

Title:

"They Walk Among Us."

Logo Sketch (On the Works):

The logo features the silhouette of a duende's small, pointed foot, a subtle reference to the often hidden nature of these beings. The foot would be imprinted in the dirt, suggesting their quiet yet undeniable presence in our world. The foot's outline is sharp but faint, blending into the ground, indicating that duendes leave behind indistinct traces that are easy to miss, but not impossible to find.

Home Page Introduction:

Welcome to a world that has always existed alongside our own. Duendes are real. They have been here long before us, watching, interfering, protecting, and punishing those who cross them. For centuries, people have whispered about their presence: small figures moving in the shadows, mischievous acts with no explanation, strange encounters that defy logic. Across Spain, Latin America, and the Philippines, duendes are known by many names and feared or revered in equal measure. This site is not here to debate their existence. It is here to share their truth.

About Duendes:

Duendes are small, mythical creatures found in the folklore of various cultures, particularly in Spain and Latin America. They are often described as mischievous beings, sometimes helping humans but other times causing trouble by stealing objects, making noises in the night, or leading travelers astray. Duendes falls into what can be called a "fictitious truth" a narrative that, while not verifiably real, holds cultural significance and remains compelling across generations.

Memorial Requirement:

Throughout history, there have been those who ignored the warnings. They disturbed sacred ground, mocked the unseen, or entered places where no human was meant to tread. Some were found dazed, changed, never quite themselves again. Others simply disappeared.

This memorial is dedicated to those who encountered duendes and were never the same. Each name, each story, is a reminder: respect is the only protection.

Three Pieces of Research:

1. The Rules of Their World

Duendes are bound by ancient rules, but few understand them. Those who do, survive their encounters unharmed. Some of the most well-known rules include:

- Never whistle at night. It calls them, and they do not always come in peace.
- Do not disturb their homes. Hollow trees, caves, and abandoned places belong to them.
- Always ask permission. Before entering the forest, before taking what is not yours, before speaking of them too loudly.

Eyewitness accounts and historical records confirm that those who break these rules often face consequences: illness, lost time, objects moving on their own, or far worse.

2. Small Feet in the Dirt: Unexplained Physical Evidence

Despite their elusiveness, duendes do not always cover their tracks. Reports from rural communities describe:

- Tiny footprints appearing overnight, leading nowhere.
- Unusual claw-like scratches on walls and furniture.
- Half-eaten food left in places where no one had been.

These physical traces suggest that duendes are not mere spirits but tangible beings that interact with the physical world when they choose to.

3. The Vanishing Children Phenomenon

In various cultures, stories persist of children who wander too far and return... different if they return at all. Duendes are known to take special interest in children, sometimes as protectors, other times as tricksters. The signs of an altered child include:

- A sudden change in personality withdrawn, quiet, or oddly amused.
- Speaking of "little friends" that no one else can see.
- Waking up in strange places, unable to recall how they got there.

Some cultures leave offerings to the duendes to ensure a child's safe return. Others never speak of them at all, hoping silence will grant protection.

Research Images (On the Works):

Forest or natural landscape: Small homes in tree holes.

Footprints: Small footprints in the woods.

Old artifacts: Crystals, jewelry, old clothes.

Shadowy figures: Small shadow figures in households.

All taken by me.

Planned Video/Audio Content (On the Works):

A Walk Through the Forest at Dusk:

- Concept: Film a quiet walk through a forest or wooded area during dusk or evening. The lighting should be low and moody, with some areas completely shadowed. The video should feature subtle details: the sound of leaves rustling, branches creaking, or an occasional twig snapping.

A Close-Up of Moving Objects (Supernatural Influence)

- **Concept:** An object slowly moving across a table, with no visible hands or force acting on it. This could be something as subtle as a pen moving slightly, or a chair creaking and shifting position.

An Interview or Storytelling Session

- Concept: A storyteller sharing personal anecdotes or historical stories about duendes. The setting should be dimly lit, perhaps with candlelight or firelight to create a cozy yet eerie atmosphere. The storyteller could describe their own experience or recount a well-known local legend.

The Memorial (Visual Tribute)

- Concept: A somber, reflective video that showcases images of those who encountered duendes and were never the same, using either visuals of empty homes, old photographs, or forgotten belongings. You could incorporate subtle movements or shadows crossing the frame, as if the duende is still present.

Recruitment/Membership Process (Draft):

Those who seek to understand, document, and respect the duendes are welcome here. Membership is not for entertainment it is for those who recognize the reality of the unseen.

To join, one must:

1. Share a firsthand or passed-down encounter—whether an unexplained event, a warning from elders, or direct contact.
2. Acknowledge the presence of duendes—this is not a space for skepticism.
3. Understand the risks—some knowledge cannot be forgotten, and some attention cannot be undone.

New members will gain access to additional stories, cultural insights, and a network of those who see what others ignore.

Product Offering (Draft & Sketch):

Protection Amulet – A handcrafted talisman, based on centuries-old traditions, believed to deter unwanted duende attention. Made with natural materials known for their protective properties, these amulets serve as both a warning and a safeguard.

Conclusion/Call to Action (Draft):

You are here now. That means you have either seen, heard, or felt something beyond explanation.

Duendes do not seek attention, but they know when they are being spoken of. If you feel watched, if objects begin to move, if the air shifts in an unnatural way remember: respect is your only shield.

This is not a legend. It is a reality. Be mindful of what you now know.