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WOMMULYU, IRDABILYI AND KARDER.

Wommulyu was a man kooraa (long time ago), and was Wordung and jiuk borungur (wild cherry totem), and Irdabilyi was Manitch and weet (ant) borungur, and was Wommulyu's kord (wife). Karder (iguana) was brother to Irdabilyi and was also weet borungur.

One day Irdabilyi had gone out to gather bert (grubs) and brought home a yorl (paper bark vessel) full. Her two children who were boys and were Wordung and Jiukwuk, wanted the grubs and they tried to take them away from their mother, but she would not let them have them and hunted the boys away. She wanted to keep the bert for Wommulyu. The boys cried as they were going away, and presently they were out of sight.

By and by Irdabilyi wanted them to come in, and she called them and called them but they did not answer her. Then she said to Karder, "You go and bring moyer back," but Karder was lazy and said, "Ngain beet bab," (I am tired) and he lay down and went to sleep.

When Wommulyu came back from his hunting, he asked his kord where koolongur (children) where, and Irdabilyi told him the boys wanted to eat all the bert, but she would not give the food to them, and hunted them away, and when she asked Karder to look for them he said he was too tired. Wommulyu then went to look for his koolongur, and he tracked them and tracked them until he came to a big lake, and there he found them in the lake with the water up to their necks. He called out to them, and stretching his long beard across the water to them he told them to catch hold of it and he would pull them out. The boys did so, but they were stuck in the mud and couldn't hold on, and they went down and down and soon they were drowned in the holes they had got into. Near Ngai-yin-up (about 60 miles north of Bramer Bay) is the spot "bwaluk gool yoggarta" (bwaluk = brothers) where the two brothers got drowned, and now at Berungup, close to Ngaiyinup, there is a hill with two springs beside it, and these two springs are the bwaluk.

Wommulyu (Vega) was very angry with Irdabilyi and he speared her through the heart, and now you can see Irdabilyi (Aquila) in the sky with the spear through her body. Karder followed her up there, but Wommulyu did not spear him because he was ngoolyarwuni (brother-in-law). Karder (Delphinus) is four-starred, and shaped like a small Southern Cross. Irdabilyi can be seen east, near the Milky Way (three stars in line), and the larger star is Irdabilyi and the two smaller ones are the point and end of the spear which Wommulyu thrust through her. Karder is a little more east than Irdabilyi, but Wommulyu is away towards the North, one big star shining by itself.

(My informant, Wirijan, was Manitch and called Irdabilyi her maan yog, Karder was Wirijan's maam mat and Wommulyu was her konk.)

Yulbirin is gij burdon country and is winieng bujur.

If strangers hunt yonggar there and hang up the daj, or leave it without cutting it up, a big dwel (fog) comes down at once from the hill and heavy rain will fall and drown the stranger nungar. They must cut up the daj and lay it against the fire and then no rain nor fog will come. If a yonggar is killed and left, it must first be turned on itsstomach and then covered over with bushes, so that no part of it can be seen.

Ngaijang and Buyarit were once at Yilbirin and they caught a big yonggar and skinned it and left it, but Ngaijan first turned it over on itsstomach and then covered it with bushes. If he had not followed the rule such heavy rain would come that it would drown anyone camping there. If the yonggar is to be eaten, it must be cut up, but if it is only skinned and left, it must always be turned stomach down and covered over with bushes. In Winiang country all animals that are killed and not eaten must be covered up or great rain will fall.

There are no Yilbering nungar now left and no one can tell the stranger nungar passing over the country the straight rules to follow. Yilbering is the largest of the three hills near Two People Bay.

If a nungar pulls young grass near a majjet (woggal or magic carpet snake) winniung (forbidden) spring, heavy rain will fall in a day or two.

If any nungar roll a stone down Duri-iring Hill (Tray-surin on a map), a big moolyin (meteor) will fall.

Nungar will sometimes throw a firestick into the air to stop the rain.

A baby cried one time and would not stop crying, and all the nungar and yog (men and women) who heard it turned into stars.

Yoolarl or Yeelart (Magellan's Clouds) is a species of iguana with white stripes on its body, which is pegging skins out - yoolarl bwok donarning (pegging - or piercing - the skins out).

Konk and moyer (uncle and nephew) (mother's brother and sister's son) are the terms applied to the Pointers of the Southern Cross, the Cross itself is called Ngank nob (mother and daughter). The dark spot in the Milky Way is a yak (native shovel) - the "coal sack".

Norn (black snake) is Manitch and came from Bikbirdin. Yagain (turtle) was Norn's kord (wife) and was Wordung. One day Went (bandicoot) came to Yagain's camp and wanted her to go away with him, but Yagain said, "No," and when her kord came back from hunting, she told him that Went had come to her camp and wanted her to go away with him. Norn went after Went and speared him through the heart, at a place called Doordaruk ken (now a kind of dance). Went called Norn "malyaburt" (no nose).