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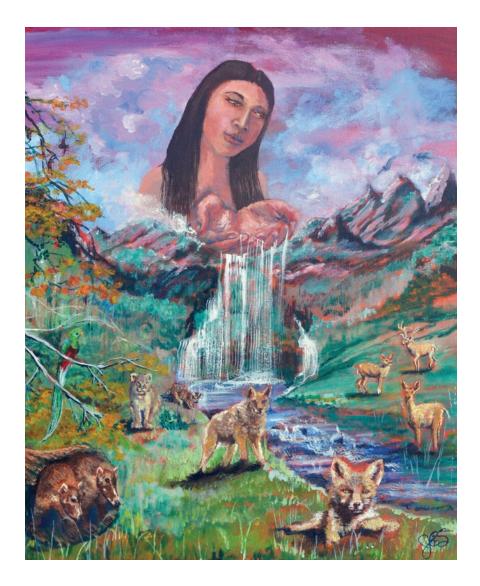
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Long ago, Mother Earth created the world and everything in it.



## She created male deer



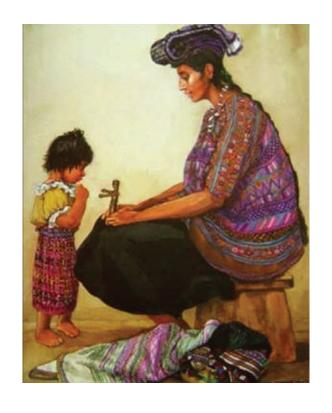
# and female deer



in the lush jungles of Guatemala.



Maya hunters respected Mother Earth and the deer, which she created,



but they also had to hunt, so they could feed their families.



Before taking the life of a deer, they first asked Mother Earth for her permission.



They performed a special dance called the Dance of the Deer.



The Maya still perform the dance today,



to music of the marimba.



Some dancers dance as deer,