

***The Ghost and the Man-eating Balls* Nita Keru Story 72 Book 10:83 Tape 41:1; recorded Sept. 20, 1982; translated by Julia Seri**

His wife cooked the food and fed the dogs and he went to the bush. He went and killed a pig and carried it back. He collected wood and made a fire, tied up the pig and put it on the fire. After that he took it down and cut it up. He cut the pig up and tied each part up, cut out the heart and started to bake it. While he was doing that a spirit came in. He said, "Friend! What are you doing?" "I killed a pig, brought it and cut it up. Now I am waiting. The heart is on the fire, go and get it and eat." The ghost got the meat and climbed on the man's shoulder. He was swinging his legs. He put the heart against the man's back. "Oh friend! It's burning me!" The ghost said, "I'm eating." Then he put more on top of the man's back. While eating the ghost said, "Friend, what's this?" "My head." "What's this?" "My chest." "What's this?" "My right arm." "What's this?" My left leg." "What's this?" "My right leg." "What's this?" "My backside." "What's this?" (pointing to his testicles). "This one eats human beings." When the man said that the ghost jumped off and started to run. The man cried out, "Friend, it's after you! It's after you!" And he kept on running. The ghost ran all the way to his village. The man carried the pig home and shared it with his people. They stayed.

