

TRENTREN VILU AND CAICAI VILU

- 1 Long ago, there were two enormous snakes, Trentren Vilu and Caicai Vilu. Trentren Vilu was the protector of the land and all that lived on it, while Caicai Vilu looked after the oceans and seas and all of the marine animals.
- 5 One day, Caicai Vilu slithered onto the land, drowning valleys and fields, destroying the homes of all the land animals. Trentren Vilu quickly confronted Caicai Vilu. He tried to save the land by making it rise higher and higher out of the water. The battle between the two giant serpents lasted for a very long time. Finally, Trentren Vilu was victorious, but the land was too damaged; he was unable to return it to its original form. The land Caicai Vilu
- 10 attacked became permanently separated from the mainland, and now we know it as the Chiloé Archipelago.

And this is why the people of the Chiloé Archipelago have a very different way of life to those on the mainland. For them, the sea holds much greater importance in their lives, and

15 they have their own unique foods and buildings.

