



La Cuda and the Enchanted Cacao

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Deep in Don Gustavo's farm, nestled among the green leaves, stood a very special cacao bush with bright golden pods. In Spanish, we call this a 'planta de cacao' (cacao plant), glowing magically in the sunlight. This treasure was fiercely protected by a mystical guardian known as La Cuda.



One sunny morning, filled with curiosity, Don Gustavo decided to explore every corner of his land, or 'su tierra' in Spanish. Walking through the tall grass, he suddenly spotted a mysterious, golden light shining in the distance. His eyes widened with wonder as he realized what he had found.



Excited by the discovery, Don Gustavo stepped closer to the bush, exclaiming how beautiful it was. He reached out his hands to pull up the precious plant, eager to take it with him. Little did he know, the guardian of the jungle was watching his every move.



Suddenly, a freezing cold whistle blew through the air like a sharp wind. Zas! Out of nowhere, La Cuda appeared right in front of him, her voice booming like thunder. She demanded to know who dared to touch her sacred plant.



Startled and frightened, the farmer tried to stay brave as he argued that the land belonged to him. With furious eyes, La Cuda fiercely explained that while the land was his, the enchanted plant belonged to her because she always cared for it. A magical flash of light suddenly surrounded the terrified man.



Overwhelmed by the spirit's powerful magic, poor Don Gustavo ran away as fast as he could without ever looking back. From that day on, he learned to respect the ancient beings who protect the hidden treasures of nature. Every time he looked toward that corner of the jungle, he remembered the golden cacao.