

The Cuyancúa

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<I was hiking through the jungle in South Western Aztlan when I heard a squawk along a creek that didn't look like it was there before. I saw movement and then saw this hog dragging its hind side, only to realize it was a snake body.> Red Devil

Description

La Cuyancúa or Cuyancuat, is a Salvadoran (Pre Awakening) legend narrated mainly in the municipality of Izalco, in the department of Sonsonate, now part of Aztlan. According to ancient myths, it is a fantastic being of great size and strange appearance, the lower half of its body is shaped like a snake and the upper half is shaped like a hog.



<O que vi tinha pelo menos 3,5 m de comprimento e pesava cerca de 113,5 kg. Ele grunhiu enquanto se movia em minha direção. Eu estava paralisado de medo e não conseguia me mover. Fechei os olhos e fiquei sentado na chuva, pensando que ia morrer. A chuva parou e o sol apareceu. Abri os olhos e vi um de minha equipe morto, comido da cintura para baixo.> El Toro



Translation

What I saw was at least 3.5 m long and weighed about 113.5 kg. He grunted as he moved towards me. I was paralyzed with fear and could not move. I closed my eyes and sat in the rain, thinking I was going to die. The rain stopped and the sun came out. I opened my eyes and saw one of my team dead, eaten from the waist down.-The Bull

This being announces the arrival of the rain and according to the testimonies, not only does a cuyancúa appear but sometimes they do it in groups for the wettest of seasons.

It is believed that the creature will eat basically anything, but live prey has to look at the creature for it to eat them. That way if their fear doesn't fully freeze the prey and the prey closes their eyes, the creature leaves them alive. The prey is unable to talk for several days, and they will never go forward to the area they were assaulted, but they do survive and they remember the encounter.

History

Stories of the Cuyancua have been told through history, from the Mayans to the El Salvadorians, and even to modern history the Aztlans. The first sighting has been told in stories from estimates as early as 3000BCE. These stories all have the same thing in common, those

that told them all said that fear froze them in place and they closed their eyes and the creatures just left. No one that kept their eyes open has lived to tell about it.

<So the cowards survive but the fighters perrish> Fried Rice

<No, we couldn't move. Only those that could close their eyes survived. All others died.> Red Devil



In the early 1900's an American came into the jungle to take pictures for an american magazine. He unknowingly clicked a picture of the creature. He believed it was a double exposure so he threw the picture out. His assistant kept the picture and later sold it to a tabloid who ran with the story. The cameraman never actually saw the creature, so he had no description of what had happened.

Post Awakening (2011)

Aztechnology has sent archaeologists, para zoologists, and cryptozoologists into the area looking for any sign of these creatures. They heard the noises described in the stories, but they had never seen any sign of one.

They did find some new creeks and large snake resting places always near the cleanest, purest water that they had ever seen. They collected all that they could, but it dried up quickly so they only were able to get a few gallons.

<We were there for months only to find water and markings. I think these things are smart and were able to avoid us. Even the mage we had couldn't find one.> Aztlan Jill

Current Territory

It is thought that this creature is still along the southwestern edge of Aztlan where the old country of El Salvador once stood. It is also believed that the creature could have migrated to other parts of the world and resides in the world's rainforests.

Why the interest?

Through the stories and from the Aztlan expedition the myth of pure water has been basically confirmed. Corporations are trying to get a mating pair of these creatures so they can have the pure water for many reasons. Drinking, magical ingredients, for locked out domes, and even to create water for a space lab. The possibilities are endless if they find a way to control these creatures.

<So corps want money. They will take advantage of anything to get money and save money. Fraggers> Anarchist Anonymous

Possible similar species

None known

Cuyancua

B	A	R	S	W	L	I	C	E	Ess	M/R
4	5	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	6	6

Initiative: 1D6+6

Limits: Physical 6 Mental 4 Social 5

Powers: Fear, Concealment, Shadow Cloak

Skills: Create water

Weakness: Heat over time, electricity

Gamemasters Note:

This is a very rare creature that will group into a herd once every 5-10 years, creating one of the wettest seasons that the region sees. During this time the creatures breed, feed, and create water. The fresh water is where they lay their young, who use the water to move, hunt, and drink until it is large enough to move on land itself.

These creatures are dangerous, but a Fear check that is won lets the runner close their eyes, keeping the creature from eating them. If they fail the creature starts to feed. While being fed upon the player can roll ST checks to escape and a WIL check to break the fear. If both are won then PC can act normally on their next initiative.

Any Mega corp will pay top Y for a mating pair of these creatures. Much less for non paired creatures.