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**INFREQUENT  
TYPES OF** (H)  
**SOUTH  
AMERICAN  
HUMANOIDS**

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**T**he systematic classification of beings reported by UFO witnesses began more than twenty years ago. The best such attempt was clearly that of Jader Pereira, who processed 333 reports of possible extraterrestrial entities. He classified 12 different types, each with several subtypes.<sup>1</sup> At present, however, it could be very risky to continue employing his classification, despite its excellence. His sample is obviously too small for our use today.

Great modern UFO waves in 1973 and 1978 gave us much supplementary information about UFO-related humanoids and other entities. On the other hand, only a few present-day investigators know of the bizarre encounters occurring in remote countries. Also, some types of humanoids often seen in

the United States and Europe seem to not be reported in South America. Hairy humanoids reportedly linked with UFOs in the U.S.A. are rarely ever seen in Argentina, although strange flying objects and hairy creatures often appear but are not sighted together.<sup>2</sup>

Within my limited area of research, I have detected a change in the frequency of sightings of some types of humanoids. According to my studies, rarely reported "alien" types are being sighted more often in recent years. I do not know if this proliferation of infrequent humanoids is a worldwide phenomenon or a regional one. I expect that other researchers will look for similar cases in their files and will confirm or deny my observation.



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## KAPPA-TIVATING ENCOUNTERS IN ARGENTINA

### PART ONE: **THE KAPPAS**

#### THE COMING OF THE KAPPAS

According to Japanese researcher, archaeologist, and historian Komatsu Kitamura, the Kappas were alien beings which came to Japan between the 9th and 11th centuries. In that country, ancient chronicles recount the so-called "reedbed men," who were described as bipedal human-like creatures with webbed hands bearing three fingers ending in a hook or claw. Some tales said the central finger was the longest. Their skin was dark, wet and shiny, and they had long, pointed ears. Kappas also had large triangular eyes. Their most astonishing features were their four horns and trunk-like noses which seemed joined to a strange device in their backs.<sup>3</sup> These tales could be considered factual because they make reference to some well-known historical events, but Kitamura's hypothesis is risky at best. He states that the strange skin and the webbed feet are beyond the slightest doubt a diving-suit, and their trunklike noses are breathing gear. Kitamura concludes that the horns were antennae for remote communication.

Another source describes the Kappas as having a childlike appearance and living in marshes near Kyushu and in the Kawacki River. They were also known as "river god's messengers"<sup>4</sup> and were thought by some to be of the Ainu race. Authors Scornaux and Piens note that, in Izumo village, Kappas are called "Kawachi" or "sons of the river." Some investigators have tried to link the mystery of the Kappas with the Dogu statuettes belonging to the Jomon age, which were modelled initially in chalk and later in stone.<sup>5</sup>

Researchers Zeissig and Masamura felt that the figurines seems to be garbed in diving-suits, gloves, boots and goggles. Expert Isao Washio considers these outfits to be "space-suits," noting various points of similarity, including "many devices which are mistaken [for] ornamentation."<sup>6</sup> Vaughn M. Greene, in his book *The Six Thousand Year-Old Space Suit*, finds over thirty points of similarity between an Apollo spacesuit and a Dogu statue.<sup>7</sup>

A combination of the Kappa and Dogu theories has been employed to demonstrate the link between the ancient Japanese and alien beings, but it is, objectively, a hasty conclusion. There is some evidence that Kappas still live in Japan. Sergio Morega says that strange creatures were often seen near the U.S. Navy Base in Yokosuka, 13 years ago. He reports that, in November 1978, two local construction workers, Makoto Ito, 36, and Toshio Hashimoto, 25, were fishing one evening off a rock sea-wall in the Japanese port city of Yokosuka.

According to Ito, "It came out of the water. It just popped up from beneath the surface and stood there. It was not a fish, an animal or a man. It was about three meters in height and [was] covered with thick, scaly skin like a reptile. It had a face and two large yellow eyes that seemed to be focused on us."

Morega adds that people call the being "Masunta" and states it seemed to be like the *Creature from the Black Lagoon*.<sup>8</sup>



In 1974, on the other side of the world from Japan, Argentine witnesses reported strange encounters with beings described as Kappa-like creatures. The following, in chronological order, are case summaries of these.

