

"So the missionary arrived with few people; then our captain, seeing them from afar, and also the others, became scared but they did not flee, or did they take up arms to kill them, but seated they watched them. But when those men approached, then did our captain rise and meet them. The Fernandino speaks to him in Spanish, as in his language, but our captain does not understand him because he had never seen white men. The captain speaks to him and the Fernandino could not understand him either. The captain somehow had asked him what he was seeking here, but through hand signals and in his language. The Fernandino gave him gifts, and so they became friends. The captain, seeing these people so generous, turned to his people and...must have spoken favorably of the whites, and that is why the Spaniards were not killed, because that was the day on which God wanted to release us from heathenism" (145).

-Excerpt from Pablo Tac's writings