



The Blue World Second World

Ni'hodóótł'ish

The beings climbed up through the giant reed. Before leaving the black world, First Man collected four mists of light and rolled them into small balls. Tobacco Horn Worm blew smoke on the mists, and they expanded to become the sources of light in the new world. There was more water than land and everything was light blue in color.

Blue Birds inhabited the blue world

They had unusual dwellings located in four regions, to the East, South, West and North.

1. Dah Yitłhí, Hummingbird
2. Dólii Dine'é, Blue Bird People
3. Ginítsoh Dootł'izhi, Dine'é, Blue Hawk People
4. Joogii Dine'é, Blue Jay People

First Man sent Coyote in the four directions of the Blue World to check if there were any other beings living elsewhere. When Coyote came back he reported seeing beings living in sorrow and suffering. He said the miserable beings begged to leave the blue world, so first man asked the miserable beings to join their group.

Náshdóí Tsoí

Mountain Lions lived in the Northern Direction

Ma'ii Tsoh

Wolves Lived in the Eastern Direction

Náshdóí

Wild Cats Lived in the Southern Direction

Ma'iił Tsooí

Kit Fox lived in the Western Direction

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- ▶ In the blue world, other animals such as buffalo, deer, weasel, bear, sheep and other animals also lived in this world. The Emergent people lived with Táshchozhii Dine'é and learned their sacred prayers and songs.
 - ▶ Harvesting spirit created and planted sacred plants such as squash, tobacco and beans. Plants did well in the four directions they were planted.
 - ▶ Not long after settling down, the Insect, Animal, and Bird People all wanted to test each other with their black magic capabilities. They wanted to see who had the most potent medicine. They used their medicines both as poison and healing medicine. The two groups started to hex each other with poisons in the form of arrows. When a being was struck down his own Dine'e would take out the arrow, put medicine on the unfortunate being and perform a quick ceremony. Whether the being lived or not determined the potency of the poison of the healing medicine.
 - ▶ The creatures did not live in peace with each other. Animals fought and killed each other. First Man made arrows out of flint and killed the animals that made trouble.
 - ▶ When the different Dine'e started challenging each other with their witchcraft skills, First Man perceived it as a bad omen. Water spirits started to flood the Blue world, First Man started to collect the four mists and mountain dirt and once more the giant reed was planted.
 - ▶ The animals offered peace in exchange for prayers and songs. First Man brought the dead back to life, this created disharmony against them. The four cardinal laws of the direction were forgotten. The living beings became disobedient, stole, lied cheated and mistreated one another. First Man from the top of the highest mountain blew tobacco smoke in all four directions to rid the world of evil, this worked for a short period, then ceased again
 - ▶ First Man Summoned Atxinilt'ish (Zig Zag Lightning) from the **East**; Atsoolghaał (Straight Lightning) from the **South**; Nááts'íilid (Rainbow) from the **West**; and Shá Botł'óól (Sunbeam) from the **North** to hold up the giant reed. But these elements of nature would not hold the giant reed.
 - ▶ First Man then made a K'eet'áán (wand) of White Shell, Turquoise, Abalone and Jet. Inside the wands he placed pollen, tobacco and a feather. The wands served as a Biyeel (offering) to these elements of nature. The zigzag lightening First Man gave Yoolgai K'eet'áán (White Shell Wand). To the straight Lightening he gave Dootł'izhii K'eet'áán (Turquoise Wand). To the rainbow was given Diichił K'eet'áán (Abalone Wand). Last the Bááshzhinii K'eet'áán (Jet Wand) was given to the Sunbeam.

- ▶ He called Yellow wind and it drilled an opening into the Northern sky. The world began to move side to side, causing bitter cold winds to blow across the land. He placed footprints on his sacred wand and offered survival for those wishing to go to the next world to step upon the footprints and be taken into the Yellow World.
 - ▶ After the offering was made, the elements of nature consented to hold the giant reed upright. The beings then proceeded to travel through the middle of the reed up through the sky.
 - ▶ The blue world was then destroyed by wind and ice. Niyof Tsoh dóó tin. The holy ones moved on to the Yellow World, bitter cold wind and water followed the First Being into the Yellow World.
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