#### The Mar del Plata Case: Mystery Divers

Two law students of Buenos Aires (who wish to remain anonymous), were in Mar del Plata on January 15, 1974. At midnight, they were walking along the beach when they sighted a small white light moving towards the coast at sea level. Shortly after, it seemed to divide into three lights. They realized that the lights were still moving, so they agreed to go to the nearest pier to better view the unusual event. Then they began to walk along the pier toward the sea. Suddenly, two more lights came into view on the right.

To the witnesses' great surprise they saw that the lights were, in fact, five beings that seemed to be in their element because they walked gracefully. The sea water reached their chests. The creatures dressed in old-fashioned diving suits and their heads were covered by helmets with a mask and a tube going to the back. The men did not see their hands but the closest being seemed to carry a tube. The supposed Kappas walked out of the water onto the same road. They were not more than 16.4 yards/15 meters from the pier.<sup>9</sup>

#### The Sayago Case: Abduction by Kappas?

On April 22, 1980, painter and athlete Farmin Sayago, 32, from Santa Rosa city, La Pampa, drove his car toward the ring road. At around 7:40 P.M., he sighted something falling near some high-tension cables. It was dark or black and seemed to be no bigger than a room. The car stopped unaccountably and did not restart. The surprised man got out of the car to check the motor. He was doing so when he felt a strange chilly breeze at the level of his feet. Not stopping his work, he looked at the soil and saw the legs and feet of an entity. It was a tall, gesticulating creature. The frightened witness was attempting to get into his car when he saw another being. Both humanoids seemed to be wearing black, shiny diving suits. The aliens approached him. The entities were approximately 7 feet/2.2 meters tall and had webbed hands, protruding mouths, long pointed ears and little hair. The creatures' eyes appeared hollow and no nose was visible.<sup>10</sup> Sayago said: "They had skull-like faces."<sup>11</sup> The Kappas moved their lips although they did not speak. One of them took Sayago's head with both of its cold hands and the witness began to feel weak and then faint. According to another source<sup>12</sup>, Sayago felt a pricking before losing consciousness. He awoke around 7:50 P.M., 0.62 miles/1 km. away from where he met the creatures. Sayago suffered mental collapse due to the strain, and, after wandering around his car, met a friend who took him home.<sup>13</sup>

#### The Flores Case: Bedroom Visitation

On May 29, 1986, not far from the center of Santa Rosa, Oscar Alberto Flores, 28, was in bed when he heard a loud buzzing noise coming from outside his house. At the same time he saw a powerful light. Dogs were barking. Oscar opened the window. An unknown object hovered above the treetops near the house. Flores attempted to move back but was stopped by two beings blocking the door. They were approximately 8 foot/2.5 meter tall creatures having neither mouth, nose nor ears. Their eyes were dark and they had long, thin hands with three fingers, the middle one being the

longest.<sup>14</sup> According to other versions of this event, the beings were of different sizes.<sup>15</sup>

The aliens seemed to gesture quickly. Oscar did not see their legs because the bed's top hid them. The motionless entities wore silvery, bright, close-fitting overalls, and had a belt with accessories. Their strangest apparel was a necklace with a medallion. Then, as mysteriously as they came, they vanished. Oscar left his house and sighted a ball-shaped object moving towards the south. He made his way to the Santa Rosa Third District Police Office where he reported the incident.<sup>16</sup>

This was, in brief, the last event possibly concerning Kappa-like beings that I have received. However, a case reported in the middle of the last great UFO wave in Argentina may be considered for this study because the being seen had some remarkable characteristics. Also, a strange geoglyph discovered in Chile seems to have a Kappa-like morphology and may be worth our attention.

