

UNIT 7 The Legend of the Toborochi Tree

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Reading



A long time ago, when the Gods were among us, in a small village used to live a beautiful girl called Aravera. Her father was the Cacique of that small village and she was married with the Hummingbird God (Dios Colibrí). Near to that small village also lived Aña, the Spirit of Darkness. This evil spirit abused and murdered humans at that time.

Aravera and her husband were going to have a baby and according to the prophecy that son would be The Great Chaman, the only human capable of defeating Aña. Aña knew that and started to look for Aravera to kill her son. Aravera tried to escape from Aña

using a flying seat that the Hummingbird God gave her as a gift, but it was useless because Aña found her everywhere she tried to hide. Aravera was finally able to hide inside a round hollow tree called Toborochi.

Once there, Aravera gave birth to her son and stayed for a while and died. Many years after, the child grew up and became the man who the prophecy said; he left the tree to avenge his mother and fulfill the prophecy. Nowadays, every time we see a Toborochi tree we can see that it is full of flowers and surrounded by plenty of humming birds to remember the sacrifice of the beautiful Aravera.

Write the words that are new for you.

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2	6	10
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4	8	12

Make sentences with those words.

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Please write TRUE or FALSE.

- 1 Aña didn't like to murder people.
- 2 Aravera was the daughter of God Colibrí.
- 3 Aña wanted to kill God Colibrí.
- 4 Aravera hid in a tree.
- 5 The child became the Great Chaman,

Answer the questions.

- 1 What did Aña do to humans?
- 2 Why was Aña afraid of the child?
- 3 What was the gift of God Colibrí?
- 4 Where did they hide?
- 5 What do you think about this Bolivian legend?