

A girl lived in the village. She never went to the garden. She would only go to the river and have a bath and come back. One day her mother said to her, "You always go swimming but you don't go to the garden." She said, "Aka! You go to the garden! I don't want to go to the garden!" Everytime her mother went to the garden the girl would go to the salt water and have a bath. She was doing that and became pregnant. All the village boys said, "Who was going with that girl so that she became pregnant?" "We don't know," said some boys. "Who knows?" The girl asked her mother, "Mother, what has happened to me?" The mother said, "You can see for yourself. I always told you to go to the garden, but you refused and went swimming. So what has happened to you?" She was staying and gave birth. She said, "Iji! What is this?" She tried to throw it away. But that small thing would run back onto her lap again. The mother saw her doing this. "Why do you do that? You gave birth to it so don't do that." So the girl fed the crocodile. It's mother fed that baby. One day the crocodile said, "Mother, I'm big enough so don't keep me in the house. Put me down under the house and I'll stay between the posts.

One day the girl's mother died. The crocodile called out, "Mother, bring my grandmother down here and I will look after her." Then he said to his mother, "Go down and husk coconuts. So the mother went and husked coconuts and brought them up to the house. When he came up the crocodile said, "You go and pull the canoe down." So the mother pulled down the canoe. The she went up into the house, got all of her belongings and put them on the canoe. All of them went down to the canoe. She was paddling when guma jiwo was swimming under the canoe. Guma jiwo called to her, "Mother, stop paddling. Go and eat some coconut. I'll take the canoe as I swim." Then the mother broke the coconut and ate it as the crocodile pulled the canoe. They went around the point. They were going until they came to a river. There they saw two girls. They had the king's [kingi] dirty shorts and shirts and were washing them. They were the king's daughters. The crocodile went up and lay on the platform. He said to his mother, "Give me a small paper and I'll write a letter." He wrote it and said, "Give it to the elder sister." So the mother took the letter to the elder sister.

When the elder sister got the letter, she opened it and read it. She said, "Ka! I don't want!" So the mother took the letter back. "What happened?" "I gave it to the elder sister but she didn't want it." So the crocodile wrote another letter and said, "Take this to the younger one." The mother said, "Ka! I just came from there." But the crocodile said, "Take it and go. I want that girl." So the mother took the letter and said, "Alright, I want it too."

So the mother came with the girl to the canoe. The crocodile called out: "Are you coming with girl?" The mother replied, "You can see me. I am bringing the girl." She came on the canoe and then they went to the shore. That night while they slept a big house with a room for the mother and the sister appeared (sirorarin). They stayed there.

One day the crocodile said, "Mother, there is going to be a big party where the king is staying. They will have games too. So you take your in-law, change into good clothes and watch them. So the mother and her daughter-in-law went to the party. When the sun was going down they came back. The next morning they went back to the king's house for the party. While they were gone, the crocodile when up to the house. He put his skin on and was a really handsome man. He had his wash and put his things on and came after them. They were dancing at the party when Guma Jiwo came in. The people saw him. "Where did this man come from?" All the girls saw him

¹. Crocodile boy.

and thought, "He should be my husband." His wife looked too and thought, "He should be my husband."

Guma Jiwo and his wife came back to their place. The wife said to the mother, "My stomach is aching. I want to go back to the house." So that morning the mother went to the party alone. Guma Jiwo thought that his wife had gave as well, so he came up slowly to the house, put on his skin, washed and decorated himself for the party. His wife didn't see him; she was sleeping. She got up later and went to the party. At the party, they were playing cricket. So he was playing. His wife came in and she was watching only Guma Jiwo. The sun was going down. Guma Jiwo told his friends, "I must go because my place is far away." So he took a horse and went back to the house. Before this, his wife had gone back to check on the husband. She saw the crocodile skin, took it out and burned it. "My husband has been doing this to trick me." He came on the horse. She was in the house. He thought that his wife was watching the game, so he came to change his body. As he came to the door of his room his wife grabbed him. She grabbed him and they both kissed (kisi) there.

Guma Jiwo married his wife and they were staying. The elder sister said, "I'll go and see my younger sister. Is she alright? Then I'll come back." So the elder sister came to the younger sister. They stayed together and she worked for her younger sister. She stayed too long, so her parents said, "Where is she? She stayed too long. We will go and see her." When they came they saw that the elder sister was working for the younger sister. When the parents saw that their daughter had married a handsome man, he said, "Alright, you can take this place." All of them stayed in that big house.

They all would work there. The father gave much money to the people who worked for them. So all of the people worked for him. Guma Jiwo and he stayed together and gave money to their workers (buro tamata).