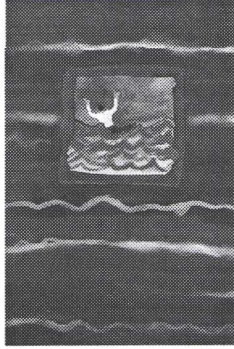


Dream Texts



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Machi Marta's dream of shamanic initiation:

"I dreamt when I was ready to become a shaman that four shamans who came from far away visited me. They came from the north. They were dressed in silver with ribbons. 'We searched for you for so long', they said. 'Today we found you because today you are going to become a shaman.' They brought me the shamanic drum, the ribbons, the clothing, and they dressed me. Then half way to heaven, 4 young men dressed like nurses, all in white presented me with a white cloth and they said: 'Today you are going to become a shaman. Come up, Come up!' Then they gave me the canelo, they gave me the drum, and then the horse. The horse was a beautiful chestnut color. This is a spirit which takes you everywhere you want to go. Then the young men called me to go up . So I went

higher and I saw a shaman playing the drum and other shamans were at the rehue. Two chains fell from above and then two young women dressed like nurses called to go up. I went there and there was a lagoon there, and there they searched me to see if I had any sins. The lagoon had fire. They searched everything, my teeth, the finger nails, the toe nails, everything. I was told that I could go higher, and I went up there. There I found god and all my grandparents, and all those who teach shamans their knowledge. There I learned everything about how to be a shaman. God was in a room seated at a varnished desk surrounded by all this people. There are trees in heaven. I learned everything there. They taught me everything. Then I was presented with a branch of canelo. 'This is going to be your canelo', they told me."