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Kyzy is a divine and evil being among the Selkup of the North.

One of the legends relates that he was Icha's brother, born from the union of his mother with an foreign hero.

The brothers faced each other, like good and evil, and on one occasion there was a great fight between them. They rose from the earth to the seventh heaven, where it was so hot that their weapons melted and none won the battle.

Then the Old Mother came down from the high sky and ordered Kyzy to live in the union between heaven and earth.

Kyzy became a malignant spirit, to which the Old Mother reserves a portion of human souls to devour.



Kyzy is a **SELKUP** creature

Current population: 4.249



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ne of the many Siberian indigenous peoples, prior to the Mongolian and Russian invasions, the Selkup people are the result of a prolonged process of cultural assimilation of the aboriginal yeniseiana population, of the middle basin of the Ob River, after the arrival of the peoples Samoyeds, who came to the region from the Sayanes mountains, at the beginning of the first millennium. They speak one of the Samoyed languages, of the family of Uralic languages.

They are mainly dedicated to hunting, fishing and reindeer husbandry. In the seventeenth century, part of the selkup moved north, to live along the Taz River and the Turuján River. In the 18th century, the selkups were subjected by the Russians to a mass campaign of baptism. However, they managed to maintain their old beliefs and religious customs.