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The Story of Chocolate

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After many battles, Emperor Montezuma wanted to make peace and he invited Cortés to court. He gave Cortés his first taste of chocolate.



Cortés liked the chocolate but he still conquered the Aztecs. In 1528, when Cortés sailed home, his sacks were bursting with Aztec treasure... including cocoa beans.



Back in Spain, Cortés served the chocolate drink to his friends. They decided it tasted better hot and with lots of sugar. It was so good, they kept it to themselves.