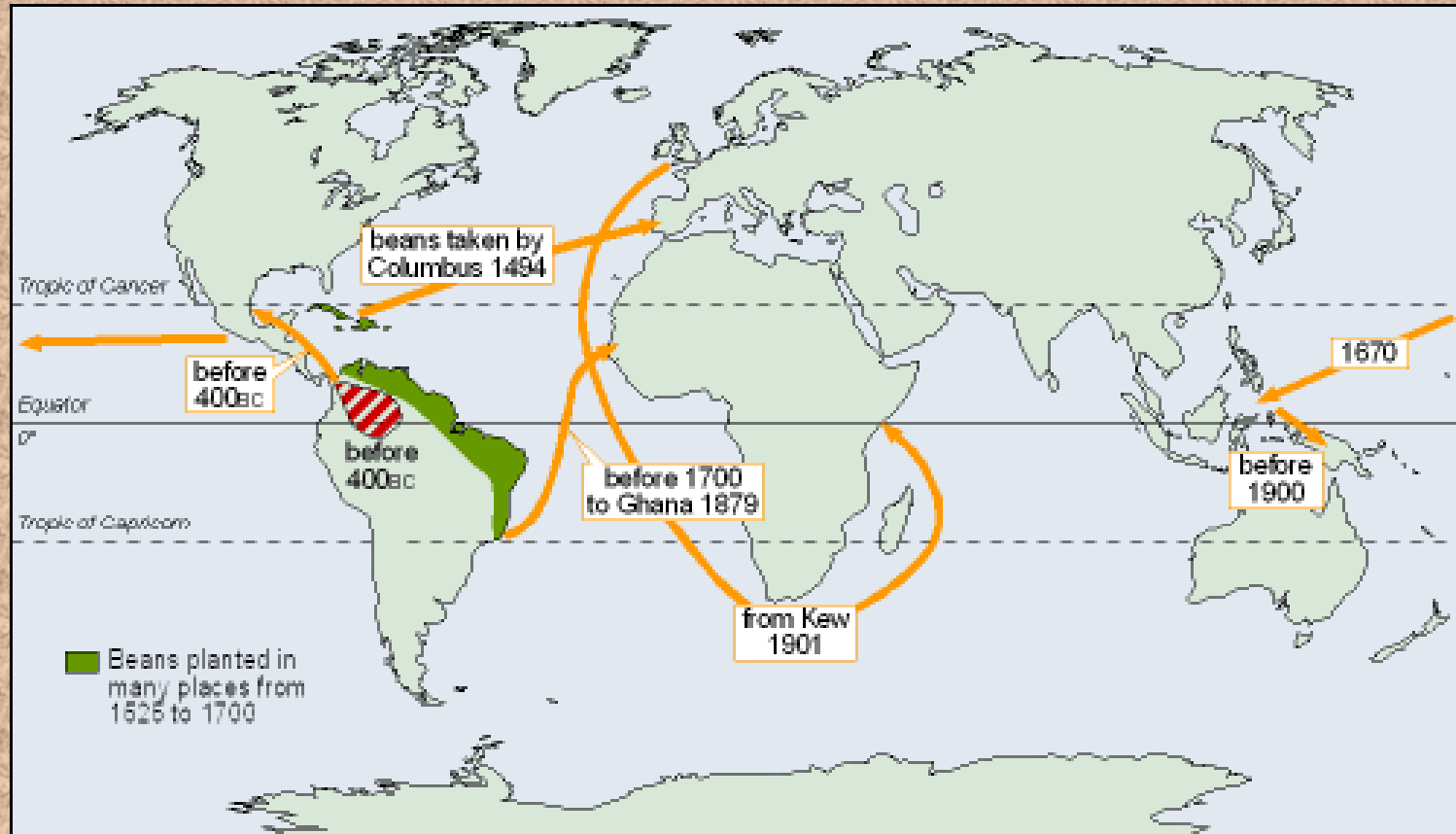


The History of Chocolate



The cacao trees grow wild in the Amazon (the red striped area) and were domesticated there. They were transported to Mesoamerica before 400 BCE.

Maya Chocolate



Cacao was important to the Maya creation story. The head of the father of the Hero Twins, who later became the sun and moon, was turned into a cacao pod.

