

FAMILIES OF THE FOREST:

A Psycho-Ecological Study of the Matsigenka of the Peruvian Amazon

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“I believe that if our philosophers had lived among the Machiguengas ... they would have greatly doubted the concept of Man as a social animal.” --Padre Andres Ferrero (1966: 84)

Tienen cosa linda, ellos. “They have something beautiful, those folks.” --Peruvian living in a Matsigenka settlement near the Pongo de Mainique, 1972.

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Forest Families are becoming increasingly hard to find, but also a more and more collected toy series. There is still a lot of information to be gathered about them - rare variants, where they were sold, and so on. I'm always looking for more information as well as new additions to my collection (Wants and Trades). Never hesitate to contact me about anything Forest Families related! Happy collecting! Your hostess, Xara. Family buildings consist of 4 unique buildings that are only accessible once a shut down ending was chosen. They were added in update v1.0 to The Forest. The family seems to be a consolation prize if you choose the game ending in which you did not save Timmy. This ending means you are not going to kill other people or bring them into this nightmare to save your son. The region of rainforest in which they live is referred to widely as Green Hell, insinuating the negative notions held toward the region and its people. The ethnographer reports, "I kept asking myself what in the name of God I thought I was doing here in the first place" (Families of the Forest, 1999). When it comes to directions, the Matsigenka do not use cardinal directions such as north and south, but use geographical landmarks for navigation purposes. A variety of herbs are made into teas or compresses to terminate pregnancies (Families of the Forest, 1999). The attitudes towards newborns intertwine with superstition. If a newborn resembles a "demon" at birth, the newborn is killed (Families of the Forest, 1999).