

THE GEERGEERR AND JOOGAJOOGASPARROWHAWK AND PIGEONS

Geergeerr was a womba in Yamminga time and had two jooga-jooga or koolguru koolguru for his jandu (wives). One morning he left his jandu at the camp, where they had some nealburnoo (seed) to eat, telling them that he had to go too far away to take them with him. So they stayed at home while he was away.

Geergeerr went Yalmban (South) but he did not go very far. By and-by he came to a great plain and he stood in the middle of the plain and spread himself out and made a great number of geerr-geerr come from him north, south, east and west and he fought with these, which were himself all the time. In the afternoon he came back to the joogajooga all bleeding, lame and cut. When the jandu saw him they cried aloud and said, "Where have you been? Who wounded you like that?" Geergeerr said he had gone marra, a long long way, and he had met brothers, brothers-in-law, father's brothers, mother's brothers and fathers-in-law, and they had a great fight, and that was how he got all his wounds.

Next day Geergeerr again returned bleeding and wounded. He did this for several days and every day the jandu asked them if they could come with him. "No," he always replied, "I go marra-booroo (far away country) and you would be too slow. I want to go quickly."

One day after he was gone, one of the joogajooga, the older one, said to the other, "Let us follow him and see where he goes." So they followed Geergeerr, and presently came upon him fighting with himself, and they said angrily, "Yang-ga moogul meemar inj," ("What do you want to go fighting with yourself for?") and then they rushed at him, shouting "Waow, waow, waow, waow," and they raised their milgin (digging sticks) to hit him, but he cried out "Geergeerr, geergeerr," and flew up into a tree where they left him, and he is Geergeerr now.

The joogajooga said to him, "If womba want to fight, let them send a neelan or nimmerdi (messenger) and bring marowera womba - fighting men, and fight properly, and not among themselves. Families must not fight among themselves, they must go outside their family.