

A pig gave birth. Among the pigs was a boy. It was in the old people's gardens. They ate their food. They went up and ate. The human boy didn't eat with the pigs; but he ate ripe bananas. Some people went and saw the garden. They said, "Old man and woman, listen to us. Pigs are eating your gardens. A human being is with them." So he said, "O.k. Next morning I'll go to the garden." So the next morning the old man and his wife went to the garden. The old man said, "I won't do anything. We'll just wait and see into the afternoon. Whether these people are telling us the truth about the human being with the pigs. They were staying in the garden; it got dark and the pigs came up. They came into the garden and were eating. The boy came in and was eating the ripe bananas. He told the wife to stay in the small hut. He came and hid himself behind the banana tree. When the boy came to get the bananas, he grabbed him. The old man grabbed the boy, took him to the hut and slept there. The next morning they took him home.

When they took him home, everyone was watching. They said, "What a nice boy!" The boy stayed with the old man and woman and he grew up. All the girls wanted to marry him. One girl said, "No one will get married to him; so leave him alone." All the girls were doing that so they boys in the village became angry with him. The boys said, "We must trick; take him out fishing and leave him there. So one day the boys went and said, "We are going fishing. You get your spear and come with us." So he got his spear and went with them. They went and crossed the big river. They put the canoe there. While he was fishing, they left him and the canoe. When he came back the canoe was not there. They had left.

He said, "How will I cross the river? It's deep and the crocodiles might get me." He called to his mother, "Mom! mmmm!" When he called, his mother heard him. She said to the piglets, "You wait here and I'll go and see your brother." When the pig came and saw the boy on the far side of the river, it swam across and took the boy to the other side of the river. The boy walked home. When he got home the other boys saw him and said, "Oh. He came back. We didn't do it properly. O.k. tomorrow we will take him to a different place.

So the next morning they took him to an island. A very big island. They slept there and then fished. They fished until it got dark and then they went to sleep. They all pretended to sleep; but when he fell asleep they left him and came away in the canoe. When he woke up the next morning, the canoe was gone. He said, "O.k." and called to his mother. "em emmm (pig noises)". The mother heard him and she came and took him up to the village. She left him there. When the boys saw that they said, "Oh! His mother is helping him. We must kill that pig."

The next morning they took him to another village. They left him and came back. When the mother was bringing him back, the boys were hiding and they speared the pig. The boy said, "You killed the pig. Cook it and eat. But don't throw the bones all over the place. Put them under the tree and I'll burn them." So they all put the bones under the tree and he got the ashes (*ambu*). He put the ashes under the mat. He slept on the mat. Then the boys said, "We did our best, but we didn't kill him. Tomorrow morning we'll take him to another island." So they took him to the island. They tricked him: left him there and came back.

The next morning he woke up. The boys were not there; they had left him and came to the village. So he called his mother, "umm mmmm!". The mother's spirit (*kaniniwa*) came and took him up, put him on the beach; there he said, "I won't go back to my village. I'll go to another village." So he went. He walked and walked. Atlast he came to a village where they were feasting.

They had all the food there; but they had no pig. So they took the young girls and married women, tied their legs and put them under the house. He was walking when the village people saw him and said, "A boy is coming. Good boy! Where are you coming from? Why are you coming here?" "He said, "I am not a human being. I was born of a pig." The village people said, "All right, come up, sit down and have something to eat." He sat down with them and ate. The village people said, "We are going to feast in the other village. You eat and we'll go." he said, "No, I'll go first and you'll come after." So he went first. When he came to the village he saw the girls and women tied under the house. He asked, "Why did you do this?" "We are feasting for the other village." (this was the second village). He said, "I want two boys to come with me." He got 2 boys and they went to the bush. He said, "You stand here and watch me." While they watched he called to his mother, "mmmm ummm!" When he did that, pigs came out of the bush. While the pigs were standing there, the boy said, "Go to the village and count the number of girls and women you tied and then come back and get the pigs. So they went and counted the women and came back for the pigs. They untied the ladies and tied up the pigs. He said, "All right, go and tell the other village to come and get their food." They went and told the other village. They went and took the food and left. While they were going the villagers said to the boy, "You wait here and all the girls will come. You will see which girl you want to marry.

The girls came out and he looked at them. They asked him and he said, "No, not this one." He did that and he finished 4 lines of girls. On the fifth line he was looking and he saw one girl and said, "That is my wife." So he got married to the girl. He told the village people, "I won't stay here. You give me land and I'll go and live there with my wife." They gave him land. He went up to the mountains. He built his house there and lived with his wife.

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