

According to myths, the ancient Mayans glorified multiple Gods and Goddesses. The most problematic one was called Yum Kaax and he was the God of nature, he caused small problems wherever he went. Rumours have told us tales of the day that Yum Kaax left his snakes unattended and they slithered into all of the houses and temples, the locals were furious. The houses floors were once spotless but the snakes had carpeted the ground.

Itza, however, was the youngest in that city and she was the most infuriated of all. She was the best weaver in the country who was talented and hard working, her favourite things to weave were headdresses, she had once made one for a God. In the late evening Itza sighed and complained "How will we live with snakes? They are all over the beds, how will we sleep? I need to curse him! I wish he never let his snakes out!" All of a sudden the wolves started howling, the sky turned grey and the trees shortened in size, making a pathway. Itza stood trembling with horror. She knew she had said something wrong.

Everyone had gathered and the forceful, giant Yum Kaax emerged from the pathway in the trees, Itza gulped and it went so silent you could hear a pin drop. In his green eyes he held many secrets. His short grey hair swayed in the wind of the dark evening. He wore a leopard skin outfit, he was magnificent. The God of nature walked a bit closer and said "Who would even dare to bring up my name

and say bad things about me? Who of these parents is the culprit? He boomed. Itza hid her face with her hands and crouched behind a log. "Yum Kaax please forgive me! It was me who did it, I really don't want to be punished." Itza pleaded. "I refuse to accept your apology, I will never accept it, it means nothing!" Yum Kaax bellowed. "Well if you won't accept my apology then what can I do to earn your respect?" The girl asked whilst trembling.

"I challenge you to a weaving competition. When you fail you will be turned into an orang-utan." After that the trees grew, the sky went back to normal and Yum Kaax disappeared into thin air.

The crowd started to talk but all Itza was thinking about was how bad it would be to turn into an orang-utan for all eternity. Would she be able to beat a God? What was she going to do? As Itza was so worried, she ran to ask her best friend for assistance but she kindly refused. Although her friend wasn't a skilled weaver, she still knew some tricks and she said. "Go to the deepest, darkest part of the rainforest. If you look, there will be two caves. They both have something in them. Go into them one at a time and you should find everything you need." she explained.

As Itza approached the endless rainforest, she heard birds, monkeys, and other animals. A few minutes later she heard an unknown sound that made her jump but they went away shortly after. When she approached the first cave, she saw a cute, curious capybara looking up at her. "Hello are you the one who needs to battle

Yum Kaax? If so, you need to bring me with you!" the capybara explained.

"Yes, I have been told to come and get you!" Itza replied.

"What do you desire from me?" questioned the curious capybara.

"Your teeth will help me, please can I use them?" begged Itza.

"Ok" agreed the capybara. As she went into the second cave, she saw a cute sugar glider fly up to her. "Hello, are you the one who is challenging Yum Kaax? If so, I need to come with you!" asked the sugar glider.

"Yes, I am, I have been told to come and get you!" Exclaimed Itza.

"What do you require from me?" asked the sugar glider.

"I really need your furry wings!" begged Itza.

"Sure, you can use my wings!" Exclaimed the sugar glider.

"Thank you so much!" Itza said, jumping with joy. The sugar glider left and Itza was alone in the dark rainforest.

As dawn ended, Itza made her way to the Grand Plaza to meet Yum Kaax, her biggest enemy, with a big crowd chanting her name over and over again. The deathly fight began. As Itza was observing the size of her headdress, she saw that Yum Kaax's was more advanced than hers. Itza was nervous and felt defeated. All of a sudden, the curious capybara appeared by her side. The capybara used his teeth to get the knots out of the yarn. Yum Kaax screamed with anger at Itza's assistance. With relief, Itza continued her weaving until she had no room to hold her tools. In the blink of an eye, the sugar glider appeared. Itza used the sugar glider's wings to hold the tools. Itza finished. The God asked the crowd to cheer if they thought he won but only two people

cheered. But when he asked the crowd if they thought Itza had won everyone cheered! Itza had won. Itza's name was passed on for hundreds of centuries as the young, skilled weaver that beat a God. Yum Kaax kept his promise and gathered all his snakes that he set in the temple, in his own misery