



For a long time, the oldest of the tribe have told the tragic story of the love of two young men.

The beautiful Flor, dark, slender and with big black eyes, was in love with Agile, a restless, passionate young man; Together they used to walk at dusk in a nearby grove, on the bank of a wild and playful stream. But since the lovers belonged to two enemy tribes, they saw little, because they had to keep their love a secret.

One day, what they had feared happened: some relatives of the young woman discovered the affair and told the chief of the tribe about it. Since that afternoon, Flor was forbidden to return to the meeting place.

The days passed. Again and again, Agile searched for her without finding her in the soft and warm gloom of the forest until the Moon, saddened by her pain, told her what had happened and added:

—I saw Flor again yesterday, very anguished; she cried bitterly because she was desperate. They want her to marry a man from their tribe and she has refused. The god Tupá heard her lament and took pity on her pain; my friend the Wind told me that Tupá transformed her into a flower.

"In a flower?" Tell me, what kind of flower? How can I find it?

—Hey friend! I can't tell you because I don't know... —answered the Moon.

The boy turned pale and requested the help of his god:

"Tupa, I have to find her!" I know that in the flower petals I will recognize the taste of her kisses. Help me find her!

To the amazement of the Moon, Agile's body was shrinking more and more. It became small, small, until it became a delicate and fragile bird of many colors, which flew off quickly. It was a hummingbird.

Since then, the sad boyfriend spends his days walking through the flowery branches and hastily kisses the lips of the flowers, looking for one, only one.

For a long time, the oldest of the tribe also say that they have not found it yet ...

Activities

1. Does this legend relate real or imaginary events? What clues does the legend give you to affirm it?
2. Do you find in the text facts that seem supernatural or wonderful to you? Identify them.
3. What is the main theme of this legend?
4. What minor themes could you mention?
5. Look in the text for the characteristics and qualities of the hummingbird that the legend highlights.