

The boy was hard working (teiti buro fafasi). The boy's parents saw a girl and they really wanted her to marry their son. The parents would say that. One day the boy went to the garden. While he was going the girl came after him. When he turned around he saw the girl following him. "Why are you coming after me? You go to your house. Quickly! Your parents might look for you." The boy kept telling her to go back but she wouldn't. They went to the garden together. The boy said, "Allright, I'm going to work over here. You sit on this side under this tree." When the boy was piling up the rubbish (ka guti) the girl would take it and throw it. Both of them were working there. His elder brohter and his wife said, "This boy went in the morning and didn't eat any food, so we'll go and see him." When they came to the garden they saw the girl working with the boy. They said, "Are! Who is that girl? Which girl is this? The one we used to talk about should have come." Then they said, "What are you saying; that's her!" So they went and took her by the hair and pulled her to the garden house. Then they served out food and she ate. They got all the taro, bananas (garuga) and sugar cane. The elder brother told the younger one, "Your wife will carry all this food to the village. You stay together. Don't let her go back to her village." Both of them slept there. In the morning they decorated her.

After they decorated her, that boy went down and went to see Memeti Susuki. When he was going Memeti Susuki was in the tree singing songs. The boy sat under the tree. She was singing. She sang and sang until she saw the boy. She thought, "I'm singing here and who is this sitting under the tree?" When she went down she saw him. Both of them stayed there. When it got towards afternoon the boy said, "I'm going home. I want you to go with me." So both of them came to the village. She was standing on the ground and the boy went up into the house. He said to his elder brother's wife, "You go and take that girl up into the house." She said, "Why would I go down and bring that girl up? The one we always talked about is here! We already decorated her and she is sitting down here." Then his brother's wife got Memeti Susuki and brought her up into the house. When they took her up she sat down and the girl with the decorations sat on the other side. The brother and his wife looked and saw that they were both very pretty, so they said, "O.k., you can stay with both of them."

They were staying and those two women became pregnant. They each gave birth to baby boys. In the morning the men were going to burn the grass. The husband went with them. The two wives were staying. One said, "Yeiya, I'm leaving my small child here. You look after him while I chop fire wood." Then she went to chop fire wood. A spirit (dunari tamati) came out. That spirit wanted to have sex with the woman. She said, "I have a child and that child is not big enough. Why did you come in?" The spirit said, "O.k., I'll go back." She got the firewood but then she came to the house she was feeling sick. Her elder said, "Are you sick?" "Yes, I'm sick." "You'd better come and feed your small child first." The younger one said, "Elder, I won't feed the small one. I'm going to lie down." She laid down and died. When the husband came back he heard what happened. So they wrapped up the body and buried it. Then they came back. The first wife looked after the child. They stayed.

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<sup>1</sup>. Memeti -- thick vines found in bush, sometimes used to pull canoes