

Bri Bri History of Cacao

The Cacao's gift and the Bri Bri Cosmology

Sibu is the creator of all, the architect, the child who sets games in play and experiments to see what will happen.

Sibu is the sloth, he is on his celestial hammock all day and sends other beings to do tasks. He knows exactly which animal or god/goddess is suitable for each job.

Sibu created all the world full of riches, food, tools and medicine. The Bri Bri he created last from seeds of corn and created Usure, conical houses for them to live in (which is another beautiful story).

When the work of creation was done Sibu said, I have given you everything in mother nature to take care of and use for your life, I have given you all the wisdom. Do not call on me for help or wisdom, I am in you and in everything around you, do not use my name in vain or I will shit on you.

The Bri Bri do not have days of worship and prayer, gratitude and connection, respect for and communication with mother nature are in every act. Some say that a Bri Bri who is does not feel the love to mother nature cannot call himself Bri Bri regardless of his skin or bloodline. When Sibu looked at his creation he felt an urge to give humans a gift, a gift that would help them remember their humility and gratitude, their connection to mother nature, in case they forget.

He searched for the right gift and thought of the Cacao family- The Cacao family were five sisters, five goddesses/ They were Slo, Squalo, Wero, Tsiro and Oshwo. He went down into the jungle to see which one of them could give the gift he was looking for.

Sibo, the shining creator, disguised as an ugly, slouching old man came to the hut of the Cacao Sisters. The three older sisters Squaro, Huero and Sera were tall and beautiful, Tsiro was short and not pretty (as to not to say ugly) and Oshwo was small and young. He asked to be let in and started flirting with them. The older beautiful sisters were so repelled by the old man and so taken by their own pride that they took their hammocks and tied them high in the hut so that he couldn't reach them. Tsiro prepared him a cacao drink and hosted him. The old man asked her to marry him and she agreed.

Squalo laughed so hard she fell off her hammock and farted so bad the whole hut smelled. To this day the Squalo Cacao falls off the tree and releases gas. The other sisters laughed so hard they got tied up and stuck in their hammocks.

Tsiro accepted the old man's marriage proposal and left the usure with him. Immediately he shifted shape and showed his shining image. All the sisters begged him to marry them, since they are much prettier. "Tsiro, with her humbleness and good heart can be in charge of the gift to men". This gift is the gift of understanding, gratitude and connection to mother earth and creation.