

DANNEE AND MIJJOOROO

THE STORY OF TWO SORCERERS

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Dannee was a Wonnerup Manitchmat and a great mulgarguttuk. He had a weeragoo (magic stick) which he used to thrust through his ngooljai Mijjooroo's legs, and draw it out at the other side without hurting him. Mijjooroo was Wordungmat and would come to him and say, "Put weeragoo through my mata (leg), deenee (brother-in-law)," and all the other jungar would stand round and watch Dannee push the weeragoo through Mijjooroo's mata and draw it out again.

One day they were out hunting together and they saw a woggal and ran up to it and speared it, but before the woggal died it caught hold of Dannee and Mijjooroo and swallowed them. As soon as they were swallowed, Dannee turned into a dondurn (fish-hawk) and he turned Mijjooroo into a turtle and they both scratched and pulled at the woggal's stomach till it threw them out again, when they changed into jungar again.

When the woggal threw them up it died and went into the estuary near Kweealup. It was this woggal who made all the rivers north and south of Wonnerup. Whenever it travelled it left a river behind it, and after it died, if any jungar camped near these waters to cook an opossum, he had to leave a hind quarter of the opossum on the edge for the woggal. If he did not leave a share of whatever game he caught for the woggal, the jungar died.