

A woman gave birth to a boy and named him Yegareba and a girl, Karivade*. Then they both got married. She gave birth to children and they grew up. When she gave birth again she named a boy Saregaba and a girl Aivate. They were staying. Saregaba was staying. Yegareba killed pigs. He shared it with them and they ate. They stayed and they went hunting. He killed a pig. He came back and shared it with them and they ate. They were doing that. One morning, the brother said to Karivade, "Karivade, I used to go hunting and bring pigs. Your brothers have many children so you used to eat with them. So we'll go and you'll stay there. I'll kill pig and you'll cook and eat." She got the food ready. They walked and walked and walked. They came to a dried river bed (waro) and went down. He went and cut dudu leaves and made a small hut. He said, "It's the middle of the day ("big time" - yaa bejjo). You stay here. I'll go, kill a small pig and bring it. We cook it, eat and sleep. Then tomorrow we can go hunting." She said, "O.k. then." When the brother was going, a fruit fell from a tree and hit the hut. She said, "Oh, Yegareba! You are not from a different mother. We are both from the same mother. Why did you trick me? You are throwing things at me." She took her stringbag and left the food there. She carried her stringbag and was crying as she came home. The brother said, "Oh, what's wrong?" "Our brother told lies. He just took me and went. He built a hut and he went into the bush and was throwing things at me. The elder brother said, "Oh! Let him sleep there. He will come home tomorrow." The brother went hunting and he killed a pig. He came back to the hut. He looked everywhere for his sister and he said, "Oh! I didn't tell her about this tree. When I was going the fruit fell down and hit the hut. She thought I did it, so she went home." He waited and waited. He cut the pig up and smoked it. After doing that he went to sleep. So the older brother in the village got his spear and he was waiting till late afternoon.

The next morning, Saregaba said to Aivate, "Our younger brother went and slept in the bush, so I'm going to see him. He doesn't know what is happening at home. So I must go and tell him to get ready and come home." But the sister said, "What will I do here? I'm going to come with you." So they both went. They crossed the river. While they were crossing the younger brother saw them. He said, "here, you can see me." The other brother said, "Yesterday Karivade went home and our brother got his spear and he was waiting for you. He was waiting for you to the afternoon. I am coming just to let you know." The brother said, "O.k. A pig is there. Cook and put and go home." The girl cooked the pig and they ate. They tied the pig meat together and Yegureba carried it. The girl put some in her stringbag. Saregaba said, "You carry this straight to your house. These ones here, put on the elder brother's verandah and he'll share it." They were getting closer to the village and they said, "Our brother is waiting for you." He said, "Alright. I'm feeling sad for him. If I throw my spear, he is going to die. So I won't throw my spear, I'll just let him throw himself." When they got to the village, the elder brother was throwing his spears at his younger brother. The younger brother said, "I am feeling sad for you. If I throw my spear, I'm going to kill you. So I won't throw my spear." He was throwing his spears until afternoon. He then put his spears away, went up to the verandah and sat down. He was crying because he threw spears at his younger brother. He went to his house. He sat in the house and was thinking and thinking. "Yegareba and Saregaba grew up and we are staying. (Yegareba thinking this) Why did I come and tell a lie to your brother? Your brother got the spear and he was throwing it at me this afternoon. o.k."

The next morning he was sitting down in the house. He was looking at everybody. They were going out to the garden. They all went out. He was waiting and got his betel nut and coconut and his mustard. The sister was staying on the verandah. Saregaba said, "You watch your brother.

When he's going you tell me and I'll go with him." (to Aivate). The brother started to go the sister said, "Our brother is going." Saregaba followed the brother. And her sister followed them. They were going when Yegareba turned around and saw Saregaba. "Why are you coming after me? I'm not coming back - you go back. Your sister told lies and my older brother was throwing spears at me." Saregaba said, "I won't go back, I'm going to go with you." He said, "All of you go back." While he was walking the two sisters came after him. They all went. They walked until the afternoon. Saregaba said to Aivate, "Did you bring any food?" Aivate said, "I brought some bananas." She cooked them and they ate and went to sleep. They cooked the bananas and ate. The two brothers said, "Get fire and make a fire on the beach." We will both make fire and you two make fire. Then we'll go to sleep." So they made the fire and it was burning. The village people looked and saw the fire. They said, "Aga! Why are these people making a fire on the beach?" So the village people came to see who the visitors were. They said, "Which part of the tribe (ium) are you to be making a fire on the beach? As if there was nobody living here." They answered, "Have you ever heard of Saregaba and Yugeregba? We are the ones making fire here." So they said, "Alright, then. You sleep here. We'll bring you betel nut tomorrow morning. We'll chew and you'll go." The men went back to the village. They sent a message from one end of the village to the other, blowing conch shells until the morning.

They got spears and the next morning came across to fight. The first spear they threw to Yegareba. The other they throw at Saregaba. They missed them. The two brothers got their spears and killed the people. They killed everyone in the village. There was only one who was hiding. He came out. They said, "What's wrong?" He said, "Oh, tomorrow your relatives, your uncles will come here." So the man went and blew the conch shell to the other village. The two brothers went in and killed everyone in the village. There was one man left. Again he passed the message to another village. When they went in they killed everybody in the village. So the brothers said to their sisters, "You bake the bananas and we'll eat." while they were doing that, the enemies were crossing the river. So they got up and they went. When the people were coming they were killing them. While they were coming their enemies were following behind them. But they were killing them all the way. They came all the way to Teremin (near Tufi). They came to Teremin. Aivate and Kaivade (Karivade?) were standing in the middle of the river. The two brothers fought with the people. They killed all of them and came back to the sisters. The two sisters turned themselves into snakes. The two brothers did the same thing. They came down to the river and turned themselves into snakes. They went up and they live at Duruma.

Notes:

- * Hard to make out on the tape - Karivade.
- The relationships quite mixed up - need to speak to Nita about this one.
- There were two women. They were exchanged between villages. The one gave birth to Yegareba and Darivade; the other gave birth to Saregaba and Aivate. e.g. Amelia came and got married here and Franklin's sister Celestine who married into Rerebin.
- They went from here up to the Tufi area. When the people started to fight against them they came back again. True history. Don't know which clan. Only the people who know the story can say it - it is an ordinary story. Stone-Wigg from Sinipara told this story.

