

# La Canción en la Tormenta

## Character Descriptions



### **The Scientist**

A helpful human who studies El Yunque and works to help take care of it.



### **Coquí**

A brave little frog who lives in El Yunque and goes on a journey to try and help her home after a giant storm.



### **Juracán**

The goddess of the sky who is upset by the treatment of El Yunque rainforest.



### **Abuela Ceiba**

A grandmother tree who is trying to help Juracán remember the song of El Yunque.



### **Boa**

A helpful peaceful snake.



### **Pájaro Bobo**

A silly bird, who loves to party, gossip, and always has a positive outlook.



### **Mosquito**

A pest who tries to stop Coquí from reaching her goal.

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## Episode One

Our story begins in a beautiful rainforest called El Yunque on the island of Borinquen or Borikén (known today as Puerto Rico). A scientist introduces the audience to a very special frog named Coquí.

Coquí has been asked by her Abuela to protect the special semillas (seeds) of the forest and is on her way to meet her. Coquí loves to sing. Her song is part of the heartbeat of the forest and helps everyone, including the great goddess Juracán, feel safe and calm.

Coquí has also been struggling to find her song because lately things have not been as they should be in the forest. Juracán is also having a difficult time finding the song of the forest and is feeling very upset by it.

Abuela Ceiba has come up with an idea to help restore El Yunque. The semillas that are being cared for by Coquí can be planted and will bring new life to the forest. The only thing is the seeds will only take root if Juracán can find the song of El Yunque again. Abuela Ceiba and Coquí prepare to travel to the cloud forest where Juracán lives to try and help her remember the song. However, before they are able to leave Juracán becomes upset and creates a devastating storm. The rainforest is completely wrecked!

Immediately after the storm, Coquí realizes she cannot find Abuela Ceiba. Coquí becomes overwhelmed and upset and blames herself for all that has happened. Luckily, her friend Boa comes by and teaches her a slow down poem that helps Coquí feel centered and make better choices. A group of lucinégras (fireflies) arrive and bring her a map of the forest that will guide her to the top of the mountain to the cloud forest. She decides she must embark on a quest to help Juracán .

The scientist returns to learn all about the day's adventures.

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## Episode Two

Coquí's adventure picks up after our friendly scientist comes to review the events that happened last time everyone was together.

Coquí swings through vines to arrive in a new part of the forest. She loses her map while traveling and is also frustrated by how much trash is in this part of the forest. Just when Coquí is about to give up, she meets the zany Pájaro Bobo. Pájaro Bobo helps Coquí find the path to the cloud forest again. Coquí becomes discouraged when the path is full of trash, but Pájaro Bobo helps her to clear the path. He also encourages her to find joy and not be afraid to ask for help when she needs it.

Pájaro Bobo leaves Coquí when they arrive at a waterfall. It is here that Coquí realizes she must face her fears, and she jumps into the waterfall and swims to the other side. Coquí must also work quickly as it appears there is another great storm from Juracán brewing.

Finding her courage and facing her fears, Coquí is confronted by a nasty mosquito who tries to take a bite out of her self confidence. Coquí stands up for herself and makes it to the cloud forest where Juracán lives.

The cloud forest is much cooler than the rest of El Yunque. Coquí starts to feel better and begins to feel her song in her heart again. Gathering her community and using all the tools she has learned on her journey, Coquí and the audience find the song of the forest and are able to reach Juracán and calm the storm.

Juracán, feeling much better, helps to wake up the semillas. Juracán uses magic to help reunite Abuela Ceiba and Coquí. They reflect on what they've learned and encourage the audience to find ways to help their own community and take care of the earth.

The friendly scientist returns and is excited to learn all the wonderful things that were accomplished to help El Yunque to be brought back to life!

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## Language

Here are some words you may hear in Spanish during our play.

*Uno, dos, tres* - 1, 2, 3

*Semilla* - Seed

*Listo* - Ready

*Abuela* - Grandmother

*Tormenta* - Storm

*Pájaro* - Bird

*Cascada*- Waterfall

*Somos fuertes* - We are strong

*Respiremos* - Let's breathe or Take a breath together

*Borinquen* - The Taíno name for *Puerto Rico*. We use both the Spanish name and the Taíno name to talk about the island during the play.

Taíno is the name of people who are indigneous to the island of Puerto Rico.