



*Achi ya lada:ba*

*This figure symbolizes Wisdom, Strength, Courage, and Honor. The "Knife Wing" has a symbol of protection for the Zuni people for centuries. It has been a symbol associated with the warrior society.*

*In ancient times, whenever Zuni men were called upon to protect our people or to go to war, the "Knife Wing" symbol was usually tattooed or cut onto the warrior's badge. It protected him in battle. It also gave him the authority to fight for his people and, if necessary, to take the life of another.*

*The Zuni people believe that all life is sacred, even the lives of our enemies.*

*It still is, taboo to take the life of another person without the authority to do so and only in the defense of the lives of others.*