**The Jaguar Tribe and how they lived.**

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Their beliefs:

They believe that before anything existed the grand father created the jungle with all of its trees and animals and then he created fish and water after that he then created the jaguar which gave birth to them, then the Orini appeared when Gnudi gave them the earth. They believe and treat the earth as if it is a living thing that breathes and has blood.

Their food source/weapons:

They hunt for their own food, by doing this they need weapons which they hand make by shaving down wood and covering it with a poison that comes from a highly toxic flower, all tribes use this method but use different toxic plants/animals, they then cover the end of the spear with a cotton from the cotton plants they do this so when they blow it out it comes out with speed and force. They also cover their weapons with a reds dye which is the same dye they use to cover their bodies. If they do not have much success with hunting In the forest they are forced to go fishing, only the younger tribe members can swim, they do not eat the heads of the fish due to their believes if they do they can no longer hunt and eat fish. They do not use fishing lines but they use a poison which does not harm the wild life but does kill the fish, they then go around in the river, pond or steam and collect the fish up in a banana plant leaf.

Dreams and their meanings:

During their hunting days the night before the hunting if their dream has them either falling in love or/and seeing or meeting a girl it means good luck and they can go and hunt but if there dream has anything to do with the after life or death in it, it means danger And they wait 2 days before entering the forest to hunt.

Where they all live:

The majority of the Jaguar Tribe now live in the jungle of the Yasuni National Park, a reserve in Easton Ecuador. Due to all of the destruction in past homes/jungles like cutting down trees, heavy machinery destroying the plants and creating pollution and it is making its way into the water stream and the air around them. They are very annoyed and are being forced to move jungles and find a new place to live to have a chance to hunt or find food.