### The Palpala Case: "Clawed Ugly Man"

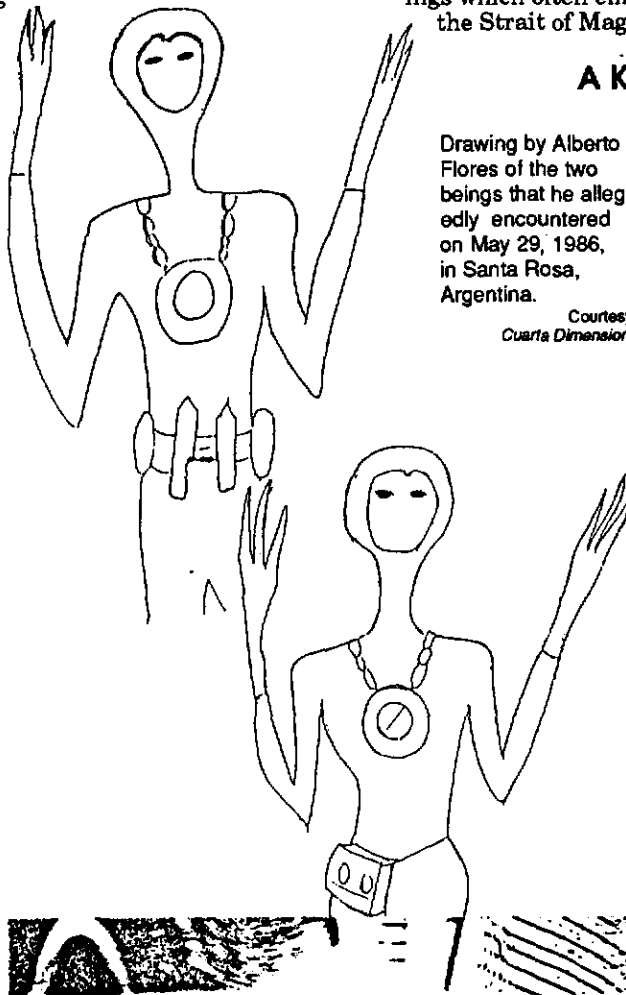
On October 4, 1978, two girls—Silvia Daniela Mercado (the daughter of the Deputy of Jujuy) and Estela Judith Barrionuevo (daughter of a professor in Palpala)—encountered a strange being in Palpala, Jujuy, a north-western province of Argentina. Estela was playing in front of her house when she decided to go to the kitchen to get an apple. Taking the fruit, she saw what she described as an "ugly man with only one claw-like hand," who seemed to rip the mosquito net as he attempted to enter through the window. Estela added: "I ran away because I was scared to death."

Meanwhile, her little dog barked pitifully. Estela ran from the house and immediately told her friend Silvia what had happened. Silvia, without the slightest fear, entered the kitchen. She saw the "ugly man" from behind, in the middle of a strong light. She wanted to approach the window but could not, for an unknown reason. Silvia trembled with fear and ran away. The girls said the entity was a tall, silver-clad, ugly man with a red neck and scarred, pockmarked face. He had black, short hair and was shrouded in light.<sup>17</sup>

Estela's father and some neighbors sighted an unusual ascending light flying approximately 1600 yards/1500 meters from the house.<sup>18</sup>

### Chilean Geoglyph

In 1967 a strange geoglyph nearly 400 feet/120 meters long was discovered by a pilot in Tamaugal pampa, in Chile. It depicts an angular, long robot-like figure which has claw-like hands and feather-like rectangular antennae. This "pre-Columbian robot" carries an animal by a stick. Its eyes and mouth are marked by gathered stones.<sup>19, 20</sup>



Drawing by Alberto Flores of the two beings that he allegedly encountered on May 29, 1986, in Santa Rosa, Argentina.

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The first element that attracts attention is the claw-like hands. This appeared not only in 1973 in Pascagoula, Mississippi, but also in the Palpala area. Also, a robot-like entity with a claw-like hand was seen in a field near Venado Tuerto, Santa Fe, Argentina, only a month before the Pascagoula encounter.<sup>21</sup>

Hands with three thin hook-like fingers were reported by Sayago and Flores and they seemed to be similar to those of ancient Kappas. As regards the clothes the entities wear, there are not only differences in type but also in color.

Webbed feet were seen by Sayago—in the other cases the witnesses could not see the legs for one reason or another.

The height of a typical ancient Kappa was that of a 10-year-old child, but present reports always show beings not less than 6 ft. 6 inches/2 meters tall.

Sparkling clothes or lights were described by all witnesses but Japanese tales told nothing about this characteristic.

Respiratory systems or trunk-like noses may be exceptional devices used only when Kappas are in waters such as the Mar del Plata.

The Kappa's mouth, eyes and nose are often described as single holes. Ears were reported by Sayago only as being long and pointed. It is very important to emphasize the constant gesticulation of the beings sighted by Sayago and Flores. Finally, water is present in all cases, especially obvious in those in Mar del Plata and Japan. In Santa Rosa, La Pampa, is a small lake called Don Tomas, which is the tributary of an underground river that begins in Cordoba and ends in Bahia Blanca. Neighbors say strange lights fly over its waters.<sup>22</sup> Behind Estela's house, in Palpala, there runs a mountain river. In my files there are some unconfirmed references to Kappa-like beings which often emerge from the sea near Punta Arenas in the Strait of Magellan.<sup>23</sup>

### A KAPPA-LIKE MUMMY?

With respect to the aforementioned respiratory systems or trunk-like noses, I cannot omit mentioning a supposed bizarre discovery that took place more than a century ago in Carcaraña, Santa Fe, Argentina. This account is well known in my country but I believe that it has not been published elsewhere.

