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San Pedro

Acrylic on Canvas

11x9.5"

Visual Description

The acrylic painting depicts a smooth and simplified Andean landscape, with clumps of mint-green San Pedro cactuses filling the foreground from the lower left to the upper right of the image. Behind the cactuses are cartoonish and chocolate-colored Andes Mountains under a gray sky.

Artist's Statement

What's more interesting to me about the San Pedro cactus is not its psychedelic properties, but it's striking uniformity in shape and growth. They stand in sharp contrast to the Andes Mountains, where no two views are the same, and the slopes are ever at the mercies of chance and change. We living things have a little more say when it comes to withstanding the elements. We may develop defenses, like spines or poisons, just as the San Pedro cactus did. The landscape I portray here is something of a comparison between strategies: adaptation and resilience, smooth forms and rough surfaces, and their co-existence across environments.

