

PACHAS PAJUANAS

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A DREAM TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Watch this fun animated video to learn more about Pacha's Pajamas.



Pacha's video was accepted into the **Possible Futures Film Contest**. Your vote for Pacha's video supports the emergence of a youth movement for Nature's Rights.

*“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul
than the way in which it treats its children.”*

—Nelson Mandela

FOREWORD

Everyone seems so divided these days that we can hardly agree on what to eat for dinner. One call, however, still rings true across location, language and species: Children are the future!

Imagine a youth movement for Nature’s Rights, 100 million strong, with children intent on changing the course of history, reclaiming their future and making a better world for all species. Imagine governments across the planet swayed by the voices of kids. Wouldn’t that be amazing? Well it’s not only possible, but necessary.

Children, families and schools must be on the forefront of the shift in how humans live on the planet, recognizing all their relations and their dependence on healthy ecosystems. This shift will build community and spread peace, protect the natural world upon which we depend and help us keep in mind the best interests of future generations.

Supporting this shift, ***Pacha’s Pajamas*** presents unheard voices, songs and stories of nature, calling forth empathy for all beings and engaging young people in a conversation about the future.

I am excited to share this story about Pacha, a little girl with big dreams. Her story calls on us all to live our dreams of a world that honors balance, unity and the beauty in all of Nature’s children.



Vandana Shiva

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Pacha was a little girl with big, big dreams. Her dreams were bigger than the giant skyscraper that blocked the sunlight to her classroom. Her dreams were bigger than the storm clouds that soaked the city on rainy afternoons. Her dreams were even bigger than Fridge, the biggest elephant at the zoo where her father worked.

Pacha loved the zoo because she learned a lot from the silly sea lions and slippery snakes, and they never made her do her homework. She liked watching the gorillas play even more than she liked watching T.V. The young girl loved all of Nature, except maybe the itchy poison ivy and weird earwigs in her backyard. Pacha especially loved hearing her father's stories about all the different types of mysterious animals in the world.

One afternoon when Pacha and her father returned home from the zoo, her mother presented her with a new pair of pajamas that she had made by hand. They were covered with all of Pacha's favorite plants and creatures. "These are wild pajamas for my wild child," her mother said lovingly.

"Mama! Thank you soooo much! They're as soft as a chinchilla's belly!" exclaimed Pacha.

That evening as Pacha excitedly put on her new pajamas, she asked her father, "Papa, is it true that animals and trees can dream? My friend told me that gorillas can dance. Can I be a dancing *girl-rilla* in these pajamas?"

He laughed and replied, “If you jump in bed faster than a little cheetah, I’ll tell you a story that just might answer your questions.” Pacha hopped under her covers as quickly as she could. Her father had barely started the tale when Pacha drifted off into a magical dream ...



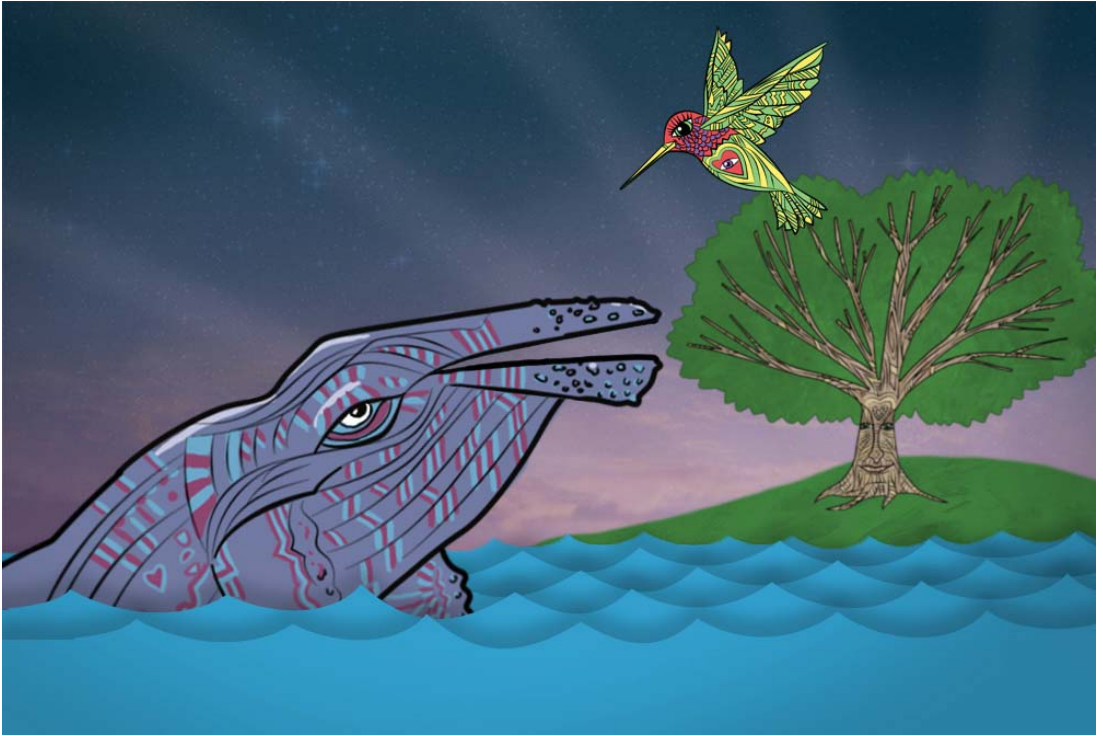
It began with a whale meeting a hummingbird ... something that doesn't happen in just any dream.

The enormous whale called out to the wee bird, “Hey, Hummingbird. Can we talk?”

And Hummingbird said, “Yes! Let's share stories.”

Whale burst out, “I can hardly swim anymore without running into a submarine or a piece of plastic.”

Hummingbird zipped above a tree branch overlooking the ocean. “Those humans are driving me crazy. Every time my feathered friends want to sing, they put them in a cage.”



Jaguar saw the creatures talking and came over with a heavy walk. “Jaguar, what’s wrong?” asked Hummingbird.

“The jungles are being turned into shopping malls. And all of the pollution is making the weather act strange. There isn’t enough rain for our watering holes. Time is running out,” said Jaguar, panting.

The animals hadn’t noticed, but a little gorilla hid crouching behind a giant tree, listening quietly.

Pebble rolled out from the grass and said, “The soil is trashed and the mountains are being mined for their treasures. I’m stuck between a rock and a hard place!”