
GOD - MOTHER

PROFILE

God-Mother is an Elder of the Xana people, a fictitious indigenous tribe from Brazil's North West Amazon. She represents Nature angry at mankind's exploitation but still prepared to give and help humans who are part of Nature too.

VALUES

Traditional indigenous values of communalism (common ownership of goods) and 'usufruct' ie you can use the land and occupy it but you don't own it and always move on. All things in Nature are interconnected and mankind is but part of a greater system. Nature must be respected.

SPEECH

This role is partly scripted.

The first time you 'civilised' people sailed up our great Sister River you got yourselves lost. You would all have starved had Sister Forest not fed you. What kindness did you show in return? Once you got home to your King he claimed us as his chattel. And more of you returned. You took for yourself what was meant for all, for ever free. And still more of you came. You stole whatever could be cut and killed and carried in your backs, your boats, your planes. And more, always more came and took and took until you took Sister Rain from the sky. Soon you will take Sister Air from your very own lungs. You thought yourselves the master of Nature. But your greed has made you the master of your own destruction.

FACTS TO COMMUNICATE

The Amazon was inhabited by indigenous people long before white people claimed the land for themselves. The history of western civilisation, especially where rooted in colonialism, is one of exploitation of natural resources. Mankind mistakenly believes it has dominion over Nature. Mankind's insatiable greed is its downfall. Write your key demand on a placard.

RESEARCH

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