

The story of the canoe of Bakananoku.

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He came from Mone, <sup>on</sup> the western side of heaven, and the people of his canoe were Nri Ketowa, and Nri Kororama, and Nri Bunginas, and Nri Jaorabeba, and Nri Karemakuna, and Nri Batangitang, and Jainibakarokaro, and Ba-n-onouti, and Ba-ni-Karikiriki. [They landed by the village of Jabiang].

Nri Kororama stayed on the shoal in the sea. And Ba-n-onouti with Ba-ni-Karikiriki stayed on the beach. And Nri Batangitang stayed under the shelving rock, and Bakananoku stayed on the rock pinnacle facing west. And Nri Ketowa, and Nri Karemakuna, and Nri Bunginas, and Nri Jaorabeba, and Jainibakarokaro were taken up eastwards into the village of Jabiang. And this was the habit of that company: they visited with sickness the people who passed near them, for they visited them with boils and sore eyelids. And so they lay with none in wedlock, by reason of that habit of sending sickness. And so they remain until these days; their bodies remain as stones.

Only Bakananoku's body is not to be seen nowadays. And (as for) the habits of that man Bakananoku, he was different from mortal men, for when he went to fish, he carried no line and he carried no hook. Indeed, he walked westwards, striking westwards ~~returning~~ to the edge of the reef, to be there; and when a shark or a stingray passed over him he ~~was~~ <sup>strung</sup> it on his string of sinnet, and carried it eastward to his dwelling-place. After that he hewed the



like a <sup>stinging</sup> jellyfish, and his genitals were surpassingly  
big, perhaps ~~thirteen~~ a fathom long. That was why  
the woman was afraid; so she refused to sport  
with Bakananoku. lie

And Bakananoku had a child, though his  
wife was not known. And his child stayed  
in a cave facing west, and he is like a  
doll to see.