

Mana Susuki and her friends lived in a village in the deep water. Every day they went swimming. One day they swam up near a village on the shore. In that village lived a young boy. He wanted to have a bath in the river. He took his spear along to shoot fish. As he came to the river he saw all of the fish swimming along so he took his spear and got one of them. He took the fish back and gave it to his brother's wife, she cooked it and they ate.

In that village a boy belonging to a different iyon went out fishing in his canoe. He saw those fish jumping around. But he didn't spear any. He went past them and paddled to an old village where nobody lived. There was only one old woman there. So he put his canoe and went up to see her. He stood near the house. When the old woman came out she saw the young man, "Aga! I didn't see you come up. Why did you come? Come up and I'll cook food for you." So she put the mat on the verandah and he sat down.

That old woman used to look after all of those fish. When the food was cooked she brought it down and put it in front of the boy. As he ate she said, "There is no one else. Only I am living in this place. So in the afternoon you won't see anyone come back from the garden. But when you go I'll walk with you down to the beach and I'll give you one girl to marry." So when the young man finished eating, the old woman went to her garden and got betel nut and mustard and took them down and put them on the canoe. Then she called out to the boy, "You can come down now. I will give you one of my daughters."

So they went down and stood and that old woman called out. All those fish swam in and she took one and put it on the platform of the canoe. She said to the boy, "When you are going, don't look back. Only when you are about to reach your village can you look back." When she put the fish on the platform all of the others were puzzled so she told them, "All of you went to swim in the big river. This boy saw you but he didn't spear you. He is very kind (kaubas). So I'm giving him one of you to take back. So the boy put the fish on the platform and set out.

When the boy pulled the canoe out the old woman called out, "I'm telling you when you go all the fish will be jumping, but don't look back." "I will do what you say." The boy paddled and paddled. He could hear the fish jumping but he thought to himself, "The old woman said not to so I won't look back." The girl was not on the platform, but the grandmother had put the fish at the back of him. That's why the grandmother said not to look back. When he was near his village he looked around and saw a girl. He didn't say anything because she was very pretty. He thought to himself, "We go out to catch fishing thinking that they are only fish, but really they are girls. It's good that I never speared any of them."

He paddled and paddled. When he came to the village he said to his wife, "You wait here and I'll tell my parents." So he went up and told his parents and they came down. When they saw the girl they didn't say anything. They took all of the things up to the house, put the mat down and the girl went up and sat down.