

## The Religion Caraj

In this village called Plantion, the villagers believed that there were two gods named, Carlo and Raj. The people that live in Plantion have to go to a garden with temples every Wednesday to meditate. Carlo is the god of earth, and Raj is the god of the sky. They are both very muscular and have no feet, meaning that they levitate. They wear white flowy dresses and rainbow trucker hats. Carlo has blond hair with brown eyes and a small mustache. Raj's hair is white with hazel eyes, and he has a few whiskers. In this wonderful village, the people believed that it all started a long, long time ago, in a faraway place called Lippen.

In Lippen, there was a pack of ferocious warriors. Those brave and mighty people protected the innocent villagers from the demons that lived deep in the forest neighboring their village. There were stories told in their very village that the demons come out and torture their prey, so they decided that they would train the bravest people in the village to create an army to protect them. So they trained and trained, until they were ready to fight the demons, and while they were getting ready, the ruler made a speech, telling everyone to stay inside their homes and not come out, until they are ready to fight. So they did as they were told, everyone boarded up their doors and windows, just in case the demons decided to take a visit.

After months, after years, the Lippen villagers were able to come out of their homes and into their wonderful village. "Mama! Papa!" cried Carlo and Raj, the two boys in the village, that always wanted to become heroes and leaders, "What happened to our beautiful gardens? And the markets, and our animals are all dead! Mama, Papa what happened?" Small tears trickle down both boys' faces. Mama clears her throat, about to explain what is happening, but then, "Come friends, come family," the ruler shouts over the whole village, "I will inform you that...the Demons came." There were gasps everywhere, "Yes, Demons. They came and ruined our entire village. So we will create groups of people to clean up specific areas." He takes a breath and continued, "Half of you go start shoveling up the last pieces of the markets and shops, and the other half of you, go pick up all the dead animals and put them in a big pile over there," pointing over to the only open land. Everyone started to get their tools to start on their work right away.

A couple of months later, they were nearly done, when a big storm started, hail came down forcefully, as the sky turns pitch black, the wind starts to swirl, and the fog rolled in. "WE HAVE COME FOR THE CHOSEN ONES! YOUR SONS!" The Demons shout. "Um... um... I

d-don't have a-any s-son," the ruler mumbles. "WHY YES YOU DO! THE ONES YOU GAVE AWAY! CARLO AND RAJ!" The town gasps in shock, "What sons!" the ruler's wife exclaimed. The ruler hung his head shamefully, and softly said, "Oh those sweet boys, I would of loved to keep them as my own, but I has to give them away, because I was not married, and their mothers were not fit to marry a ruler, such as me, King Christoph! " WHERE ARE THEY!" "Well I haven't seen them for years," King Christoph shares. "They're right here!" a random person screamed and pointed. The demons stared at the boys, and they started to rise into the air to start to battle.

The two boys start off with the first demon, the easiest one, Fubusha, and they succeeded and defeated him. Fubusha, has very light brown fur, bright yellow eyes, and brown pointy teeth. On the next one, who is more powerful, Leto, they could still beat him, but it took the boys a couple tries. Leto, has brown fur, dark green eyes, and black teeth. Finally Carlo and Raj compete against the most powerful demon, Perseus, with dark brown furry skin, black eyes, huge yellowish-brown teeth and floppy ears. It was rough and brutal, but they found a way to finish him off. It took a while though, but they won! Carlo and Raj slowly found their way back onto the ground, and when the smallest bit of their bodies touched the ground, they got cheers, screams, hugs, and lifts. Everyone was so proud of them, and then Cadmus, Lippen's God, came down and granted Carlo and Raj to also be Gods, and of course they said, "Yes!" Cadmus brings them close to him and says, "You may take over my position to watch over this village." So they did it! Carlo and Raj, decided that they would rename their village and call it, Plantion.

## Questions/Answers

- Who are the major figures and what are their qualities?

The Major figures are Carlo and Raj. They are the two gods of Plantion, and they were King Christoph's children, but he gave them away. Carlo is the older and wiser one, and he is a sweet, but strict god. Raj is a little rascal, and is a laid back god.

- Where is this religion practiced?

This religion is practiced in a outside, in Temples, surrounded by a beautiful garden, only in the village of Plantion. The most popular temple is called Poly Temple. The meditation they do as part of their religion is done in a Temple and in a garden, because it's peaceful and where the Gods, Carlo and Raj, often are found.

- Are there shrines? Are there temples or churches, what do they look like?

