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# Frontera de Cristo

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Tse' minantit uixinan irikiuhrkún hogä el  
Jinaxin Fiaa Bantulena Dxø my güánna  
Sä ndöo 'na' soj Najöo biñeje  
Aixta yunaiti xemayeixta  
Ey ku mentë ku mjäattë  
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Jee ya' na' squie yo  
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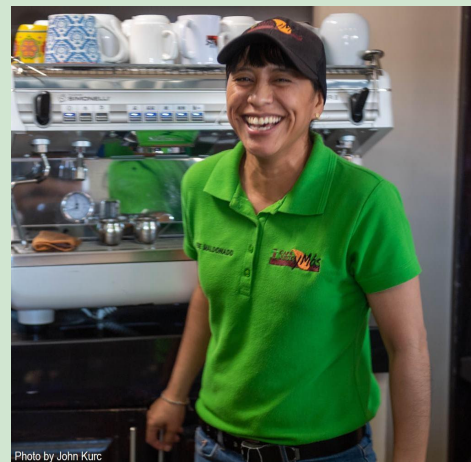


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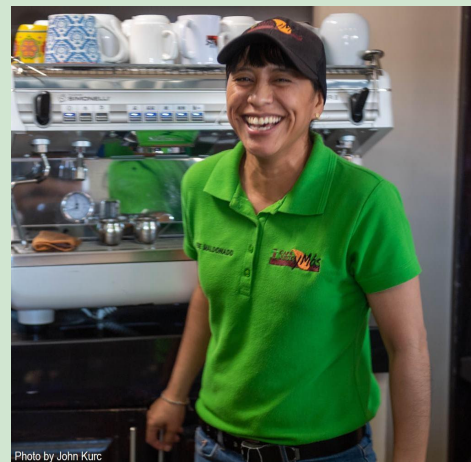


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