

WHOLE WIDE WORLD

MACHU PICCHU



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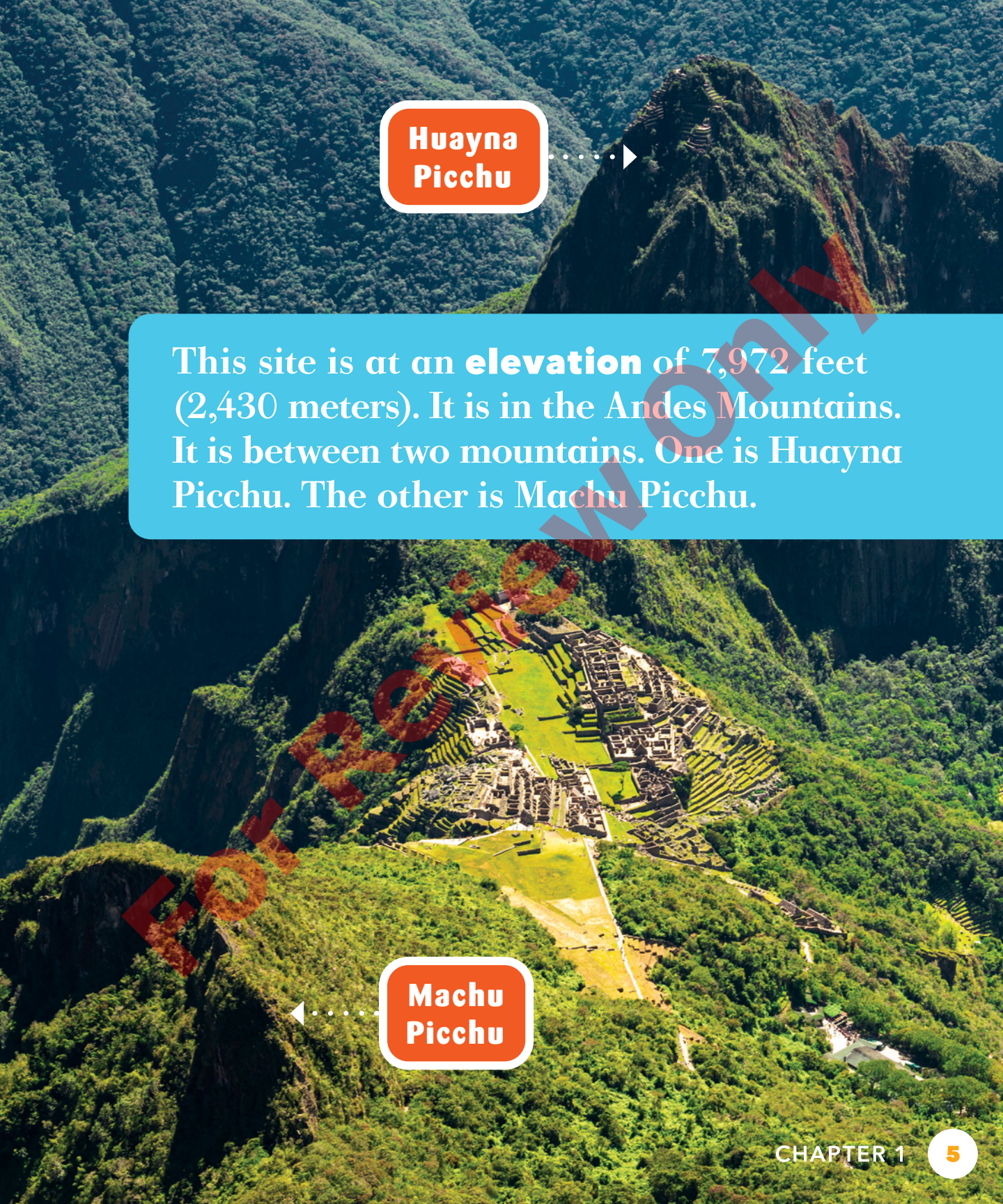
CHAPTER 1

STONE VILLAGE

Take a trip 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Cusco, Peru. Hike up the Inca Trail. Walk through the Sun Gate. You are at Machu Picchu!



Sun Gate

An aerial photograph of the Machu Picchu archaeological site, showing the terraced ruins and green fields nestled between steep, forested mountains. A large, semi-transparent red watermark with the word 'FANTASY' is oriented diagonally across the center of the image.

**Huayna
Picchu** ▶

This site is at an **elevation** of 7,972 feet (2,430 meters). It is in the Andes Mountains. It is **between** two mountains. **One** is Huayna Picchu. The other is **Machu** Picchu.

◀
**Machu
Picchu**





The site covers about 80,000 acres (32,375 hectares). Around 200 stone **structures** are here. The Inca people built them more than 500 years ago.

This site may have been a **retreat** for Inca **royalty**. They traveled here. Priests led ceremonies. Common people lived here, too.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Incas lived in an area that includes what is now Peru. They controlled an **empire** starting in the 1400s.



CHAPTER 2

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The holy **district** showcased the sun. Why? It was **sacred** to the Incas. The Hitching Post of the Sun is here. It is a **sundial**. It tracked the path of the sun. This told people when to hold special events.

Hitching Post
of the Sun



Temple of the Sun

The Temple of the Sun is the only round building here. The sun shines on a stone in the center during the winter **solstice**.