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THE SERGEANT ANT AND THE LIZARD

The sergeant ant, Kallal or Koolong, is Demma goombar, because he has power to give you pain. The Kallal tries to kill all the children, but the little lizard (jerragurt) saves them. The baby comes first into the thigh of the uncle and is then passed on to the mother. Before the baby comes to the uncle's thigh it is wandering about and crying for father and mother and the Kallal comes to it and says, "Come closer, come closer, I can't hear you," "Yoolin yoolin burt war-ran nganya jeeda yowern bowern abbynan," and the little boy says, "Ngam-manna ngyamma kocrija yennywe," (father mother making ready to come) "I don't know where I'm going and I must see my father and mother and get ready," and the Kallal again says, "Come closer, I can't hear you," and when the boy comes closer the Kallal gets his dowak and hits the boy on the head and the mark is in all babies' heads and must not be touched. Sometimes the Kallal kills the baby and cuts it up into little pieces and then the jerragurt comes and picks up the pieces and he cries and says, "Dammagoombar goo, demma goombar goo, meelee doona ginjee," "All you old people gone by and by, Doonan people do the same," and he puts back all the pieces.

Boolga Moba mara mara beera mara ngaia kar'o eejega  
hair skin hand finger nails thumb all put back.

noorgeolyeet = brains

Kallal the sergeant ant lived in demma goombar times. The little ant (myself) says to the big ant, "Talk to me for I have no father and mother, and I don't know anything. I'm going to father and mother, going to find them," and the Kallal t tells me to come closer to him and I come and come closer and closer to him and when I come quite close and Kallal gets his wanna and makes that hole in my head (hole = wala mat) and kills me, the little baby that Kallal killed. The Djarragoort (lizard) yungar, demma goombar) makes me and my baby alive again. He picks up all my flesh and hair and puts them together and then I say, "Hello, my boy," I see my baby alive again.

(The Djarragurt is the friend of the yungar and makes the children talk.)

Too clever doctors cannot live. Mooya mulgarguttuk = clever doctor.