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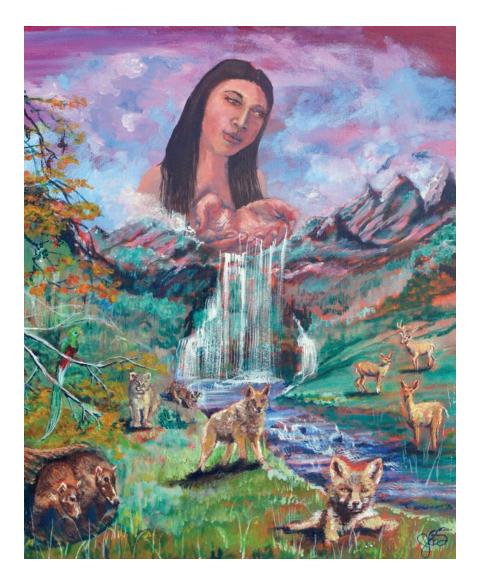
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### Long ago, Mother Earth created the world and everything in it.



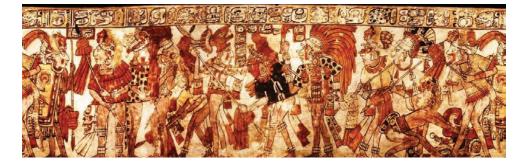
#### She created male deer



#### 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,



#### wearing deer masks.