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*and, of course,
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who is at the heart of this story*

This work of fiction was inspired by a true story
described in the author's postscript.

In memoriam

Aura Rosa Pavón
and
Carla Vanesa Muñoz

*... ninguno de nosotros podía seguir viviendo sin saber
con exactitud cuál era el sitio y la misión que le había
asignado la fatalidad.*

(... none of us could continue living without an
exact knowledge of the place and mission
assigned to us by fate.)

—Gabriel García Márquez
Crónica de una muerte anunciada

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