Huni Kuin

Indigenous Tribe
of Amazonia

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The Huni Kuin are an indigenous tribe located in the state of Acre, Brazil

They speak the Kaxinawá language - which they call “Hatxa kuin” , meaning “real words”

They are mostly living in Brazilian Amazon Basin, but their lands extend to the foot of the Andes in eastern Peru

They currently have 12 indigenous reservations along side seven different rivers. Currently the largest indigenous tribe in the state of Acre

Guardians of the Forest

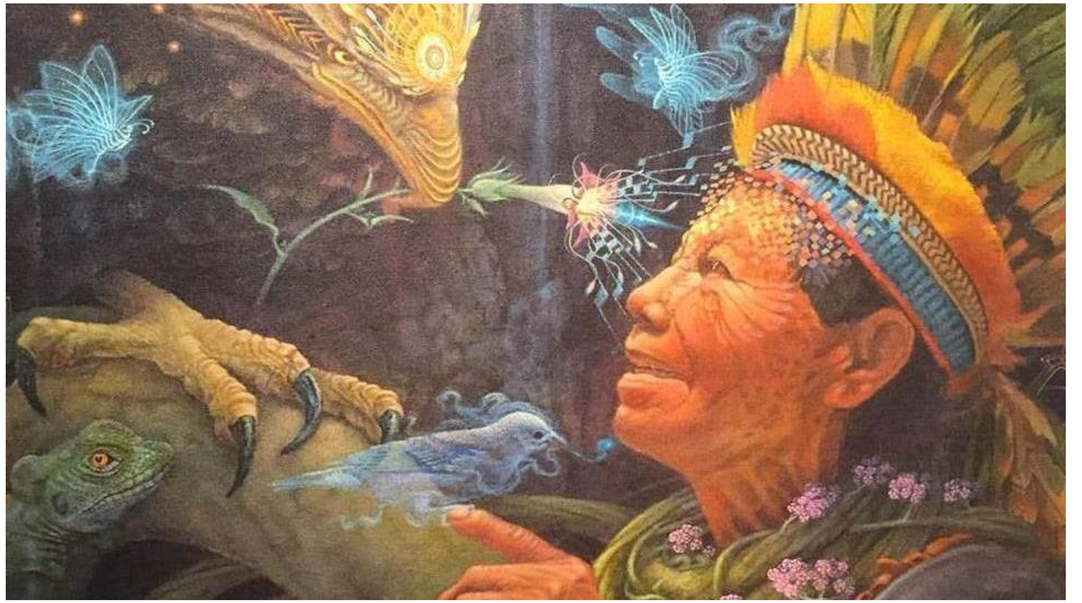
The Huni Kuin have gone through various phases of suffering and narrowly escaping extinction with the colonization of Europe and the rubber industry taking over the Amazon forest.

Still standing strong - They learned how to read, write and calculate and with this knowledge they ended up taking over the industry and taking their power back.

Now striving to pass on their knowledge and wisdom of the forest to future generations so that it will not be lost

They fight to protect their culture, which is completly in harmony with nature and the forest

Healing plants



They have countless medicines and herbs to work with and to heal all kinds of dis-eases and ailments, working with the spirits of the plants.

Ayahuasca - sacred medicine, sometimes called the grandmother - where we really get to communicate to the other side and reclaim and heal parts of ourselves

Rapé - Sacred tobacco - to clear, cleanse and reconnect to spirit

Sananga - eyedrops to cleanse the inner and outer eyes

The three mentioned above are the medicines they are bringing outside of the forest to share with the world

Sacred Chants

The great spirit yushibu is the one in command and all their actions and doings are thanks to yushibu

Their sacred chants come from the Anaconda (jibóa) and from the plants, chanting these songs opens doors within the consciousness of people

3 kinds of chants

Dautibuia chants - To bring harmony and peace - to connect with the whole spectrums of life - remembering we are nature and we are all of life

Nissun chants - Chants to protect from all Nissuns (sadness, fear, headaches, dis-eases, illness, pains, anything not serving…)

Kayatibu chants - Chants to Heal - sacred chants of the Anaconda (jibóa) - To heal all disease

Art and Vibrational tools

They make all kinds of ornaments, and hand crafted tools to bring reminders and resonances

Many different kinds of jewellery made to protect or to invoke certain energies

Feathers and face-paintings to embody the energy into their whole field

Art paintings and weaven cloths to channel images from the plants

From hand made clothing, ceramics, hammocks, baskets and tools, canoes and weapons, such as clubs, spears, bows and arrows

Haux Haux

Haux Haux was first emmitted by the jibóia (anaconda) used by the shamans when initiating and finalizing a song or healing. Now it is used aswell for greeting, honoring, comfirmation and gratitude. Or as I was explained it, its the sound you make when there are no words to describe the gratitude and joy you feel.

Alegria - Meaning “Happiness”

Huni kuin carry a deep medicine of simplicity and joyful living, like they say - focus on positive thinking and all the troubles and confusion will resolve itself. It will all pass -

Walking their paths in humbleness and spreading the message of better living and remembrance that we are the earth and we must take good care of her and our family.

“We all have something to learn and we all have something to teach - we are all created equals”

Huni Kuin - Eskawata kayaway

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