Yes, there are shrines, and there are temples. Their shrines are the gardens. The main temple is called the Poly Temple. The Poly Temple has a bridge like roof, and has a lot of details and ancient art on the outside and inside walls. It is empty in the inside for relaxation, and had very large doors that you leave open while you are getting ready meditate, but you have to always close them when you start, so no negative energy comes that way. They meditate about how they will have good, long, happy, lives, and that their crops will grow, and that the gods will protect them.

- What are the rituals of your religion?- This includes rules about food and how they are prepared. What are the major holidays?

The rituals are very important to the Plantion villagers. They have very big celebrations, and on the main ones, such as, Meraki Day, Elysian Day, and Thalassophile Day, they are even more fun and exciting.

Merki Day is all about celebrating the coming of age. You have it when you turn 17, because that's when you become a man or woman. At this coming of age celebration, there are the most traditional foods, such as the Tacolates, similar to tacos, but adding coffee to the lime

dressing. There is also Lemon-Strawberry-Lime-Pineapple-Purple Mango juice, where you squeeze all those fruits into a very large, ancient bowl, that is multicolored, then you mix it all up. Purple Mango cream, is milk, but has purple mango juice added to it. Purple mangos only grow in the Plantion areas. At this celebration, you do a lot of dancing and singing, getting to know each other, it's always a blast!

Elysian Day is about celebrating their beautiful village, Plantion. They have it once a year, at the Poly Temple, the biggest temple and garden, with all sorts of foods, made by all the villagers. Those recipes were passed down by generations and generations. The most popular ones were the Slippery Wippery, the Everything Casserole, and the Exploding Volcano. The Slippery Wippery is a dish the ruler, King Christoph, wanted when he was getting the worst disease, and it cured it. The ingredients are chicken, dressed in a whole lot of lime and milk. For this dish, you have to cook the chicken 10 times, then in a different bowl you mash the lime and milk, then when you finish the mixing, you dump it all over the chicken, and the Slippery Wippery is ready! The Everything Casserole is a old dish and the ingredients are: all types of meat, all types of vegetables, a bunch of cheese, and a dash of pineapple and lime juice. This casserole is made by chopping all of the ingredients into a pan, and then adding a whole bag of cheese over the top. Then to soak in the cheese, you put the pineapple and lime juice on the very top. The Exploding Volcano is a amazing dessert. This dessert has ingredients that are: grey chocolate, piw (an animal, with very long horns and is very small, and produces eggs, butter, milk, and cheese) eggs, grey chocolate sugar, zizerad (flour), piw milk, and piw butter. To prepare this dish you have to mix all the ingredients into a mixing bowl, except the grey chocolate, then you cook it, next you cut a small whole into the middle, and then you stick the grey chocolate bar into the middle. After it's cooked, you can enjoy the masterpiece! Lastly, every person that lives in the village has to bring an ancient art piece, that is a prise possession to them. This is a very colorful and traditional celebration, it's beautiful!

Thalassophile Day is a wonderful day, celebrating the wildlife and nature. This celebration is also held at the main temple, the Poly Temple. The doors are all open, and the porch is open to enjoy the fresh air. On this day, you can't do any hunting or burning of any fires, because they want you to respect the environment. For the foods, you can only have fruits and vegetables. For the fruits and vegetables, you have to eat them raw. There are many activities for this celebration, and one of the most exciting ones is trying to eat 10 broccoli and 10 purple-mango in 60 seconds, without using your hands. Another one is that you have to write a poem and perform it in front of the whole entire village, but it has to be about wildlife and nature.

This celebration is very, very important to Plantion, because they really care about their village, the nature, and the wildlife.

- How do people in your religion deal with the afterlife?

The people in this religion deal with the afterlife by wrapping up the person in the most beautifuls cloths and waiting a week until they bury them in the ground. On the day of the person's death, they have a big ceremony with the dead person's whole family there. They believe that the person comes back as part of nature, whether they become a flower, part of the gardens, or join the wildlife.

- Are there celebrations around birth, or naming of infant?

No, there aren't celebrations around birth or naming of infants. The Plantion villagers believe that the parents of the baby/babies can have the opportunity to name their own child/children.

- Does your religion have series of holy text or books?

No, they don't have a holy book, because they believe within their hearts, and they don't need to follow a book.

- Does your religion have special clothing?

Yes, my religion does have special clothing for the royalty. The king wears a ruby red coat with black pants, and a royal blue cape with an ancient, passed down, crown. The queen wears a creamish, puffy dress, with yellow high-heel shoes, and a tiara.