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### Tigrero - A FILM THAT WAS NEVER MADE

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In 1954 Sam Fuller went to Brazil, into the Amazonian rain forest, to scout for locations for his adventure film "Tigrero"; John Wayne, Ava Gardner and Tyrone Power had been cast in the main roles. This was a story of a couple (Ava Gardner and Tyrone Power) escaping through the uninhibited rain forest with a *tigrero* - a jaguar hunter (John Wayne) - as their guide.

Sam Fuller flew in military planes from Rio de Janeiro into the middle of the jungle, by the rivers of Araguaia and Rio des Mortes. This was the territory of the Karajá Indians. Sam Fuller was one of the first "gringos" to arrive with a canoe in a small Indian village, carrying a 16 mm film camera. There he photographed the Indians, their life and their rituals and made plans for his future film.

Back in Los Angeles, Sam Fuller heard from his producer Darryll Zanuck of 20th Century Fox that the insurance companies refused to insure the expensive stars, the jungle was too frightening and risky a location.

The producer gave up the production and Sam Fuller's adventure film "Tigrero" was never made. What was left was about an hour of 16 mm footage, forgotten for almost 40 years in the living room closet of Sam Fuller's Los Angeles apartment (except the sequence he used in "Shock Corridor").

TIGRERO - A FILM THAT WAS NEVER MADE is a kind of documentary road movie in time as well as in place. While showing concretely Sam Fuller's return by the same route as 40 years ago to the Karajá Indian village, the film also describes his career as a filmmaker and the destinies of the Indians accompanied by the film director Jim Jarmusch, who is interviewing Mr. Fuller about the film that was never made, and many other things. This film is not just an ordinary documentary for television but - in Sam Fuller's words - "a movie doc".

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Direction:  
Script:  
Photography:  
Editing:  
Music:

Mika Kaurismäki  
Mika Kaurismäki  
Jacques Cheuiche  
Mika Kaurismäki  
Nana Vasconcelos,  
Chuck Jones,  
The Karajá  
Samuel Fuller,  
Jim Jarmusch,  
The Karajá

Cast:

Production  
Manager:  
Associate  
Producers:

William O'Dwyer Fogtman

Co-producers:

Production:

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Hartmunt Klenke / Premiere  
Eila Werning / YLE TV1  
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