

The Sun and His Wife

Miak the Moon was a nungar (man), kura, (long ago) and Ngank the Sun was his yog (wife). They had two children, Mardyet and Bootul or Bolangur. Bootul, the big star in the west (Venus) is Ngank's daughter. Miak and his daughters were Jiuk borungur, and Ngank was wit borungur. Every evening Butul follows her mother home, and comes up after her in the morning.

Miak made the first nungar and the first yog. He was naam (father) to all of them. He used to give babies (nob) to the yog, kura.

Miak had two ngooljarwun nungar who hunted for him. These nungar used to catch plenty yonggar, but instead of giving him the gung and good parts of the yonggar, they gave him dowel (thighs) He was very sulky and beat his dogs in his anger, and the dwerd knew why he beat them and they watched for the nungar as they returned from hunting, intending to kill them. But Miak knew what they were about to do, and as the nungar were wit borungur and Manitch he did not want to kill them, so he called out to the dogs who were in hiding, "Yuarr! yuarr! burdain jo, burdain jo," and the dogs came out of their hiding place and returned to Miak. Miak could die and come alive again, but neither the nungar who caught the yonggar, nor the yonggar could come up after they were dead. The first Miak died at Baramurning and came alive again there.