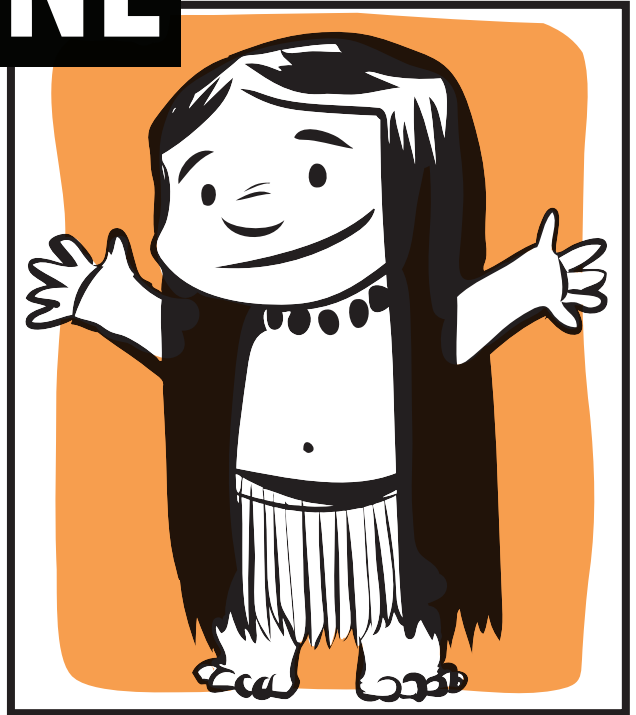


THE MENEHUNE

In Hawaiian mythology, the menehune aren't creepy at all! They're small, fairy-like beings that live in the green forests of the Hawaiian islands. At night, they wander out of the woods and sneak around the village and towns—however, they're not mean. They just play tricks, or, if they like you, will bring you good luck.

Before the first Polynesians arrived, the menehune lived in freedom. They played in the sun, they swam in the warm waters, and they feasted on their favorite foods: bananas and fish. But once settlers came, they hid in the rich nature on the Hawaiian islands. Hawaiian myths say that the menehune are responsible for Hawaii's landscape: the sparkling ponds, smooth roads, and towering temples were all built by the menehune, who live in the caves on the island. Every project would be completed in one night.



Menehune are said to be about two feet tall, with long, straight hair that goes down to their knees. The only thing that will scare them away are owls: If they get too crafty with their pranks, the owl god will send a bird to chase them away.

What are the menehune?

Where do they live?

What are a menehune's favorite foods?

Are the menehune good or bad?

What is the one thing that scares them?