According to an article that appeared in *La Capital* (a newspaper of the city of Rosario), on October 13, 1877<sup>24</sup>, a huge, metallic, egg-shaped rock was found partially buried near Carcaraña River. The discovery was made by two geologists, Mr. Paxton and Mr. Davis, who drilled into it. After great effort they found some cavities inside the hard rock. In one of them the men saw several objects such as a white, metallic hole-ridden amphora-like jar with many hieroglyphics engraved in its surface. Under the floor of this cavity they discovered another one which contained a 39 inch/1.2 meter tall mummified body covered with a calciferous mass. The geologists removed it with care. The mummy had no hair on its head or face, had wrinkled skin, a triangular cerebrum and a "trunk" in the

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middle of its forehead. The mummy and the objects were exhibited in a local tavern for a long time, then they were lost. Many researchers of Buenos Aires have investigated the account in an effort to find the "rock" (quickly dubbed a "space ship" by UFO enthusiasts). Around the end of the 1970s there were at least two "expeditions." They found some blocked tunnels of unknown origin which could be, as they believe, "the spots where the remains are".<sup>25</sup> As regards the rock, the land beside Carcaraña River is very wet and soft so it is sure that it has had a cave in it. Anyway, I have found a source that would prove, at least, that the *La Capital* article was a hoax or a plagiarism. According to Robert Charroux<sup>26</sup> the French scientific review *L'Annee Scientifique et Industrielle*<sup>27</sup> quoted a newsclipping of *Le Pay* dated June 17, 1864, which reported an identical discovery (including the same geologists' names) made "near Pic James in Arrapahaya province." When I read Charroux's note I recognized the well-known "Carcaraña story" and I obtained the article from the French review as soon as I could. Thus, I "discovered" the truth: the Carcaraña story was a mere plagiarism of a supposed discovery that happened in the United States thirteen years earlier. I believe, as did the editor of *L'Annee*, that the story was a hoax concerning Martian messengers. Such newspaper hoaxes were typical in the last century. As evinced here, an expedition to a library is sometimes as good or better than one to the "scene of the crime."

### PSYCHOPHYSICAL EFFECTS

According to authors Scornaux and Piens<sup>28</sup>, Kappas had the reputation for making ill those people who leaned toward them. In Mar del Plata, the witnesses suffered no ill effects, probably because they were quite far away. However, others had many unfavorable consequences. Sayago—an athletic, healthy, long-distance runner—suffered shaking hands; bloodshot eyes; buzzing in his ears; sickness; vertigo; itchy hands and head; and, finally, a nervous breakdown. After the encounter he was hospitalized and doctors administered sedatives. One of them, Dr. Lucio Molar, said Sayago's blood pressure went up to 230 and that he had an awful headache. Nevertheless, Dr. Molar added that he did not believe Sayago's story.

The witness underwent a blood test and analysis and was found to have a very low red blood cell count (less than 2.7 million red blood corpuscles), and to suffer from renal diseases.

Electroencephalograms were taken as well. Sayago, who had run more than 6.2 miles/10 km. the day before his encounter, lost the capacity to concentrate. Two weeks later, he also lost some of his hair, but it is clear that this effect must have been due to his nervous breakdown.<sup>29</sup>

Oscar Flores realized his face was peeling after the contact. He underwent a personality change, turning from an extrovert into a worried introvert, his parents and friends told investigators.<sup>30</sup>

Estela Barrionuevo, although she did not see a "classic Kappa," suffered strange effects. The most astonishing one was described by her mother: "The day after [Estela's encounter], when I attempted to bathe her she got very excited at the touch of the water. I began to dry her but Estela shouted while she rolled on the bed." Estela became thirsty ever since she saw the entity. The doctor said she also had irritated eyes, deep horizontal wounds in her eyelids, and burns in her lips.<sup>31</sup> A neighbor, Mr. Caceres, suffered an electric shock when he touched the ripped mosquito net.<sup>32</sup>

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