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The Indigenous group that resonates with me are the trio indigenous at Kwamalasamutu

Story of Towie and Kromo by Indigenous Kwamalasamutu

Kwamalasamutu is the most protected indigenous area in Suriname. They have so many stories that deliver very wise messages. I will then tell you about the story of Towie and Kromo. A well-known story from the Trio community to Kwamalasamutu. I'll tell you everything in short, it goes like this. Towie a beautiful Indian girl, actually the most beautiful girl in the village of the Awainato Imenekatoponpë. She was very beautiful and clean. Everyone admired her, indeed every mother in the village would want her as a daughter-in-law. Towie, however, did not like any young gentlemen in the village, she felt that they were not perfect enough for her. Towie was the only child of her mother and father, Towai and Wieto. Her parents told her not to behave proudly, otherwise she will never have a friend to marry. And they also say that that fantasy of hers will never come true, because they expect to one day meet the most beautiful boy on earth.

One day Towie went to fetch water from the river, as is normal in every village, because they use river water. When Towie reached the road to the river, she saw a boy. A handsome indegenous boy. He then walked towards her. Towie continued to stare at him in silence and wonder, because she had never seen such a boy before in her life. Then the young gentleman greeted her. "How are you, my dear lady?" Then Towie also answered. She immediately asked where he came from. Then the young gentleman replied that he came from a distant village. Then they got acquainted, Towie introduced himself as Towie and the young gentleman introduced himself as Kromo. That's when it started Towie met his prince charming. But on the first day he told her not to tell anyone about him. Towie thought it was normal, because he told her that she had to do that, when the time comes. One day Towie and Kromo were sitting under a Manja tree, where they normally meet. And a few vultures came. In fact, they were always around. Towie didn't like that very much and wanted to chase them away. Kromo, she told her not to do that. Let her let them have their way. And so it went with Kromo and Towie. One day they were sitting at their favorite place again, and there were the vultures again. This time it was too much for Towie and the rage called over. They ran after the vultures and shouted their names even louder. Then all the vultures were upstairs. Kromo screamed!! Towie what have you done? even as he spoke he began to change. Then Kromo tells her that it is too late for screaming Towie, because he has to come with her. What was Kromo? Kromo was the Granman of the vultures (Indigenous languege) He was the king of the vultures. He turned into a big vulture. Then he went up and grabbed Towie with his paws. The other villagers heard it and came running. They did and tried everything to free Towie from the ugly vulture king. Arrow, stone and all, it didn't work. Towie was gone. The great vulture king took her away. The message behind this story, It is good to think about what is letting you flow into your life or if you are dealing with a situation or something is getting in your way, it is better that you ask others for help, or talk about it.

Picture of my artwork



Screenshot Instagram post

