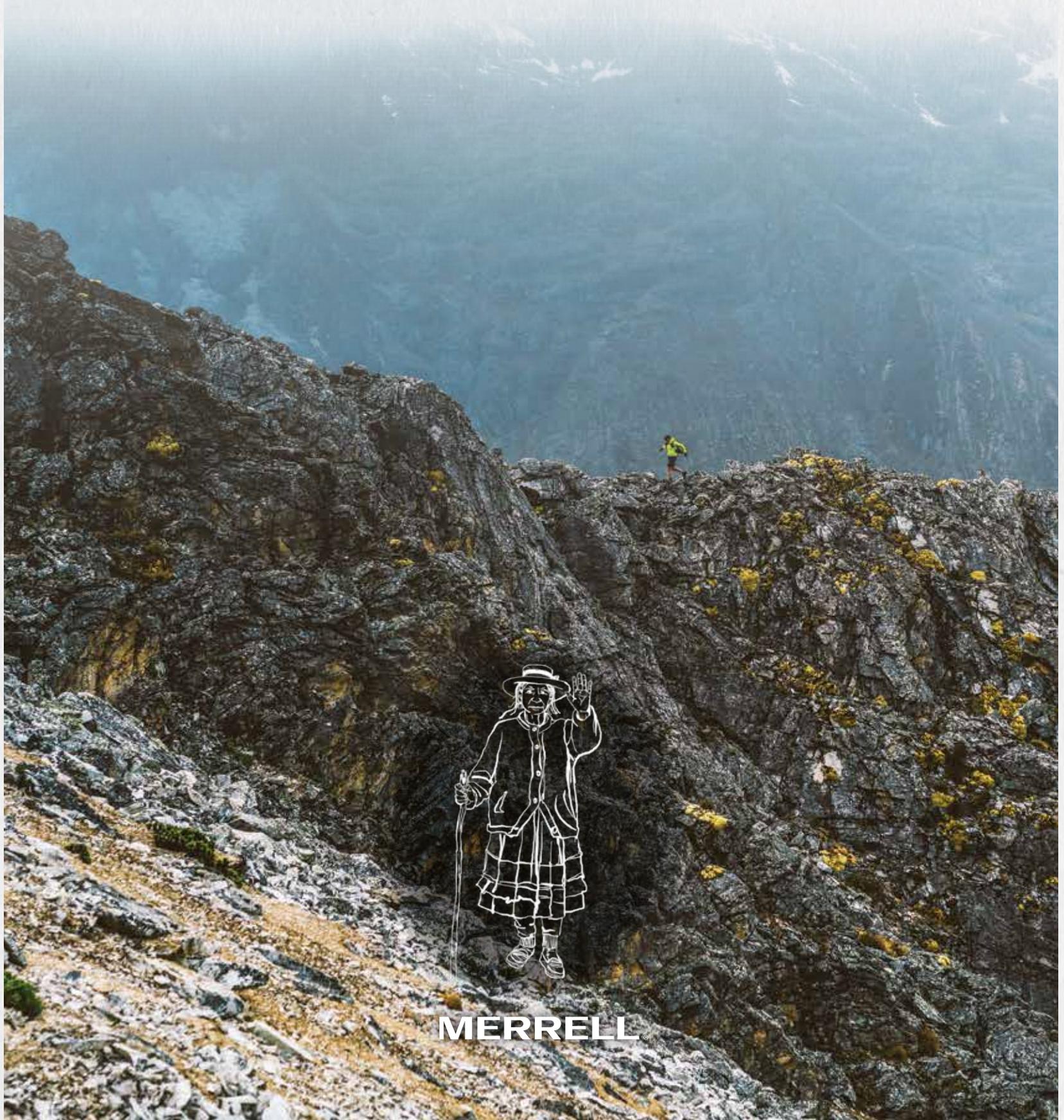


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