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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.