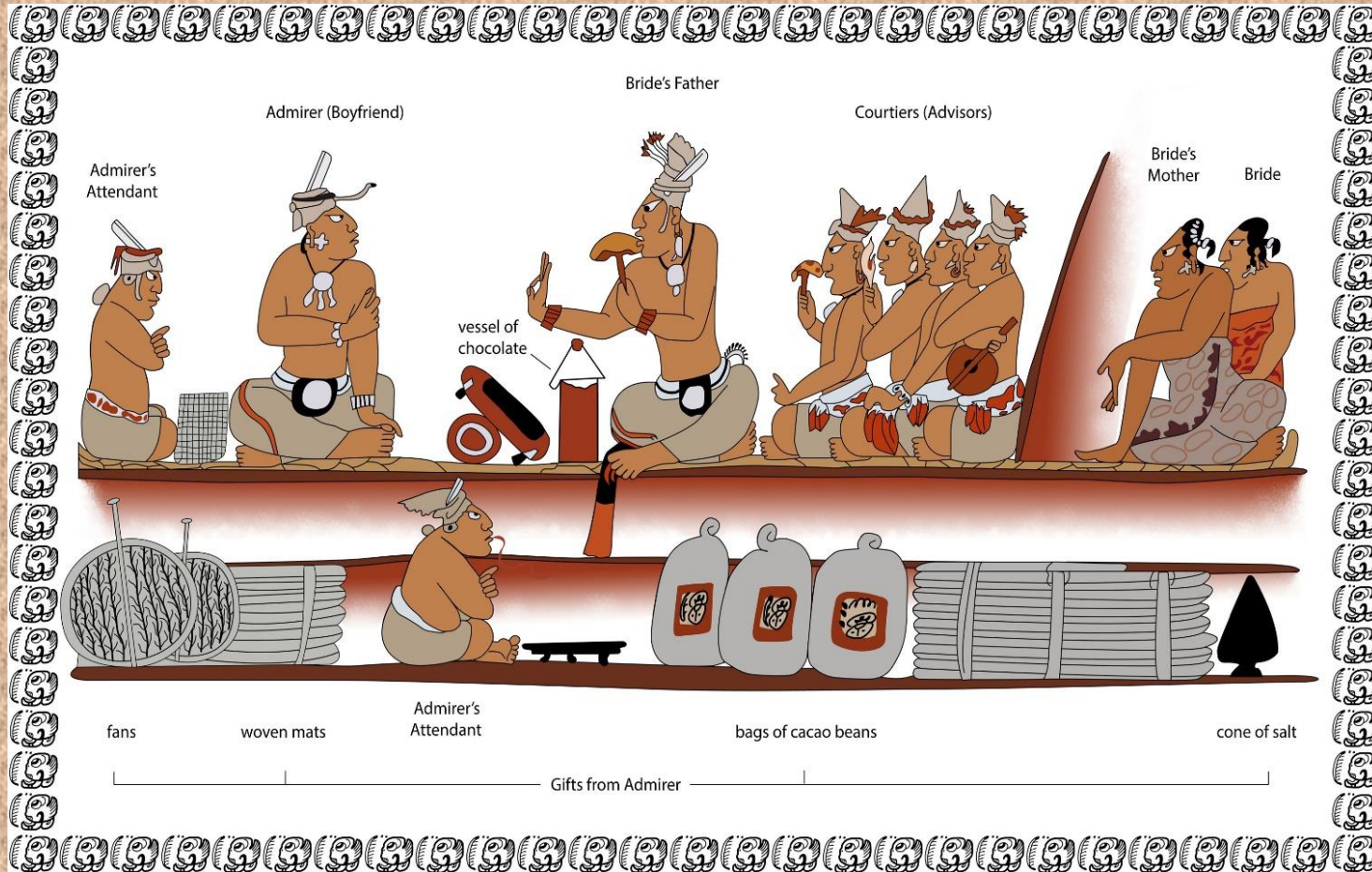
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Special chocolate pots were made for nobles and royals to drink their hot chocolate out of.

Chocolate was not for the ordinary people.

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Cacao beans were used to buy things with, 100 beans could buy a slave, for instance, but were also given as gifts and tribute.

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