

Joonga-bil-bil (chicken hawk) was a koo-jang-oo-roo womba (sea-coast man) and used to make fire by flapping his wings. Kart-gart, kart-gart, kart-gart, you would hear his wings flapping. He would rise high, high up (kalbu) and flap, flap, flap, and then rush down and set the grass alight. The womba tried to catch the fire, but it always went out before they reached it.

Joonga-bil-bil lighted a fire again and again, and the men always ran to catch it, but it always went out.

Then Joongabilbil lighted a marr-ju (big, spreading bush fire) and went up in a tree, and when the womba saw the marrju, they cried, "Oh, look at the fire! Where did it come from?" Then they ran again and tried to catch it, for they were always having to eat their meat raw. But though women and men tried to catch the fire, they could not reach it before it went out.

Next time they watched Joongabilbil, and he said "Where's your fire?"

"We have none," said the womba. "We have to eat our meat raw."

The little hawk went to a baa-lu (tree), and broke off some branches, and set the tree alight, and the womba were able to get the fire from the tree and cook their meat with it. Joongabilbil said to them,

"I will put the fire in the trees so that you need not eat your raw meat any more," and he put the fire in the ngal-li mung-al (sandalwood), kooling-irub (paper-bark) kandi-leeb (mangrove) and other trees, and he showed the womba how to get fire by kallibur (sawing) those trees.

Lan-goor (opossum) was a pin-dan-a (bush) womba, and he saw the koo-jang-oo-roo (coast) fire, and he said, "I will make woon-gal-ga (fire) by upright method of drilling) from all the trees that Joonga-bilbil has put the fire into," so he tried all the trees, but the only one that would make the woon-gal-ga fire was the ngalli mungal (sandalwood tree). All the others must be made by kallibur (sawing).