

A LENDA PEDRA DA TROUXA

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Today, the Pedra da Trouxa is seen as a tourist attraction in the town of Serra de São Bento. It is known by this name because it resembles a cloth used for wrapping clothes or objects in order to transport them, that is, a bundle. For generations, a legend has been passed down that seems to tell the origin of this stone. During Holy Week it was common for people to try to immerse themselves in the feelings that those holidays represented. On the day of Passion Friday, it was recommended that the faithful stay in their homes, without parties, celebrations, work or any kind of services. In some homes, it was even common to avoid bathing so that one could feel the mourning in respect to the crucified Christ. It is said that on this Holy Day a woman went to some water tanks in the town to wash clothes and because of this she was petrified and became a big rock shaped like the bundle she was carrying. To this day, storytellers pass on this legend.



