

The man who got food magic from a "devil man"      Jethro #35  
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There were some boys whose mother and father died. They lived together. The younger brother was never given food. He lived like that, always hungry. So he left for a different place, to stay with his little sister. He helped her get her sweet potato, banana and pumpkin tops. Then they went to a new place, chopped down the bush and let it dry. They made a fire and it burned, there they planted pumpkin, sweet potato and banana tops. They stayed until the plants were grown and ready to be harvested.

One night the brother took his spear and went out hunting. It became dark. A spirit man came out and climbed on top of a mango tree, eating the fruit. The man was covered all over with hair. In the morning he came down and went back to his village. It grew dark, and the brother took his spear and went to the base of the tree where he stopped. The spirit man came out, climbed on top of the tree and was eating; and the brother tied his hair to the branches (W's interpretation here). Later when morning came, the spirit man tried to come down but his hairs were tied back and he couldn't. And so he said, "Friend! You standing there. I'll come down and we'll go to my village together." He came down and they went to his village. Down a hole they went. The spirit man gave the brother his "short magic". Then they came out together. The spirit man went back to his village and the brother went to his own. The brother found that when he said food, it appeared.

Later, his older brothers came in their canoe to get food to bring back. They came up and were trying to get something to eat. His older brother stole his magic. He took it and they started back for their village. The magic made food. And now all kinds of birds came out, they came out and said to eagle, "You go look for it." The eagle flew all over the place. He looked down and saw the magic on reef and took it up. The younger brother then gave the eagle a feast. He killed a pig for him to eat.