

There was a boy called Reretabuna who lived on a mountain. He used to make his tango up there. His grandmother lived below. They were staying and the people in the village decorated Kovu Susuki (type of cooking banana - long and green) and brought her. When she came out into the varo the old woman saw that girl and said, "Aga! You stand there." While the girl was standing the old lady called out to her grandson:

Reretabuna  
I'll put them here or let them go

Reretabuna sang back:

Grandmother, my wish  
Let them go

So the grandmother went and told the girl, "Are! You already heard what my grandson said, so you'd better go away. You won't stay with me because my grandson doesn't want you here. You'd better go back." So the girl said, "It's alright; I'll go back." When she came to the village all the people said, "Kovu Susuki, why did you come back?" She said, "I went but the boy didn't want me."

After that they decorated Aten(g) Susuki. When they finished she walked all the way to the old woman's village. (another type of cooking banana). That old woman came down and saw her and said, "Aga! A really nice girl." So she said to the girl, "You wait here." The grandmother sang out:

Reretabuna  
I'll put them here or let them go.

He replied:

Abu, my wish  
Let them go.

So the grandmother said, "You heard what he said, you won't stay here. I won't put a mat for you. You must go back." So she went back to her village. Next they decorated Weera Susuki (another cooking banana). She walked all the way until she came to that old woman's village. The grandmother said, "Are! She is a really nice girl. You wait here and I'll call for my grandson."

Reretabuna, I'll put them here or let them go.  
Abu, my wish  
Let them go.

So the grandmother said, "You heard what he said. I will not put a mat for you. You must go back." So the girl went back to her village. When she came back they decorated Beeti Susuki. When they finished decorating her, she walked all the way to that old woman's village. So the grandmother said, "Oh, that's a very pretty girl. You wait and I'll call my grandson." (The same thing happened again - she goes through it all on the tape). Beeti Susuki went back to her village.

The next morning they decorated Guniga Susuki (banana). (The same thing happened).

Then they decorated Koroki Susuki. She walked all the way to the old woman's village. The old woman saw her and said, "Stand here and I'll call to my grandson."

Reretabuna, I'll put them here or let them go.  
Abu, my wish  
Let them stay.

So the old woman went up to her house, put a mat on the verandah and the girl went and sat down on it. In the afternoon the husband came down from the mountain. He sat with his wife and they ate and drank together. When it was getting dark, Reretabuna said, "I won't sleep with you. I'm going up to my place." So he went back up to the mountain. So Koroki Susuki slept with the grandmother.

The next morning all of the people waited and waited but Koroki Susuki didn't come back to the village. They said, "What happened to Koroki Susuki. She went to that village and must be staying there." But the girls said, "Oh! She can't do that. All of us went to that village and were sent away. So tomorrow we must go and fight with her." So the girls in the village got their clubs and spears and went to the old lady's village. Reretabuna saw them coming and so came down and told his wife, "All of these women are coming down to fight with you." They all came, stood around the house and called out, "Koroki Susuki. All of us came and he didn't want us, but he wanted you. Why is that? You must come down and we will fight." So the old woman told her, "You take off your embobi and wear this new one." So she did that got her club and jumped down. Her husband watched as she did this. She was one but they were plenty. They fought. It went on until Koroki Susuki swung her club and broke one girl's hand. Rerebuna said, "It ends and you can all go back to your village." So he scolded them and they all returned to their place.

When they had gone back to their village, Reretabuna married the girl and they stayed.\*Sometimes fires are seen in dry season on Mt. Dayman to the east. People say "That is Reretabuna burning his tango." Mac first heard Manson say this and it is apparently a saying of the grannies.