

WHERE THE BABIES COME FROM

Some babies sit down at Kaagubin near Mt. Stirling and any yog who wants a baby will go to Kaagabin where she will hear the baby voices. If she looks a long time at Kaagubin, one of the babies will go to her.

Miak, the Moon, is the chief baby giver, and when he is full, you can see the babies playing about. He is maam (father) for all jungar (men), for it is he who gives the babies to the yog (women.)

Along the coast near Gebaming and Woojaring (Hopetown and Kojung-up districts) "ngoobaritch wabbaring", little babies are playing all the day long, but they can only be heard by the yog who wants one of them.

All the Southern babies lived in some special rocks or stones or hills, and all the yog knew where they were, so if a yog did not want a baby, she avoided the place where the babies sat down. Always their voices could be heard by those who camped near the baby shrines and always the camp was quiet, so that the little spirit babies should not be disturbed in their playing. Sometimes the little babies had a janga (spirit) bird to guard their rocks and abiding places and if the bird's voice was heard in anger by any jungar or yog who passed the place and disturbed the babies, that jungar or yog died.