



Major Characters and a Few Important Minor Ones

The Spaniards - from the sailing ship, *Viñas de la Barca*

Andres Avellaneda - a respected hidalgo and volunteer adventurer

Diego de Arana – the party’s master-at-arms and only military professional

Domingo Vizcaino – ship’s cooper

Geronimo de Aguilar – a Franciscan friar

Gonzalo Aroça, also Guerrero –a young escudero, a gentleman volunteer adventurer

Hernando de Esquivel – ship’s steward

Juan de Valdivia – ship’s captain and the king’s procurator

Pedro de Urtubia – ship’s cabin boy

The Maya from Ichpaatún – modest city state

Ah K’in May – aged high priest, uncle to Nachan Can

Ah-cambal – brother to Nachan Can

Ak Uinic Ik (Dwarf-wind) - Nachan Can’s youngest brother

Hoch Can (Digging Snake) – young Nacon (war chief) and Nachan Can’s only son and heir

Itz'at (Learned Man) Acan – trusted advisor, steward, and seneschal to Nachan Can

Ix Chan Ek (Lady Small Star) - wife of Nachan Can

Nachan Can, also Sajal (lesser lord) - ruler of the small city state of Ichpaatún

Óolal (Happiness) – a young orphaned girl

Tepeu – young nephew to Nachan Can, Ah-chambal, and Ak Uinic Ik

Za'azil – wife of Hoch Can

The Maya from Tzamá – a powerful city state

Ah Tabai, also Yajawk'ak' (Lord of the Fire), Halach Uinic (Great Man) – divine ruler of Tzamá

Gucumatx - Nacon (war chief) of Tzamá

Iccauhtli (younger brother in Nahuatl) – an aged Aztec prisoner of war

Ix Co-tancas-ek (Lady Mad Seizure Star) - Ah Tabai's eldest daughter

Turix - caluac (steward) to the household of Nacon Guccumatx

Zac Nok (White Worm), also Ah K'in Zac Nok – high priest and half-brother to Ah Tabai

The Maya from Xamanzamá – a modest city, ally to Tzamá

Ac Yanto, also Batab Kinich (Eye of the Sun) – ruler of Xamanzamá (North of Tzamá)

Ah K'in Cutz (Wild Turkey) - Xamanzamá's high priest

Ch'o Ho'ol (Rat Skull) – Nacon (war chief) of Xamanzamá

Kish (Stingray Spine) – an elderly chilán (priest), Ah K'in Cutz' valued ally

Thup Paal (Last Child) - apprentice to Ah K'in Cutz, nephew of Ac Yanto

The Maya from K'optela – a prosperous village

Boox Soots' (Black Bat), K'optela's respected senior chilán (priest)

Naum – a young villager

Okib - a young villager

Xáak'ab (Long Steps) - Naum's maternal uncle

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