

Matasibona lived in a small village. Matasifara also lived in her village. She was a small girl. Matasifara used to go and climb up a tree called *monoako*. She would get the long legumes (*monoako*), tie them together for a necklace. She put it on and made another saying, "Matasibona, that is yours." So she always used to do that — make two necklaces and say that the second was for Matasibona. Then she came back to the house. Matasibona always heard her say that. He got tired of it and said, "Oh, why do you say that? I am not human — I have a different skin. If I come near you, you will be scared of me."

One day, matasifara climbed up and got two bundles. She put one around her neck and called out, "Matasibona, this is yours." When she said that, Matasibona heard it and said, "This time I will see that girl." So he started walking. There was lightning, thunder and big winds. The trees were breaking under the force of the storm. He came and went under that *monoaka* tree. The girl was up in the tree and said, "This is yours." As she climbed down, she saw him. He said, "I am Matasibona. I am not a human being. But you have talked about me so I am here."

When he said that the girl was scared so she jumped down and ran for her village. That big snake followed her. She ran, ran, ran but the snake was close behind. It followed her closely into the village and as she went into the house he was right behind her. It went around the girl from the leg up. Both of them were lying down. The girl was really frightened and crying out.

When the people saw that they said, "Yei! Yeah! Feel it! You always talk about him but he is not a human being. He is a *yawu tamati*. So why did you call him? Now he is here." While they were talking the girl's mother and father returned from the garden. The people saw them and told them, "Go and see your daughter. She has been talking about this man and now he is up in the house." So the mother carried the stringbag. She opened the door and saw it. So she ran down and called to her husband, "Go up and see your daughter." The husband went up and saw that big snake lying with his daughter. He told the wife, "Quickly cook food." She did so. Then he told the snake, "*Kawo be'ji*, that is your wife. She called for you and you came. So marry her, your wife."

The snake was right around her so the father said, "You better unwrap yourself and lie beside her so that your wife will sit next to you. When the food is finished, your *rawa sauki* can put the food in front of you and you can eat."

When the food was ready, their daughter and the snake ate the food. The father said, "You ate so now you may go away with your husband."

So the snake and the girl went a long way until they came to snake's road. It was a beautiful road, lined with *s'i'si* on both sides. They walked until they came to the house and the parents came out. "Mother! Father!" said Matasibona. "This is my new wife. I am not human so I won't stay with my wife here. She will stay with you while I live in my hole." So the snake left the wife for his own place.

The girl stayed with her in-laws in the house. At night she always had dreams of the snake having sex and sleeping with her. It went on until she was pregnant. She gave birth to a baby boy. When he grew up, they named that boy Janda and he is still living. *Kikiki!*