

Gumongi Jiwo's girl friend² was staying. She used to fetch water. Gumongi Jiwo would take that water and stare in it at his face. She said, "I always fetch water and this boy takes it away to look at his face. He is finishing it." Gumongi Jiwo heard this and felt ashamed³ and so he went away. He walked and walked until he saw a big tree. He stopped there and chewed his betel nut. After chewing he got up and walked and walked until he saw another big fallen tree. He sat there and chewed his betel nut. He went again. He saw a gumongi tree. So he climbed up to a branch and sat. While he was staying there an enemy (vasaa) went hunting with his dogs. The dogs were chasing the pig, but when they came across another odour they left the pig. As they were coming up, the boy took out his flute (seevi) and started to blow it. When he blew the flute the enemy man heard it. He said, "Who is blowing that flute." So he went in. When he came in he saw the boy in the tree. He said, "You came and slept and now you are staying here." The boy said, "I came, I slept and I'm staying." "It's o.k., kawo. You are staying here so the dogs left the pig. I was going back to the village. I heard the music so I came in. I was trying to eat my cold food (bossa), so I came in to see you."

So that man went home and told all his people. They tied their feathers and came. They came and sat around the gumongi tree. They slept there. The man who saw the boy slept against the trunk of the tree. He was sleeping. While all of them were asleep they boy came down from the tree, took the spear and ran it through both the man and the gumongi tree. He said, "You people came to sleep here. I'm killing one of you now." So he walked to the beach and kept walking. The next morning the people saw it. They cut the sticks and carried the body back to the village.

The boy walked until he was hungry. Then he lay down and slept under a gangassi tree⁴. His body was covered with leaves. Only his legs showed. His girlfriend came along the beach and saw the boy lying down. She said, "Oh, why did you tell lies? I was going to the garden and you came." He woke up. He said, "What did you bring? Give it to me. I'm really hungry." She replied, "I have nothing with me. My elder sister cooked some food in the village, so you go back there." So the boy got up and they walked. They didn't go to the village, they went to the garden. They cut the banana (me) and were baking it. While they did that the elder sister's husband said to his wife, "In the morning your younger sister had nothing to eat, so you go to the garden and bring back some bananas." Then she went to the garden. When she came, she crossed the fence. She saw the fire. She saw the smoke. She thought, "Oh, this girl came and she's staying here." She went around to them. The elder sister said, "You went off so my husband told me to come and cut bananas for you; but you are staying here." So the elder sister went and got taro, sugar cane and banana and went back to her husband. "This sister went to the garden. She was cooking and eating bananas with her boyfriend. I saw them. We won't look for them." The husband said, "All right then." The husband said, "Tell your sister to bring those two to the house." So the elder sister brought them to the house.

¹. Okari nut.

². via dombun

³. imassi

⁴. A shrub found on the beach.